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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By John Martin

This is the beginning of a new year for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This year's Convention and Show in Placerville is going to be an exciting and interesting event. It is being held in conjunction with World Gold Panning Competition which should bring a lot of foot traffic to our show.

One of my goals this year is to bring CFMS and Local Clubs and societies closer together and to provide for more visibility of local club activities. To help accomplish this one local club will be selected to provide a one page article of their show. This may contain up to 4 pictures and text to fill one page of the monthly CFMS Newsletter. That will give clubs a way to let other clubs and societies an insight of their activities.

All of the CFMS Historical Records have been relocated from San Diego to a desert storage facility where they have temporary storage in a dry environment until a formal decision on how to make them accessible is reached.

This year we have a strong and united Executive Board to provide CFMS with pro-active and united leadership to move CFMS forward and to make it strong and a good representative for the Gem and Mineral hobbyist.

I have an open door policy and welcome your comments and concerns regarding CFMS and the Rockhounding Hobby. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any of the elected officers and we will do our best to answer your question or concerns.

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John Martin



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DONATIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 5..... deadline for Feb newsletter
 Jan 1..... dues/insurance payment due
 Feb 5..... deadline for Mar newsletter
 Mar 27 - Apr 3..... Zyzxx
 Sept 16-18..... CFMS Show, Placerville

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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McDaniel Insurance Services

PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
 Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288
 Fax (805) 646-9976; email: mcins@west.net
 Web Site: www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com

CFMS Insurance Chairman

Fred Ott
 3420 Coach Lane, Ste 4
 Cameron Park, CA 95682-9113
 (530) 677-5211
fred@fredott.net

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 AFMS Scholarship Foundation
 AFMS Endowment Fund

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

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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. "snail mail"? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657.

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Colleen McGann



Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who bought tickets. Here are the winners from the California Federation as reported by AFMS chair Donna Moore. The 2016 AFMS raffle will start now. More information in my next installment.

All prizes were mailed and received. Dave Duncan, Soquel, California, won Prize #4 a fossil fish. Sharon Rogow, Las Vegas, Nevada, won Prize #13 a gold brachiopod red jasper pendant. Phyllis Kyle from Lodi, California, won prize #27 a dogwood blossom gem tree.

Donna put the tickets from each federation in a separate bag and drew two from each federation before putting them all together and drawing the rest. There were 27 prizes all together this year.



It's 2016 – Is Your Club Ready for an Emergency?

by Mark Nelson, EMT, CFMS Safety Committee Chair

This month our gem and mineral clubs and societies will be scheduling their monthly program meetings. We all look forward to talks and videos about earth sciences, precious rocks and minerals and places to collect them. Why not schedule one month about how to take care of ourselves and our families in the event of an emergency?

Where should we look for such speakers? How much will it cost? Here are some suggestions:

The Red Cross: The Mission of the American Red Cross states that it is led by volunteers to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. They have an excellent preparedness handbook, published by the Bay Area chapter. www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m18066172_English_BeReady_Handbook.pdf

Search And Rescue Teams: In California the responsibility for search and rescue is placed with your local Sheriff's Office. Because it doesn't make sense to have highly trained law enforcement deputies standing by for activities that are outside of the normal scope for such training (survival, primitive survival, medical emergencies, search, floods, wildland fires) the job of emergency survival and search and rescue tends to be undertaken by volunteer teams.



These teams are highly trained volunteers with every imaginable regular job - and willing to share their knowledge. Rarely, if ever, do they charge for this service - but a small donation to their team is always appreciated. Contact your local team and ask them if

they have someone who can talk to them about emergency and medical preparedness. Go to this web site and find the team closest to you:

www.mra.org/teams/us-teams/california-region. If you don't find a local team, call your local Sheriff's Station and ask them if there is any group in this area who will talk to your group about safety, first aid and emergency preparedness.

Tip: Would you like your club or society members to become more aware of your club's participation with your federation and the AFMS? When the AFMS and your federation's newsletters are published on-line, copy the PDF file and email it to all of your members. You can call it a "Member Benefit". They also contain safety articles!

Be safe out there!



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Midwest Federation Youth Poster Contest: Amazing Agates

As they've been doing the past few years, the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF) is sponsoring a poster contest open to kids throughout the U.S. The deadline for entries is April 15, and winners will be announced at the MWF Convention in South Bend, Indiana, on August 20, 2016. I encourage you to spread the news via your local newsletters and at your monthly board meetings and membership meetings. This year's theme is "Amazing Agates," and here are the details:

Sponsor: The Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio

Theme: "Amazing Agates" – a poster illustrating any type of agate, what it looks like, and where it can be found.

Eligibility: Children in 1st through 8th grade.

Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be presented on paper 12 inches by 18 inches.
2. Include name, address, age, and school grade of the participant on the back of the entry.
3. No three-dimensional posters accepted.
4. The title may be on the front or back of the artwork.
5. List the name of the agate, a brief description of what it looks like, where it is found, and why you chose it.
6. Artwork can be in pen, ink, crayon, magic marker, paint, or any other artist's medium.
7. All entries become property of MWF and the Summit Lapidary Club.

Scale of Points: Originality and Art Work – 30 points. Design – 25 points. Title – 25 points. Listing of Agate type, what it looks like, where it is found, and why you chose it – 20 points.

Awards: Each grade level will have winners. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will also receive a prize.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2016.

Send to: Poster Contest, 617 Wooster Road W., Barberton, OH 44203.

Questions? Email SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com (with "Poster Contest" in the subject line). For more information, visit the Midwest Federation website: www.amfed.org/mwf Celebrating a Milestone: 10,000+ FRA Badges Awarded!

I'm pleased as punch to announce that we've crossed a significant milestone with our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. On October 27, 2015, we surpassed 10,000 badges awarded to kids! To be exact: 10,042 activity badges handed out along with 3,497 Membership patches over the years.

I continue to encourage all clubs with kids to spread the word and utilized this program. As I've noted many times, you don't need to have a full group of kids with monthly sessions.

If you have even one child in your club, that child can earn badges in a sort of “home-school” fashion so long as a responsible adult club member signs off to certify completion of each badge unit. One mother of a CFMS-affiliated club right here in Southern California recently emailed me to ask about enrolling her 7-year-old son in just such a fashion. The ironic part about this particular incident is that she says she stumbled across the program while searching the web for activities since her son is “rock crazy.” She had no idea the program even existed when, in fact, her own club was already enrolled in FRA! They had gone inactive these past few years and, apparently, no one has bothered to tell new members with children about the program. Here’s enlisting your help making sure *all clubs* are doing their part to spread the word to encourage the next generation of rockhounds by awarding them with badges as they learn and have fun!



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chairman

Hi All

So far I have had 18 clubs send in nominations for their Rockhound of the Year, a Club Recognition Award. This is out of more than 100 clubs!! The adults, both couples and individuals made up 21 nominations, while the Juniors had 6. I got some great new certificates recently, which have a border of golden stars, commemorating your Rock Stars. I just went back and got more, ready for you to send me your clubs' awardee. This is easy-150 words or less, send it to me, nancyjbird@verizon.net, by Dec. 31 for this year or start 2016 with a bang and send some nominations in early.

Many thanks to those who did do it---Nevada County, Peninsula, Searchers, Pasadena, Delvers, Feather River, Amador Co., North Orange Co, Sierra Pelona, El Dorado, Long Beach, Conejo, South Bay, Reno, Contra Costa, Oxnard, Ventura, and Antelope Valley.

Rock On...

The **Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club** is very proud to nominate 2 OUTSTANDING ASSETS to our Rockhound Family - CJ & Ray Quitariano for Rockhound of the Year!

They have both been very active in our Club; CJ has served as Club President, Show Chairman, Program Director and Federation Director. Ray has served as a Director for several years, Publicity Chairman, Refreshment Chairman, Hospitality Chairman, Club House Committee and Head Club Chef.

They have both been instrumental in establishing a Work Shop/Club House for the AV G&M Club. They both work many, many hours in our Club’s booth at the Antelope Valley Fair. In addition, they host our clubs rock bag stuffing, Pot-lucks and many of our board meetings at their house.

Both have served at the CFMS level; CJ climbing the Executive Ladder and serving as CFMS President in 2009. Ray serving as the Endowment Fund Chairman.

Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair



From time-to-time, I hear some rockhound dismiss the value of ‘waiver’ forms, believing that such forms would be of no value whatsoever in the event of a liability claim against a society or individual member.

The fallacy of this belief can be viewed very simply: if you (or your society) were sued, would you rather be able to produce (in your defense) a document signed by the plaintiff 1) acknowledging the inherent risks involved in the activity (e.g. a field trip), 2) for which activity the plaintiff agreed to assume the risk and 3) which the plaintiff agreed to release you (and others) from liability.....or would you rather attempt a defense without such document? The answer seems obvious!

The Federation’s website contains a section devoted to insurance-related information, articles and forms, including an Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability form which you can tailor to reflect your individual societys information. Just go to: www.cfmsinc.org, click on INSURANCE & OTHER FORMS on the left side of the home page, then go to the **INSURANCE FORMS** section.

ROTY cont...

For 2015, I am privileged and pleased to honor Blake Hahn as our **Ventura Gem & Mineral Society** Rockhound of the Year! Blake is a relatively new member, having joined in 2014, but from day one, he jumped in with enthusiasm and has volunteered to help wherever needed, especially with maintenance and improvements to our clubhouse. For instance, he has helped with installing shelving in our museum storage room, installing improved lighting to highlight Martha Moran's Ice Age California mural and to highlight our mineral collection, repairing and maintaining our rock saws, and more. In 2015, he joined our ranks of Shop Stewards and has made himself available to help us open a second workshop day each month, overseeing and assisting members using our equipment.

Anyone who has had any interaction with Blake knows he's great to work with and to be around—always cordial, upbeat, and ready to lend a hand. He sets a model for us all to follow!

The **Roseville Rock Rollers** are proud to nominate Florence Brady for 2015 Rockhound of the Year. Florence has been involved in every aspect of our society for 17 years and has become an integral member.

As Secretary and Membership Chair for 13 years she has seamlessly handled the large growth of our society. Every year Florence contributes to our annual show's overwhelming success by tackling much of the organization required such as lining up an army of workers and supervising admissions. She has also served as secretary for the area clubs' Co-op for shared field trips. More importantly, Florence is that person that exists in every society who can always tell you who you need to talk to for an answer to your burning question.

The Roseville Rock Rollers are proud to have a member as valuable and dedicated in our Society as Florence Brady.

submitted by Teresa Johnson, President

CHANGE TO BYLAW REGARDING PAYMENT OF DUES AND INSURANCE!

This is important...Please read and heed!!!

a–Dues for continued membership in the CFMS are payable on January 1 of each year and are delinquent if not paid by March 1.

b–Following March 1 the Federation Executive Secretary shall notify each delinquent Society in writing that if the dues & insurance payment is not postmarked by April 1, they must pay a \$50 late fee.

Any payments postmarked after April 1 that do not include the late fee will be returned to the Society.

c–Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30 shall be dropped from the rolls of the Federation effective October 1 and shall be notified in writing by the Federation Executive Secretary.

d–Once a Society has been dropped from the Federation, they may not participate in Federation activities, shall not receive regular mailings and shall not be covered under the Federation's insurance program for any activities (including field trips) and no additional benefits of the Federation's insurance program (Certificate of Insurance, Additional Insured Endorsements, Directors and Officers Liability Coverage, Property/Premises insurance coverage) may be afforded.

f–Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30 must reapply for membership in the Federation and pay the additional \$250 application fee and any money the CFMS has paid on their behalf when they dropped out must be reimbursed to the CFMS before reinstatement.

Changes were approved at the recent Fall Business Meeting in Visalia.

A form to use when paying your dues/insurance is included in this newsletter. Make certain that this is given to your treasurer. **The membership count is based on the number of persons in your organization as of 12/31/2015 whether or not they have paid dues for 2016.** If you have questions or concerns please contact me at bplarue@earthlink.net. Email is preferred for ease of contact. I do not use voice mail on my home phone.

WOODLAND HILLS ROCKCHIPPERS GEM SHOW

By Gary Levitt

The Woodland Hills Rockchippers Gem show is held on the third Saturday of October. The show is held at the First United Methodist Church in West Hills, CA where we also have our meetings. Our group had one of the most successful shows this past year. Our venue included both indoor and outdoor activities and the weather was very kind to us. There were multiple parameters which helped make it successful. We had support from our neighboring rock and gem groups, happy vendors, happy guests, and a significant number of visitors at our meeting one week after the show! My belief is that adding new members is the key reason for having a show. Thus having many visitors at our meeting right after the show is the earmark of a successful show!

As a way of introducing you to our show, we want to share comments we received (instead of me babbling on!). And hopefully you'll come and visit us at our next show.

"I have recently come to two Rockchippers meetings as a result of visiting your amazing Annual Gem Show this fall. There were no two stations that were the same. The specimens were beautiful and there were quite a few jaw dropping displays! My 6½ year old daughter was also inspired. She has now attended her first Future Rockhound meeting and looks forward to her membership. I really want to thank the group for all they do, sharing knowledge and amazing pieces. I look forward to the next show." –Kimberly Ward

"Met a lot of interesting people. Saw some familiar faces from last year and a whole lot of new ones. Always enjoy seeing (and buying) something new for my collection or jewelry making. Found a wonderful set of green and pink tourmaline carved like a butterfly to make a pendant with at a very reasonable price. So much fun." –Shanna O'Brien

"I hosted the membership booth and got to talk to the incoming show guests about our club and encouraged all to sign up for our monthly bulletin and attend our meetings. I mentioned we often have a guest speaker on topics of interest come to the meetings. There were also printed fliers about our website to get information on the upcoming events. We had a fun raffle game–Guess how many items in the jar. The prize was beautiful Gem Jar with stones donated by our members;



this was very fun and the participants lingered and talked about stones, rocks and what they would do with all of those gems if they won the prize! Several of the attendees came to our meeting the following weekend to learn more about us and hear our guest speakers on Mt. St. Helens." –Debbie Hirlinger

"Our Future Rockhounds of America group manned a double booth at our 2015 Gem Show–Games and Crafts. Our purpose, in addition to calling attention to our FRA program, was to raise funds for craft projects that are part of our monthly meetings..We had the participation of the FRA parents for set-up, assistance in the booth during the show and tear-down after the show. The younger FRA members ran the games and sold items made by the older youth. The youth helped with both sales and crafts.



We sold "Collection Starter Kits" that included identified mineral and rock specimens. The projects for crafts were items using plastic beads and round wire to teach how to make key chain fobs, pendants of various sizes and earrings. Our FRA youth also had a display of projects that were part of their badge work. The participation of both the youth and their parents made this year's show a big success for our FRA program." –Thalia Goldsworthy

2016 EDITOR AND AUTHOR CONTEST

by Bob Papac
Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee Chairman

CFMS Presidents and Editors,
CFMS ANNOUNCES THE 2016 AUTHORS AND EDITORS COMPETITION!

Some important dates and information to remember:

The deadline for the 2016 Authors and Editors Contest (for Articles, Bulletins, and Special Publications in 2015) is FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th, 2016.

We will be using the same General Guidelines, Categories and Fillable Scoresheets as AFMS. These can be obtained online at www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/contest.htm or on the FORMS tab at www.cfmsinc.org. In addition to your entry form and printed copy of your entry Editors will be required to submit one disk which contains PDF files for the entries which you are submitting. The printed copies may be in color or black and white - just make them the best that they can be!

Mail your entries to: Bob Papac, CFMS BEAC, 30081 Caddy Lane, Tehachapi, CA 93561- 8550

Questions? Call me at (661) 821-7103 or email me at getback@csurfers.net



ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX

CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee - PLAC
John Martin
plac@antelecom.net

Grass Roots! Those two words are now the most important words in the Rockhound vocabulary at this point in time. Without the grass roots effort of Rockhounds, Fossil and Mineral Collectors collecting areas will soon be swallowed up in Wilderness, National Monuments, and Environmental Study Areas and maybe even by Wind and Solar generating facilities. The Rockhounding Organizations do not have the financial resources, personnel or legal representation needed to wage the struggle contrary to the groups opposing open access to public lands. These opposing groups advocate the closing of access to collecting areas whether in the US Forest System or the BLM. The only way to keep collecting areas open is with grass roots effort by all Rockhounds that may collect or have collected in these areas of concern. The voice of the Rockhound needs to be heard and as loud as possible. If our voices are not heard in the location where the Rules, Regulations and Legislation are taking place the voices will not be heard and if we are not heard we, the Amateur Collectors of rocks, minerals and fossils, will lose access now and for Future Rockhounds.

DEFINITION OF WILDERNESS

(From the Wilderness Act of 1964)

“(c) A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.”

USFS and BLM Public Lands which have roads (Logging, Recreational, access to collecting sites, grazing access, etc.), Mines (Active or inactive), Transmission lines, Microwave, Communication and cell phone Towers, do not meet the definition of a wilderness area as defined in the statement above. Man has left his imprint on the land and therefore it can no longer be considered as a wilderness or wilderness study area by their own definition. (The full text and additional reference may be found on the ALAA Website <http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html> near the bottom of the Active Access Issues page)

Here are some Grass Roots thoughts that may help:

Tell all of the city and county officials how much tax money they will lose if the wilderness is created and withdrawn from the tax rolls. Remind the Forest Service and BLM that it is against the law to include roads and active mines in a wilderness area. You collect there, that makes it an active mine. Tell the Forest Service or BLM how many members are in your club and how many members from your area that uses the mine. Numbers speak so do not be afraid to mention them. Use dollars to estimate the cost lost to restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores will lose. Remind the sheriff that he is the legal law officer and that only he can arrest people. If you have the resources or funds send a fact sheet by mail to everyone in the counties where the wilderness is proposed, especially the property owners who will share their property lines with the wilderness. Send speakers to other service clubs and present your view. Have a booth or table set up at other public events or gatherings like your Rock Show and hand out your information. Get other organizations involved. Remind your club members that if they do not do it then who will. And when a Closure Activist says that 'studies show that . . .' call their bluff and demand that they show proof of that study, and do not ever let them off the hook. They made the statement now make them prove it.

Within the Rockhound Community the American Federation has the Conservation and Legislation Committee; afmsclc@antelecom.net Regional Federations may have a Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) plac@antelecom.net and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) info@amlands.org www.amlands.org all may be able to assist you in making your voices be heard. No matter how one looks at it, saving your collecting areas for future Rockhounds will require a well organized Grass Roots effort.

MY INITIAL VIEW

By Matt Charsky, AFMS President

On my way up the Presidential ladder, I learned a lot about how the AFMS functions. As I performed my duties in each position, I see three primary areas of importance: membership, contact, and participation.

Membership: AFMS and Regional Federations rely heavily on the funds generated from membership dues. Recent years, except for 2015, have shown a slight decrease in the portion of membership dues that comes to AFMS, but the decrease does not represent a significant change. In fact in 2015, most Regional Federations increased membership – is this a one year blip? I hope not and so I would like to reward the Regional Federation that increases membership the most from one year to the next. Let's call it a "friendly competition" that gives one Federation bragging rights for one year. All that has to be done is to compare membership numbers for two consecutive years (2014 and 2015) and the highest difference is the winner. I volunteer to do it for the first year and share the results in early 2016.

Contact: AFMS is set up to encourage contact among all the Regional Federations. The AFMS Officers and Committee Chairs may initially take the lead, but the Regional Representatives need to be players also. So let's have some contact throughout 2016 by all Committees but especially on those that have a combined AFMS/Regional Federation focus.

Participation: AFMS has numerous programs and competitions for the benefit of Regional Federations. For example, we have Informational Programs like American Lands Access Association (ALAA), Legislation and Conservation, Judges Training Seminar, Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editor (SCRIBE), and Safety. We also have rewarding programs like Club Rockhounds of the Year, Junior Activity Badge Program, Program Competition, and Inter-Regional Field Trips. In addition, we have Competitive Programs like Bulletin Editors Advisory Contest (BEAC), Web Site Contest, and All American Club. Hopefully, none of these programs is a surprise to any of you. My point is that AFMS spends resources on these programs (i.e., people, time, and money), so let's continue to support all of them. These programs are part of who we are, so please participate.

Excerpts from *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec-Jan 2015

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)*

*You should receive a confirmation
within 5 days after submitting your
Show Date information !*

2016

January 16 & 17: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Margaret Buchmann (559) 799-6034
Margaretbu03@gmail.com
www.tulegem.com

February 12-21: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Hwy 111
Hours: 10am-10pm Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
Bert67@verizon.net

February 20 & 21: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Gem Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours 10-5 Daily
Brenda Miguel (925) 301-6957
brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 27 & 28: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds (McCormack Hall)
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Dan Wolke (707) 334-2950
dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
vjgems.org

March 4 – 6: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007
Cell: (510) 305-4196
showchair@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 5 & 6: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Show Chair (805) 312-8467
info@VGMS.org
www.vgms.org

March 5 & 6: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
L.A. Arboretum-Ayres Hall 301 North
Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9am - 4:30pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com

March 12 & 13: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
Bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com
www.turlockgemshow.com

March 12 & 13: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckels Vets Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233
Kcbakes27@yahoo.com
Salinasrockandgem.com

March 12 & 13: SAN MARINO

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joenmar1@verizon.net
www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 19 & 20: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Christopher Wertinberger (559) 309-3433
kim-morrell@hotmail.com

March 26 & 27: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All America Blvd. (off Washington)
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily
Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
<http://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

April 8, 9 & 10: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570
Cell (760) 535-5524
raysrocks@cox.net

April 9 & 10: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5005 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Martin Fodin (209) 742-4036
martin@safarigold.com
www.camineralmuseum.com

April 16 & 17: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
June Harris (408) 265-1422
info@scvgms.org
www.scvgms.org

April 23 & 24: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rock Hounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Mike Judy (805) 238-4469
mrhaldy@gmail.com
www.slrockhounds.org

March 26 & 27: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Robin Williams (209) 728-8277
robinski@yahoo.com
calaverasgemandmineral.org

April 23 & 24: LANCASTER, CA

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

April 23 & 24: 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) 726-0131
gemshow@palomargem.org
www.palomargem.org

May 7 & 8: JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Road (off Hwy. 49/88)
Hours: 10am – 4pm Daily
Gaylene Lichty (209) 245-5388
mountaingirl@volcano.net

May 13-15: YUCAIPA, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival
Yucaipa Boulevard
Fri. 6pm-9pm; Sat 11am-10pm; Sun. 12-6pm
Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731
res09ayd@verizon.net
www.yvgms.org

June 3, 4 & 5: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 5pm-7pm; Sat. & Sun. 10-5
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Cell (626) 826-9538
odwarthen@verizon.net
nccgms.com

June 25 & 26: CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Janice Metz (310) 850-4398
janicemt@yahoo.com
<http://www.culversityrocks.org/fiesta.htm>

September 24 & 25: LODI, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape & Harvest Festival Grounds
413 East Lockeford Street
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5p.m. Daily
Jerold Kyle (209) 368-9411
jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 24 & 25: SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Erica (707) 528-7610
www.SRMGS.org

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April 22-24
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AFMS SHOW
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