PRESIDENTS MESSAGE
By Tom Burchard

If I had received more feedback from my federation members, than I have, I’d have more to communicate in these President’s Messages. But that has not been the case, so far. Does no one have an opinion? Have I been unclear as to what I want from you? Have I been laboring under a gross misconception? The misconception being, that we all have opinions. Laboring under a gross misconception, is hard labor. And, ‘gross misconceptions’ smell terrible. So, please let me know what your opinion of how the Federation would/should/could operate, is.

From the information I’m getting from Margaret, the plans for the Show are proceeding full speed ahead. We still need more participation from people outside the immediate area of Lodi in making sure everything goes as planned. Let Margaret and/or Bob know that you’re willing to participate.

We have completed the ‘Registration Form’ for Camp Paradise and it will be printed in this newsletter and posted on the web site in April. We have added a ‘do not post before’ date so as to give the committee some rest after Zzyzx and before the show. If you remember from last year Camp Paradise filled up earlier than ever before and both weeks were full. So, no posting registrations before MAY 1. Looking forward to some warm weather in the desert.

Rox Vobiscum

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Apr 5. . . . . . . deadline for May newsletter
June 12-14. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . CFMS Convention & Show
Aug 30-Sept 4 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Camp Paradise Week 1
Sept 6-11. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Camp Paradise Week 2

Please send any information you want included in the Directors packets for the Convention Meeting by May 5. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring 100 copies to the meeting. Thank you.

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:

CFMS Scholarship Fund
CFMS Endowment Fund
CFMS General Fund
Diedrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
AFMS Scholarship Foundation
AFMS Endowment Fund

Your donations should be sent to:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

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.

DEMONSTRATORS AND DEMO-DEALERS WANTED
By Cheri George

Hello!! We are still seriously looking for Demonstrators and Demo-Dealers for our CFMS Show 2015. This show will be held in Lodi, CA at the Grape Festival Grounds on June 12-14, 2015.

We will start at 10:00 am each day and keep going until we can’t work any longer. The times available are in 3 hour increments, or if you want to be there for the entire day you can do that also. You can go to the CFMS Website for the show info and download the demonstrator/demo-dealer form.

Please contact Cheri George for information concerning the availability for your demonstrator spot, lizardwoman3@yahoo.com or 562-243-8470 (leave me a message if no answer, I will get right back to you.)
2015 CFMS SHOW
By Margaret Kolaczyk, Co-Chair

The raffle prizes for the show are completed and sale of the ticket will begin the end of March. The prizes are an Amethyst (60 carats) pendant with a 14K yellow gold setting – Value of $1,000, Sugilite Stone (6.5 oz) – Value $840 and a Turquoise Nugget (90 grams) – Value $720.

The cost for the tickets is $5 for one and $20 for five. If you would like to sell tickets please contact me and I will send the tickets to you. If you know someone who will be attending Zzyzx this year, just have them pick up tickets there.

Plans for the show are coming along nicely. Bural LaRue has donated books bags for the kids which will be handed out on Saturday and Sunday for the show.

If you have stuff for the Silent Auction, please bring it with you. Bural has limited space in his vehicle. Jim Brace-Thompson still needs stuff for the Junior Activities Booth, so please help him out.

I need people to help at the entrance. Betty Egger has already volunteered. Other areas that need help are the Silent Auction (Bural LaRue), Club Central (Bob Rush), Junior Activities (Jim BraceThompson), Setup & Tear Down of display cases (Phyllis Kyle), Demonstrators (Cheri George) and PA System (John Martin). Please sign up to help in one of the areas.

Frank Mullaney has been a great help in designing the poster, business cards and raffle tickets for the show. Merryan O'Neill continues to update the website with the latest information. Fred Ott is handling the fluorescent displays and the Mother Lode Society is lending the large fluorescent tent for the show. Thank you! Emmy Silveman has put together 11 speakers for the show.

For all you who are considering entering a Competitive and/or a Non-Competitive display, please fill out your applications and send them in. The Calaveras and Stockton Societies are loaning their display cases for the show. The sooner we know how many display cases are needed, the easier it will be to plan the layout for the show.

I wish to THANK everyone for all the work done so far. This is not a one person job and it is the support of each and everyone of you, that will make the 2015 CFMS a success.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Endowment Fund is planning to conduct a silent auction during the upcoming CFMS show in Lodi. To make this a resounding success we need your help.

If each Director brings just 10 items for the auction we will have the ingredients to make this happen. Please bring items you would bid on—rough rock, slabs, finished lapidary and jewelry items. I have already received donations of things which I will bring to Lodi. Because space is limited in my truck, I cannot bring large amounts of rough rock.

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society donated a 13.5 carat yellow fluorite stone faceted by one of their members. The stone will be on display all weekend at the Endowment Fund area. The donor estimates the value of this collector stone to be $400. Minimum bid will be $100. The highest bidder at the close of the show will be the lucky winner.

–Bural LaRue

JUST A REMINDER!!

Payment of 2015 dues and insurance was due on March 1. If you haven't done so already, please mail your check payable to CFMS to me at PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377
ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR
By Nancy Bird, Chair

The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society is pleased to nominate Robert Burson for Rockhound of the Year. Robert is a long-time member of the Searchers. He has twice served as the Searchers’ President (2003 & 4), as Show Chairman (3 of the last 5 years) and is currently serving as 2nd VP/Field Trips for the 4th time. Robert studied Geology in college and is a wealth of Southern California legend, lore and knowledge. His patience for answering a Rockpup’s ‘What is it?’ and ‘Where is it from?’ questions is amazing. Robert’s true specialty is leading field trips that kids, novice and advanced collectors can all enjoy. Robert is a joy to talk to, to work and travel with as he spins rockhounding stories for hours. Robert is one of the Gems in our Gem and Mineral Society.

Jay Erb, President
Kim Erb, CFMS Director

GROWING YOUR SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP
By Bob Rush, Chair

First and foremost in growing your society is to get involved with the local schools. The students are your future.

JUNIOR COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT

We have a significant involvement with the local community college - The Modesto Junior College (MJC). Since the passing of Proposition 13 in 1978, limiting much of the revenue for California's schools, many junior colleges have eliminated community education courses such as lapidary and jewelry making. The MJC was on the verge of eliminating these classes so the Mother Lode Mineral Society (MLMS) stepped up to the plate and offered to provide its resources so the courses would continue to be offered. Since then MJC has continued to offer them and the class popularity continues to grow. Much of the equipment was provided by the MLMS (and continues to be owned by the society) and all of the maintenance, upkeep and repair are done at the cost of the society. The society has a board member assigned to lead these activities.

A very important part of this program is the instructor(s) so it is vital to get those instructors into the society as a member. They become ambassadors for the society. The current instructor continues to promote the society and heavily recruits new members. The result is as many as 4 new members join the society every semester. In addition the instructor encourages the students to display their handiwork in our annual show, with one 12 foot case for lapidary students and one 12 foot case for jewelry students, and at least 8 regular display cases being displayed by students. These students also work at the demonstrations tables showing their skills to the show attendees and some of them work at other areas of the show.

SECONDARY SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Our involvement in the secondary schools in the community is much more intensive and expansive. One of our longtime members - Terry McMillin - has expended much of her time and efforts to get our society involved in extending the MLMS exposure to secondary school students. She does comprehensive day long geology and fossil presentations to many thousands of students every year and it has significant

2014 CFMS JUNIOR ROCK HOUND OF THE YEAR

The Conejo Gem and Mineral Club is honored to recognize Austyn Frisk, a pebble pup, for his numerous contributions to our club. Every year he helps set up our plant sales and youth areas at our annual gem show. He is in charge of managing the youth area and shows good leadership skills with both youth and adult members.

He is a regular at our meetings; helping set up chairs and tables. When the meetings are over he helps bring the room back into order. Austyn also steps forward to help adults at our annual picnic.

Thank you Austyn for being a role model for your fellow pebble pups. The adults greatly appreciate your help.

Robert Sankovich
President CGMC
benefit to the society both through her promotion of the society and the society's annual show. These efforts have endeared her to the schools and as such we get to distribute our show postcards directly to the students. This allowed us to distribute these postcards to 85,000 students last year. The program has penetrated all the schools in the county and is now drawing the attention of junior high and high schools in the county.

To be successful, the postcards must be sorted into class sizes, bundled and bagged for each school when they are hand delivered, by society members, to over 150 schools in our area.

The success of this program is directly evident in the number of children coming to the annual show as well as the number of parents/adults they bring along. This year's show was the biggest and best ever as evidenced by the numbers - 5415 adults and 4000 children!

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT**

Last year, at the suggestion of a Board member and professor in geology, we got involved in the Northern California Science Olympiad held at Stanislaus State College in Turlock. After communicating with the Olympiad leaders, we were able to have two tables at the event with fossils, minerals and rocks being displayed for the Olympiad participants to further their exposure to the earth sciences. It gave us an opportunity to explain about our society and to recruit new members. Society membership applications and MLMS brochures were handed out at the event. It was a very big hit as well as being a source of revenue to the society because they allowed us to have a Wheel of Fortune.

Another area of recruitment at these institutions is the geology clubs. Most colleges have one and all it takes is a little research to find them and getting there to make a presentation on your society. Here is a group of curious students eager to learn and your society is a perfect place to do so. We have at least three members from this source.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

We expanded our involvement in the community by having a booth at a local town's Street Faire. The town of Ceres has their annual Street Faire in the spring and one of our Board members, a resident of the town, suggested that we have a booth at the fair. Some members set up a tent with the important society banner prominently displayed and some tables with the fossils, minerals and rocks again available for the public to touch and see. We had members explaining about the materials and most importantly the society and its benefits to the members along with handing out our society's brochure, membership applications and MLMS envelopes. Also included in the activities was the ever present Wheel of Fortune and resultant addition to the society's revenue.

**RECRUITMENT AT THE SHOW**

Perhaps the most important activity for recruitment that is usually underutilized is recruitment at the society's annual show. I go to many other society shows every year to display our case and at many of the venues I have to really search for the membership booth. Most of the time it is an adjunct to some other booth, usually at the information booth or the raffle booth with a pile of club brochures stacked casually in the area. This is a missed opportunity to recruit new members! The show attendees are a captive audience of people interested in fossils, rocks, jewelry, faceting and eager to learn more about them. It is your most available source of new members. It is very important to have a stand alone, prominent booth fully manned throughout the show. Our booth has a large "Membership" banner above it on the wall, a tabletop disco ball with flashing lights, a candy dish (actually an abalone shell) and many society brochures and applications (very important) present. It is manned by a member (usually my wife) and the society's Membership Chairman. It is located across from the "touch and see" booth. As the children are passing by, they spy the candy, grab their parent's hand and drag them to the booth. Nothing like getting prospective new members delivered to you! They don't automatically get the candy, they must answer a simple question (what is a fossil, what is obsidian, etc.) to get a piece. They get one just for their effort to answer the question. This allows the person(s) at the booth to engage the parents in conversation about the society and its benefits. We get many new member applications and members through this process.

**OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Every year we give scholarships to deserving junior college and state college students for furthering their education in the earth sciences field. Last year we gave out seven scholarships, one of $750 and six of $500. Included in the scholarship packages are membership applications for the scholarship recipients and their families. One of last year's recipients is now a member of the society.

To keep your society viable and growing, your members and the society's leadership members must be consistent, eager, very active, pervasive and proactive in new membership recruitment. I hope these suggestions are helpful and they will elicit more ideas to be shared. If anyone has any questions, suggestions or ideas to share please email them to me at: rocksbob@sbcglobal.net
Thank you to all Rockhounds who took the time to submit comments to the final draft of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The final date for public comment was February 23, 2015. The final draft covers many of the Rockhounding areas in the California Deserts. The areas of concern for Rockhounding are:

- Afton Canyon is located off I-15 at the Afton Turnoff about 32 miles east of Barstow and 25 miles west of Baker.
- The Boron collecting area is located between Saddleback Mountain and California City Boulevard, north of Highway 58 and south of Twenty Mule Team Parkway (Cuddeback Lake DAG).
- Brown Butte (aka Lonely Butte) near California City.
- The Chambless fossil collecting site is adjacent to the Trilobite Wilderness/ Marble Mountain area.
- The Cinco collecting area is located, south/southwest of Jawbone Station on SR 14 south of Red Rock Canyon State Park.
- The Gem Hill collecting area is located north of Rosamond, CA.
- The Hauser Beds collecting area is located off I-10 near Willey Wells Road.
- Kramer Junction collecting area near the junction of SR 58 and US 395.
- The Lavic Siding and Jasper Hill collecting areas located between Ludlow and Newberry Springs on I-40.
- The Sperry Wash collecting area is located in the Dublin Hills, west of Shoshone.
- The Stoddard Well collecting area is located near Victorville, CA. up to the southern boundary of Stoddard OHV Area. The area includes Black Mountain and Sidewinder Mountain.
- The Yermo collecting area is located in the Calico Mountains east of Barstow off of I-15.
- Yuha Basin near the South side of I-8 between Highway 98 and Dunaway Road has giant fossilized oyster shells that have been collected by rockhounds since the 1950s.

Although these areas received a considerable amount of comments from the Rockhound Community requesting these areas and their access roads remain open for rockhounding by amateur collectors, the final decision remains in the hands of the DRECP committee and the land managers. Only time will tell if we are allowed to enjoy our hobby and the Rockhounding experience of California Desert Collecting. Though there are more areas for collecting these were the ones that received the comments from concerned Rockhounds.

More information on the DRECP as applicable to Rockhounds and Rockhounding may be found at http://www.amlands.org/6652/112034.html

Question: I keep seeing mention of a thing called “Club Central”. What the heck is this?

Answer: The history of Club Central dates back to the last Federation show in Pomona. Because there are a lot of clubs located fairly close to the show in Pomona it was decided to set up an area at the show where various representatives from the local clubs and societies could staff a booth that would allow them to present their club to the people attending the show to explain what they do, where they are and to recruit new members. It was well received and served its purpose.

The decision was made to repeat Club Central at this year's show in Lodi. The area will be available this year and in addition to being an area to represent your club, there will be an area where round table discussions will be scheduled to discuss problems and possible solutions to these problems as well as various management issues that the various organizations have encountered. Its focus will also be a knowledge resource to share successes that the clubs have as well as best practices to use in managing your organization. This information will be captured and assembled in a knowledge resource database that will be available for all of us to access when problems arise.

We are encouraging all of the member societies in the CFMS to send representatives to the show to enjoy the show, to assist with the tasks that need to be done at the show and to participate in the Club Central activities where they can share their ideas, knowledge and areas that need improvement.

–Bob Rush
JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
By Jim Brace-Thompson

Seeking Your Suggestions for AFMS/FRA Badge Manual Revisions

When I started the AFMS FRA Badge Program eleven years ago, I stated that my plan was to expand and/or update it every four years. I started in 2004 with a membership patch, 9 badges and a Rockhound badge that were all first unveiled at a Fall CFMS Directors Meeting. In 2008, I added 6 more badges and a Rock Star pin. Starting 2012, we arrived at our current set of membership patch, 20 activity badges, Rockhound badge, and Rock Star pin. Believe it or not, 2016 is just around the corner, so—if I’m to stay true to plan—it’s time to start revisions for a Fourth Edition of the Badge Manual.


As I gear up for a Fourth Edition, I welcome your ideas, experience, and creativity. Because of the expense of adding new badges to a program that we provide for free (thanks to the generosity of the AFMS Endowment Fund), I’d like to avoid adding the set-up and manufacturing costs of an entirely new badge this time unless there’s a truly major area of our hobby and avocation I’ve missed these past 11 years that presents a clear and compelling need for a broad range of kids. Instead, I’d like to focus on adding new activities to the existing badges. For instance, we initially lacked anything on dinosaurs. Rather than add a whole new badge on dinosaurs, this omission was fixed in a later edition by adding activities to the existing Fossils badge thanks to suggestions from local juniors’ leaders who were using the program with their club kids.

In addition to new activities, I’d like to update basic info. Have you tried any of the web addresses included in the Manual intended to lead to additional sources of information and activities and, if so, do you have suggestions for new websites to incorporate? Have any of the web addresses expired? Are there additional books, videos, and other resources we might recommend to go along with any of our badge units? Are there ways we might use our AFMS and regional Federation websites to support aspects of the Badge Program? I welcome ideas large and small, any and all! Please send your thoughts to me via snail-mail, e-mail, or phone:

7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003
jbraceth@roadrunner.com
(805) 659-3577.

I put out a similar call in the American Federation newsletter last fall, and I thank Terry McMillin of the Mother Lode Mineral Society for suggesting additional beading activities to add to our Lapidary Arts badge and to Jim Urbaniak of the Oregon Agate & Mineral Society and Jesse and Jem Burch of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers for ideas on “the Elements” to add to our Rocks & Minerals badge. These were great ideas that I’ve already started integrating. I welcome your ideas to help craft our next edition toward providing kids with yet another four years of having fun!

TAKING INVENTORY
By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

One of the Optional Additional Insurance coverages available through the Federation’s insurance carrier is coverage for losses (particularly fire and theft) for a variety of society-owned assets including: office equipment, furniture, supplies, stock, lapidary equipment and computers. The premiums are very reasonable and the application process is simple.

For those societies that purchase such coverage, it is very important that a list be maintained of all such assets. A ‘best practice’ is to also take photographs of everything the society owns; you’d be surprised how many things are ‘missed’ when submitting a claim to an insurance company!
VISUAL PROGRAMS
By Sharon Rogow

Many members have been asking when we will have programs that can be downloaded directly from the CFMS website. All we need to do is find someone(s) who knows how to do this!

I did hear a reliable rumor that there are several members of our Federation who know how to accomplish this. Please contact me and/or Merryann, our webmaster, to get the process started. Just visualize how streamlined ordering would be!

As a reminder, we do have available many programs of varied subject matter all about rockhounding, lapidary and related subjects. They can be used at meetings, shows and for the kids clubs for intro and educational purposes. It is also, of course, a great way to raise money for CFMS.

Sharon Rogow
Sharonrr@cox.net
(702) 499-0272

WHAT EVERY CLUB SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TAX STATUS
By Jon Spunaugle

Exempt Organization special rules and requirements. Exempt Organizations have a requirement to keep, maintain, and provide the public, with certain records. Like any good corporation, good financial records of transactions, receipt of membership dues and income, and expenditures are required. In addition a tax exempt organization must make the following documents available for public inspection and copying upon request and without charge except for a reasonable fee for copying. The IRS will also make these forms and filings available upon request using IRS Form 4506-A.

Obtainable are:
● Exempt status filing forms and supporting documents.
● Letter of Determination.
● Annual information Returns (Form 990) filed by the organization going three years back, except for contributors listed on Schedule B.

A tax exempt organization does not have to respond to individual requests if the information is widely available such as posted on a publicly available web site. Failure to comply may subject the Exempt Organization to a penalty.

An Exempt Organization that is not a 501 (c)(3) Organization, and is therefore not eligible to accept tax deductible contributions, must generally disclose this fact to donors and members. If it is a 501(c)(4) “Civic League” or “Social Welfare Organization”, it must disclose this fact in any fund raising solicitations, or fund raising activities. Such notice must be used in a conspicuous way or location and clearly state that contributions are not eligible for income tax deduction purposes. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.

Generally, any exempt organization cannot use donations that are tax deductible for political activities. Political activities are generally prohibited for exempt organizations, except for organizations organized under IRC 527 “Political Organizations”.

Excerpt from AFMS Newsletter, 2/14

Other sections of this extensive article will be published in future issues.
**CFMS SHOW DATES**

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

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

Email or mail to:

**SHOW DATES**

Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
42122 52nd St. West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com  
Or use the Online Show Form at www.cfmsinc.org (click on Shows)

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**2015**

**March 13, 14 & 15: VICTORVILLE, CA**  
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Stoddard Wells Road & Hwy 15  
Hours: 9a.m. – 5p.m. Daily  
VVGMC (760) 243-2330  
info@vvgmc.org  
http://www.vvgmc.org/tailgate

**March 14 & 15: TURLOCK, CA**  
Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
900 N. Broadway  
Hours: 10am – 5p.m. Daily  
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-4416  
terry.mcmillm@yahoo.com  
www.turlockgms.com

**March 14 & 15: SAN MARINO, CA**  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Drive  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5  
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239  
oenmart1@verizon.net  
www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

**March 14 & 15: SPERECKELS, CA**  
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
Spreckels Veteran’s Hall Building  
5th & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily  
kcaktes27@yahoo.com  
salinasrockandgem.com

**March 21 & 22: LEMOORE, CA**  
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club  
Trinity Hall  
470 Champion Street  
Hours: Sat. 10-8; Sun. 10-4  
Keith Olivas (559) 622-9440  
georgesilva@sbcglobal.net

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**March 28 & 29: TARRANTCE, CA**  
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd. (off of Madrona Ave.)  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Richard Egger (310) 291-9855  
EGGERJ87@gmail.com

**March 28 & 29: ROSEVILLE, CA**  
Roseville Rock Rollers G&M Society  
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
5005 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Robin Williams (209) 728-8277  
amy95247@yahoo.com  
calaverasgemandmineral.org

**March 28 & 29: ANGELES CAMP, CA**  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
paradigseemandmineral.org

**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  
paradigseemandmineral.org

**April 10, 11 & 12: VISTA, CA**  
Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Ray Pearce (760) 535-5524  
Simon King (619) 991-2226  
vistarocks.gms@gmail.com

**April 11 & 12: MARIPOSA, CA**  
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
5005 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Randy Bolt (209) 742-7625  
rockmuseum@sti.net  
www.camineralmuseum.com

**April 18 & 19, THOUSAND OAKS, CA**  
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Raod @ Borchard Road  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734  
rmsorca@roadrunner.com  
www.cvgs.org

**April 18 & 19: SAN JOSE, CA**  
Santa Clara Valley G & M Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422  
info@cvgs.org  
www.cvgs.org

**April 25 & 26: LANCaster, CA**  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Lancaster High School  
44701-32nd Street West  
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m.  
CJ Quitoriano (661) 209-9092  
avgem@weebly.com

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**April 25 & 26: SANTA CRUZ, CA**  
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Corner of Church St. & Center St.  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm  
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675  
www.scmgs.org

**May 1, 2 & 3: LA HABRA, CA**  
North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: Fri. 4p.m.-8p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 10-5  
Don Warthen (562) 330-8974  
odwarthen@verizon.net  
nocgms.com

**May 2 & 3: ANAHEIM, CA**  
Searchers of Anaheim  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Margaret Hogarth (909) 815-3045  
Hogarth.m@gmail.com  
http://www.searchersrocks.org

**May 2 & 3: YUCAIPA, CA**  
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Schooler Senior Center  
12202 First Street  
Hours: Sat. 11-7; Sun. 12-4  
Dennis Anderson (951) 845-9195  
DAnderson2@dc.rr.com  
www.yvgsms.org

**May 9 & 10: RENO, NV**  
Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Event Center  
1350 North Wells Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-4; Sun. 10-5  
Steve Norman (775) 358-7322  
snorm11@hotmail.com  
www.renorockhounds.com

**May 9 & 10: ESCONDIDO, CA**  
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts  
340 N. Escondido Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Gayle Hamilton (760) 358-7322  
snorm11@hotmail.com  
www.renorockhounds.com

**June 6 & 7: GLENDORA, CA**  
Glendora Gems  
Goddard Middle School  
859 East Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Ybidwell2@aol.com
YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY SHOW COULD BE LISTED HERE TOO!!!

Don’t forget to advertise your Show in as many FREE locations as possible!

Local Newspapers community & current events sections!

Local TV New Stations community calendars!

Other Local Shows!

ADVERTISING YOUR SHOWS

Be sure to advertise your shows in the Rock & Gem Magazine!

http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/

Send the information in early so it’s published in the magazine as well as online.

DON’T FORGET TO UP-DATE YOUR CLUB WEBSITE WITH NEW SHOW INFORMATION AS SOON AS YOU HAVE YOUR NEXT DATE!
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LODI, CA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE MAY 1, 2015

Registration will be recorded under this name – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name ___________________________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address _________________________________________ E-Mail ____________________________

City ____________________________________________ State ________ Zip _______________

Club Affiliation ______________________________ Exhibitor Yes _____ No _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

__________________________________________ Club ____________________________________

__________________________________________ Club ____________________________________

__________________________________________ Club ____________________________________

SHOW ADMISSION FEES:

_____ Adult tickets @ $6.00 per day OR _____ 3-DAY PASS FOR $15.00 _____ TOTAL

_____ Senior (60+) tickets @ $5.00 per day OR _____ 3-DAY PASS FOR $12.00 _____ TOTAL

_____ Active Military tickets @ $5.00 per day OR _____ 3-DAY PASS FOR $12.00 _____ TOTAL

_____ Juniors (12-17) @ $3.00 per day OR _____ 3-DAY PASS FOR $7.00 _____ TOTAL

Kids under 12 are FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PAID ADULT.

Demonstrators and Exhibitors will receive complimentary admission for themselves and 1 guest.

Additional admission tickets may be purchased with this form or at the admission gate during the show.

TOTAL ADMISSION COST FOR PRE-REGISTRANTS $___________

BANQUET RESERVATIONS: To be held at the Jackson Room Saturday, June 13 – Happy Hour at 6:00 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm (Buffet) – Awards to follow.

_____ Smoked Tri Tip or _____ Smoked Chicken or _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

BREAKFAST WITH THE EDITORS & WEBMASTERS: To be held at Sunday, June 14 at 8 am in the Burgundy Room. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, and mixed fruit. ____@$16.00 each $__________

GRAND TOTAL (Make check payable to 2015 CFMS Show) $_________

Mail this entire form with payment to: Tom Burchard, 875 E 4500 S, S. Ogden, UT 84403

In addition to mailing, please make and bring a copy of this form to the show.
We would be pleased to have your noncompetitive exhibit on display at the 2015 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION. If you are able to join us, please read this form, fill it out and return it to: Romy Mueller, 1537 Kentwood Ave, Modesto, CA 95355

SET-UP: Thursday, June 11, 2015, from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm. TAKE DOWN: Sunday, June 14, 2015, after 4:00pm

There will be CFMS and paid security on the grounds.

All precautions will be taken to protect the property of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Show Chairperson and all of their members assume no liability for damage to or loss of any exhibitor's property in whole or in part. This includes injury to a person from any cause. The exhibitor agrees to hold the above named entities and their members harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, liability, damages, loss, cost, attorney fees, and expenses of any kind which arise from attendance in this show or arising out of use of the fairgrounds premises. Submission of this application for Exhibitors Space constitutes acceptance of this clause.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name __________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address ______________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip ______________________________________________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________Cell _______________________________________

E-mail _____________________________________________________________

Please describe your display: _________________________________________________________________

Signed _______________________________________________Date ______________________________

CASE DETAILS:

Loaner cases are available at no charge:
Size: 4’x2’x2’ (inside bottom 45 ¾” x 22 ¼”)
How many displays will you bring? 1 ___ 2__
Do you need a case(s)? Yes ___ No___
How many will you need? One ___ Two___
Liners are NOT provided.
Lighting is limited to 150 watts MAX (all cases).

If you bring your own case:
Exterior dimensions __________________(in.)
If you use your own case, also supply a 3-prong extension cord (approx. 10 ft.), lights, etc., per case.

EACH NONCOMPETITIVE EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE 2 FREE PASSES TO THE SHOW.

NONCOMPETITIVE EXHIBITS APPLICATION Romy Mueller. 209-526-5999 e-mail: rmueller@sbcglobal.net

Questions: Show Chairman Margaret Kolaczyk, (209)296-5597, markolaczyk@gmail.com
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CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silver Smithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lamp Work Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

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

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

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

THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.
EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES
CAMP PARADISE
12725 LaPorte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930

Emergency Phone Number for Camp Paradise 530-675-2625

Make Checks Payable to: CFMS EARTH SCIENCES
and send to:
Margaret Kolaczyk
24551 Shake Ridge Road
Volcano, CA 95689
markolaczyk@gmail.com Phone 209-296-5597

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tom Burchard
875 E 4500 S
Ogden UT 84403-2931
Phone: 801-791-2828
roshund@aol.com

Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 30th and Sunday, September 6th, 2015 at 1:00 PM

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REGISTRATION FORM

___ Week 1 August 30 - September 4, 2015 ___ Week 2 September 6 - September 11, 2015

$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.
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Pat LaRue, Editor

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