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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

To kick off this article, I will talk about PLAC, Insurance, Junior Activities, Membership and Program Aids Committee.

Public Land Advisory Committee

(PLAC) is chaired by John Martin. This committee is divided into subcommittees North - Al Bolshazy, Central - Mike Hunerlach and South - Lisbet Thoresen. These are the people who keep a watch on what is happening to our public lands where we go on field trips and keep the societies updated on any changes. They also communicate with the BLM and Forestry by attending meetings to assure a Rockhound present.

Insurance is chaired by Fred Ott. If your society has insurance questions, then Fred is who you need to contact. Fred takes the time to do the research to make sure CFMS is getting the best price on insurance.

Junior Activities is chaired by Jim Brace-Thompson. Jim has put together an excellent badge program that is FREE to all CFMS societies. Jim continues to update this program to encourage juniors to become more involved. Juniors earn badges through achieving different tasks. This is just a simple explanation so if you want more information, please contact Jim.

Membership is chaired by Bob Rush. Bob's main task is to assist societies in becoming members of CFMS. Bob can also assist with societies looking for ways to increase their membership.

Program Aids is chaired by Emmy Silverman. If you society is looking for a speaker for your show, meeting or a special program, then Emmy is who you need to contact. Emmy maintains the list of speakers, which can be found on the CFMS website. (cfmsinc.org) If you would like to be a speaker, please contact Emmy.

My goal, as to why I am writing about the committees, is to increase awareness of what CFMS has to offer. I would also like to encourage anyone who is interested in being apart of any of the CFMS committees, please contact the committee chairs.

This can be a great year if we all pull together. I wish to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Margaret Kolaczyk



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 5..... deadline for Mar newsletter
Mar 1..... Dues are due!
Mar 5..... deadline for Mar newsletter
Mar 31.... Officer Chairmen change form due
Mar 26-Apr 1..... Zzyxx Camp
June 9-11..... AFMS/CFMS Show-Ventura

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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.

DONATIONS

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

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

Your donations should be sent to:
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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.**





JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Calling All Kids—and Adults—to Enter Displays in the CFMS/AFMS Show!

Exhibiting is fun! It lets us share what we've found, bought, or made. When displaying at a gem show, we not only get to show off our own collections and handiwork but also to learn from others, seeing display techniques, getting advice, sharing tips, and forging bonds of friendship through mutual interests. 2017 brings a special bonus: the opportunity to compete not just in a local club show or a regional CFMS show, but the combined regional and national CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11 in Ventura, California. The national show rotates to California only once every seven years, so this is the year to take the plunge and enter a display. An outstanding exhibit can earn you *both* a regional CFMS trophy *and* a national AFMS trophy!

You should encourage kids in your society—either individually or as a group—to gather together the best of their rock, mineral, or fossil collections or their lapidary artwork and enter them into this upcoming show, as well as in your local club show, the county fair, a school science fair, and similar venues. Set aside time at one of your monthly meetings to host a workshop for both kids and adults to talk about the basics of exhibiting and to give hands-on lessons in arranging specimens in a display case. Get commitments from kids—and their parents—to enter displays. Help them along and stay in touch right up to show time.

In addition to the adventure that participating in the CFMS/AFMS Show will provide, if kids enter competitive displays, they may win prizes, including the AFMS Lillian Turner Award. Several years ago, Lillian Turner of Bethesda, Maryland, generously donated funds to support an award for the best junior's exhibit at the annual AFMS Show. The award consists of a certificate, and a \$100 bill presented at the Show Awards Ceremony. Even more important than the monetary value is the honor and recognition of receiving this award and the pride it can engender in a junior or pebble pup for a job well done in planning and assembling an excellent display. Also, whether entering a competitive or noncompetitive display, kids can receive a "Showmanship Badge" from the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. There

are also a whole host of trophies for adult exhibitors, including a special trophy for nervous first-time Novice Exhibitors sponsored by the hosting Ventura Gem & Mineral Society. Don't be nervous! My message to both kids and adults is: *Go for it!*

In order to go for it, go to the Show website at <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com> to access and download entry forms by clicking on "Files and Entry Forms." There, you'll also find a direct link to the AFMS Uniform Rules manual. The deadlines are May 22 for noncompetitive entry forms and April 30 for competitive forms, so don't delay. I guarantee that kids—and adults—who choose to enter will find the experience both rewarding and fun!

CFMS SHOW DATES 2017

By Jennifer Rhodes

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CFMS invites its member societies and clubs in good standing to post their shows or events on the Show Dates Website page (www.cfmsinc.org). Use the Show Date Form on the CFMS Website to send your information for the CFMS newsletter and web site at the same time. Using the on-line form is the best way to get your show information on the website and in the newsletter in a timely manner.

The Show Dates page is found on the CFMS Website Home page on the "Shows" pull down menu tab. Any printed information through the US Mail or email for your show needs to be to the Show Dates Director at least 3 months before the required posting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me and I will work to find a resolution.

*****Please help me and proof read the information that is entered in the Newsletter. If you find errors, contact me at the email listed above and be sure to preface the subject line with CFMS.**



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt, chair

Greetings fellow rockhounds. I hope you had a happy new year and holiday season. As of now I will not be able to accept any additional recipients for the calendar year 2016. But do not fret, rockhound of the year for 2017 begins now. The subject line should denote the subject as rockhound of the year! Hopefully, this will help keep it from being buried in my other email.

I must admit that in the last two months, it has been a bit overwhelming having the kind of response we have had by our societies wanting to honor their members by nominating them to be the rockhound of the year. But like in business, too busy is the type of problem one is always happy to have!

For 2016, I am privileged and pleased to honor **Terry Wilson** as our **Ventura Gem & Mineral Society** Rockhound of the Year! Terry has organized and ran the Plant Booth for our show, and is now Show Chair. She is the author of (and maintains) our new website, including constantly urging us all to use the links, “whoscoming.com” for workshops, events and field trips.

Terry has also electronically cataloged our library (no small task). She’s authored an article for the newsletter on her rockhounding adventures in Utah. Always with a smile she’s willing to help where needed. She’s been a positive representative of VMGS by attending and displaying her jewelry cases at the CFMS Shows. We are proud to have her as a member. Congratulations Terry Wilson.

Jr. member **Austyn Frisk** is our **Jr. Rockhound of the Year**. He attends our meetings, workshops and other events, always ready to help members bring material, supplies, anything they need help with. He always arrives early to help set up. He has worked the Kids booth over 3 years at our show. He is always there to lend a hand. During the 2016 fair, Austyn volunteered 10 of the 12 days. Working 12 hour shifts, every day helping to share our love for rocks, every day cleaning the glass on cases and helping where needed with his smile. He is also the only Jr. who has passed our Certification Class for making cabochons. VGMS is looking forward to many years with Austyn’s enthusiasm and talent. Congratulations Austyn.

by Diane Cook, VGMS President

The **Long Beach Gem and Mineral Society** is proud to have elected Rockhound of the Year member **Karin Yasuda**. Karin has been a member for just a few years but has served as our recording secretary for the past two years. She is well-liked by all members and likes going on collecting field trips. Our club usually carools and she is always willing to drive her van full of people. She has even gotten her elementary school age daughter interested in collecting and lapidary she is always willing to help any member with a board assignment and other projects. Our club is lucky to have her as a member.

Bruce Kelly, President, The Long Beach Gem and Mineral Society

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society honors **Bob Fitzpatrick** for his tireless work for our hobby. Doesn't everyone in SoCal know Bob? Bob was the CFMS Field Trip Chair South for many years, has been field trip chair for 4 clubs; San Gorgonio, Shadow Mountain, Palm Springs, and Yucaipa. He exhibited at the Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival with up to 20 cases in competition, winning many Blue Ribbons and trophies through the years. He was a vendor at many shows and now does a thriving business on EBay with his Earth's Gems & Minerals. This coming year he will be the club's 1st V.P. and their Federation Director.

by Nancy Bird

Here is another dedicated member of our hobby. **Adam Dean** has also been the CFMS Field Trip Chair South for many years, the job he holds today. He has belonged to **Orange Belt Mineralogical Society** for over 20 years and is also in the business of selling at shows and on Ebay.

He has entered competition at many shows where he has won Best in Show and many 1st Place Awards for his displays.

He and his wife, Theresa, work with both the Jurupa Cultural Center in Riverside and the Bakersfield Mineral Mites donating stones for their kid's programs. In his spare time, he is involved with Rocketry Associated of California where he is the Range Safety Officer.

by Jessica Pearson, Fed Director, OBMS. and Nancy Bird



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

Zzyzx- Open Registration

by Jennifer Haley

We have received enough registrations to fill the dorms at camp at this time, *however*, as we get closer to camp starting we usually get about four or five cancellations. Because we have grown to expect that over the years, we are continuing to accept registrations for the waiting list. Many people including myself have gotten in by being on the waiting list, and it's always fun to get the phone call from Audrey letting you know, "I've got good news, you're in."

If you wish to attend camp in your RV there is plenty of room, so please send in your registration. The RV area is next to a beautiful line of palm trees and a picturesque view of the desert, with sunsets like rainbow sherbet. Pets are not allowed in the dorms, but are allowed in the RV area, as long as you keep them within that area for reasons of safety for the wildlife and your pet.

If you haven't been to Camp Zzyzx you are in for a world of fun, and a terrific learning experience for learning various forms of the Lapidary Arts. We have fantastic and patient instructors who love what they teach. If you've attended before, you know how unique and special the camp is to all of us, and why so many people return year after year.

CFMS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

by Jennifer Haley

Recently I've been trying to track down the "lone" federation directors of a few societies, whose contact information has not been forwarded to me this year. I've tried various methods of trying to reach you by email, phone and snail mail. Sometimes the general information on the CFMS website is not correct, which also means guests who would like to visit your meetings can't find you. I know a few societies whose membership is smaller haven't bothered nominating a director to represent your society, but you count and you are valuable to my roster and to the federation. Here's how you can help:

✓Please check your society's contact information on the CFMS website and in the hardcopy CFMS Society Roster to make sure the information is correct.

✓If you did not receive an Electronic Communication Announcement on Jan 5, 2017, please let me know.

✓If you are a director, but don't want your personal contact information on the CFMS Roster or CFMS website, let me know that so I can make a note to myself not to forward that information on.

I know it's not on most people's list of favorite chores to empty your email boxes on a routine basis until they are full, but I do get bounce backs. Those emails are resent when they can get through, but you may miss out on time dated information. I'm not good at herding cats, so any help you can give me this year I will appreciate. Thank you!

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS 2017

CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention

By Jennifer Haley

The CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention, "Ventura Rocks the Nation, June 9-11, 2017, will be here before we know it. Now is a good time to think about what you'd enjoy entering, and to start preparing for your exhibit. Be sure to visit the show website for the entry form, and important information regarding electrical cords, lighting, set up times, etc. If you don't have your own display case, you will be able to rent one.

If you wish to enter more than one exhibit, a separate application form must be filled out for each entry. Be sure to review the AFMS Uniform Rules to make sure you have the current information (*see link on the CFMS Home page*).

CFMS SUPPLEMENTARY RULES are not included in the AFMS Uniform Rules. They have been added by the CFMS to accommodate either special types of material or exhibitor interests. (*see link on the CFMS website home page*). Experiencing the exhibits at the show is very special for everyone who attends. Not only is it educational, but it is a beautiful way to show the value of our skills and the beauty of what we treasure in the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts & Crafts.

Deadline for mailing your entry form is April 30, 2017.

All entries must be received by CFMS Rules Registrar

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ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

By John Martin – PLAC Chair
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This year will bring new challenges to the Recreational Rockhounding activities across the country. In the west there have been several new National Monuments created which have closed several very good collecting areas to any kind of material removal. There are new fossil collecting rules and regulations being created and implemented by the Public Land Managers of the BLM and USFS that will impact your ability to collect many of the fossils we have enjoyed collecting, owning, sharing and displaying over the years. These new rules may even affect the fossils collected on non-public lands.

The CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee will strive to keep the Federation members apprised of legislation, rules and regulations that affect the ability to collect and enjoy our natural resources. We will attempt to inform the Federation and the members of new legislation, rules and regulations during the proposal process where each of you will have the ability and the right to voice your opinions and concerns on how these will affect the Recreational Rockhounding Community and your ability to enjoy your hobby. Information will be published in the monthly newsletters, on the Federation Website and through electronic media where feasible. Again, if you know of any pending legislation, Rules or Regulations that may affect your Recreational Rockhounding activities do not hesitate to contact the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee with your concerns and or questions. We can not do this alone, we are only four and we need all of the eyes and ears for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies members to help in keeping Recreational Rockhounding a viable Activity. The contact information is: plac@antelecom.net I look forward to receiving your inputs.

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FEDERAL LANDS TO RETURN TO THE STATE OF NEVADA

By Al Bolshazy, PLAC North

New efforts are underway to return approximately 7.3 million acres from the Bureau of Land Management to the State of Nevada. You would think everyone in Nevada would applaud this effort, but, there is a large concern that managing these lands would be an economic disaster due in part to fighting massive rangeland wildfires. Our congressmen are aware of polling that shows most Western voters oppose returning to land to the state. Senator Pete Goicoechea, R-Eureka believes that if this was put on the ballot today it would fail. The federal government controls approximately 87% of the land in Nevada.

U.S.Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev, sponsored H. R. 1484, the bill known as Honor the Nevada Enabling Act of 1864. There was a hearing in November, but the Bill did not advance. An oversimplification of the Enabling Act is that when Nevada was granted statehood it would be granted equal footing with all the other states. However, conditions were placed upon the Western states, especially Nevada, that put most of the land in Federal hands.

Some believe the Federal government was wrong in taking land although this belief is not supported by the courts. Some believe so strongly that the incidents like the Sagebrush Rebellion, and the Job Rigid Shovel Brigade are just a couple of the protests. I'm sure you all remember the Bundy ranching family of Bunkerville.

There are concerns that if the State takes over the land there would be a wholesale sell off of the land. Some advocate that the sale of land would generate \$56 to \$206 million in revenue which can be used for schools and other uses.

I believe the consensus is that the BLM has the financial footing and wherewithal to handle these millions of acres. For example, the Hot Pot fire is costing the Federal Government \$5.1 million to rehabilitate the burned land. This is just to rehabilitate the land, not to pay for the firefighting efforts.

Rep. Amodei says that even if his bill is revised, there is only a slight chance that Congress would approve a land transfer. With a new administration coming in, there is hope the State of Nevada could control more of the land. This is just an introduction. It has its proponents on both sides of this issue. (Nevada residents–direct your thoughts to Rep Amodei. Contact Al for address info.–ed)

PLAC SOUTH

Proposed Rule under the PRPA (Paleontological Resources Act of 2009)

Included in this newsletter are two flyers provided by Lizbet Thoresen concerning how concerned parties can provide comments. Deadline is February 6, 2017 so time is of the essence.

Because the available information would fill another newsletter Lizbet advises that you can read it in its entirety on the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society website. The web address is www.sdmg.org. Click on Public Lands on the home page. This link will take you to the section of the January 2017 Pegmatite where several articles and other related information are published.

Information furnished by Lizbet Thoresen, PLAC South



LAPIDARY SOCIETIES ATTACKED BY INTERNET THIEVES

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee Chair

In the past two months it has been reported to me that lapidary societies across the country are being targeted by thieves. The thieves seek those societies who have a web presence, look at the web site to identify the president and treasurer and initiate false emails seeking to steal society funds. Here is how they do this:

The thieves study the society's web site to identify the society president and treasurer and their email accounts. Then they craft an email which masks the senders email, but lists the Sender (the society president) by name. The email is directed to the society treasurer, mentions the treasurer by name, and directs the treasurer to send money to an individual or business in a hurry.

One theft attempt went like this:

From: (President's name)

To: (Treasurer's email)

Subject: Need check for vendor

Message: (Treasurer's name), "Please send a check in the amount of \$420 to this Vendor today....." - giving a name and address of a supposed vendor. In this case, the treasurer did not recognize the vendor's name. She called the president and questioned why the president would request a check which had not been approved by the board and which required two signatures to process. The president had no idea that the scheme had been hatched, and the plot was foiled.

In another instance the thieves sent an email to the treasurer of a lapidary society in just the same way. The email requested that a check in the amount of \$980 be sent to a business at an address in another state. The email had the name of the president in the Sender's box and the email of the treasurer in the "To" box. The treasurer responded, asking what the amount was for. The reply, supposedly from the president, was that it was for graphic design services that he authorized and insisted that the check should be sent immediately and by express mail. A fake invoice was included in the reply email. The treasurer rushed the check to the post office. Later that same day the treasurer realized that the email that showed in the reply to the "president" was different than she had seen before in previous email exchanges with the society president. She called the president and, upon learning that the request was a scam, was able to stop payment on the check and reported it to her local police department.

This shows that a group or groups of thieves are targeting lapidary clubs - probably other groups, as well. It is not difficult for thieves to put a name in the email Sender box that is designed to gain our confidence. We've seen this with emails from banks, internet providers and even the IRS. Now we know that they are targeting lapidary societies. We should forward this example to our treasurers, presidents and boards of directors - and everyone who is or who might sign on our bank accounts now or in the future - and make sure that the proper financial safeguards are in place:

Be sure that a treasurer knows who is making the request for payment. In most email providers such as AOL, if you click on the name of the person sending the email an email address will appear.

- Immediately question any payment to a person or business who is unfamiliar to the treasurer.
- Make sure that all requests for payments are accompanied by an invoice that can be verified.
- Verify that the expense requested by the email is covered by the budget and is from a known vendor (expected) or has previous specific board approval.
- Have all checks signed by two of the top elected executives who should also ask these questions.
- When in doubt, pick up the phone and talk to the person requesting the check.

If you have an example to report, please email the details to me so that the CFMS can be aware of it. You need not list your society, but give us the federation you belong to - if other than the California Federation.

Mark Nelson mnelsonair@aol.com



ANNUAL PAYMENT OF DUES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

The Federation's Insurance policy renews on October 16th of each year and is paid by an 'advance' from the CFMS Endowment Fund. Each year's premium determines the amount each renewing CFMS society needs to pay starting January 1st to reimburse the Endowment Fund. The membership count for each society is based on the number of persons in the organization as of 12/31/2016 whether or not they have paid dues for 2017.

For calendar year 2017, the per-member dues remains at \$8.00: \$6.00 is used to reimburse the Endowment Fund and the remaining \$2.00 per member is applied to dues for membership in the CFMS and AFMS.

Dues for continued membership in the CFMS are payable on January 1st of each year and are delinquent if not paid by March 1st. Following March 1st, the Federation Executive Secretary shall notify each delinquent Society in writing that if the dues + insurance payment is not postmarked by April 1st, such society must pay a \$50 late fee. Any payments postmarked after April 1st that do not include the late fee will be returned to the Society. Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30th shall be dropped from the rolls of the Federation effective October 1st and shall be notified in writing by the Federation Executive Secretary.

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.

Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30th 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.

Should you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact me at 530-677-5322 or fred@fredott.net.

PASADENA LAPIDARY SOCIETY CELEBRATES 70 YEARS IN CFMS

By Marcia Goetz

Pasadena Lapidary Society (PLS) is celebrating its 70th year as a member of CFMS in 2017. Our founding members started meeting in the mid-1940's to improve their lapidary skills, go on field trips and provide opportunities for purchase, exchange and exhibition of specimens and materials. They met informally at local parks for several years prior to becoming a member of CFMS in 1947. PLS incorporated in 1949 under the leadership of then-President Jessie Chittenden.

Like other societies, the Pasadena Lapidary Society has gone through an ebb and flow of membership through the years. At times, the Society has had upwards of 150 members and sometimes as low as 60; currently the membership stands at around 160 and includes several junior members. Our members enjoy the educational monthly meetings, field trips, and a workshop. Each year we hold an annual picnic in the park as well as a Holiday Season party. We participate in the CFMS Rockhound of the Year with adult and junior recipients. Our bulletin "Rockhound Ramblings" has been judged to be the best in the nation for small clubs in AFMS in 2014; 5th place bulletin for 2015. Articles written by our adult and junior members have received awards. We have been honored with AFMS All American Club for 1st place Gold Award for Large Clubs in 2015 and again in 2016, and 2nd or 3rd place once during the 1990s. We also received an award for our web site, www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org. Many Pasadena Lapidary members have served as officers for our Society throughout the years. We have had strong leadership who supported our members by offering various educational programs to further personal growth in the lapidary arts and mineral collection.

The Society's first annual "Tournament of Gems" show was in 1955 and this year we will host our 59th show. A highlight for us was in 2014 when we successfully hosted the CFMS show at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds (Fairplex). To the credit of our members, once we decided to put on the show and commenced planning, everyone set the goal of making it a success!

Some PLS members have participated and served at the CFMS level. Arlene Billheimer, Pasadena Lapidary Society President in 1977-1978, served as CFMS President in 1991. Tony Fender who served as Pasadena Lapidary Society's President in 1996-97 and again in 2002-2003 is now serving as CFMS 2nd Vice President. Marcia Goetz, Pasadena Lapidary Society President 2012-15 is serving as CFMS Secretary. In 1981 Clarence and Jessie Chittenden were recipients of the Golden Bear

Award, which recognizes outstanding services to CFMS. Jessie was the original PLS President in the years 1947-48 and 1963; and, Clarence served as PLS President in 1952 and 1959. George Snyder was a CFMS Scholarship Honoree in 2000-2001 and also was a Silver Instructor at Zzyzx for several years. Harold Thompson carved the sabre tooth cat which is now in the CFMS museum collection.

CFMS began in Riverside, California, on January 4 and 5, 1936 with 7 member societies in attendance; Kern County Mineral Society, Bakersfield - 1935; Los Angeles Mineralogical Society, Los Angeles; Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Pasadena - 1931; California Mineral Society of San Diego (now San Diego Mineral and Gem Society), San Diego; Northern Mineral Society (now San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society), San Francisco; California Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, San Bernardino; and West Coast Mineral Society, Fullerton. Some of these societies no longer exist but credit is given for their insight in establishing a state federation of societies. Other societies on the CFMS website that list their founding dates and were added in 1947 and earlier are: Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society 1939, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society 1945, Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society 1937, Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society 1942, Mojave Mineralogical Society 1941, Mother Lode Mineral Society 1936, Northern California Geological Society 1944, and Ventura Gem & Mineral Society 1946.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

By Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas

For many years CFMS gave 50 year certificates to member societies to commemorate its 50th year of founding. As the president of Orange Belt Mineralogical Society in 1983, I still recall receiving a certificate from Charles Leach of the CFMS honoring the 50th year of its founding in 1933. Don't know what ever happened to the certificate but it's probably in a storage box of society memorabilia in somebody's garage.

Somewhere along the line the practice fell by the wayside, in many cases because nobody knew when any given society came into existence let alone joined CFMS.

When you submit your officer change form please write the date the society was founded and when it joined CFMS if known. There is discussion about creating a 75 year certificate since there are now several of you out there which have met that milestone. Nothing is in concrete so stay tuned.

CAMP PARADISE EXCITEMENT BEYOND BELIEF

By Al Bolschazy, Camp Manager

Howdy folks! Boy, talk about getting so excited about Camp Paradise - I just wanted to extend the camp to four weeks instead of two. My bad (luck?), I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Yes, Camp Paradise is excitement beyond belief! There is so much going on is hard even for me to keep up.

So what is going on? Well let's see:

- Casting – from lost wax techniques to everyone's favorite straw casting. This is where you take a broom straw, pine needles, etc. and bind them together and place them in water. You then pour molten metal into the straw. You get random shapes that can be cleaned up and turned into beautiful jewelry.

- Lapidary – this is where you learn to take a rock slab, cut out the design, then grind and polish it into a beautiful stone. We have high-end equipment for you to use well learning the various techniques.

These are just two of the crafts offered at Camp Paradise. I will be talking about more of the crafts offered as we head towards May. Some of the other activities we have at Camp Paradise are:

- Sell-O-Rama. This is when you and the instructors can sell items to other students . We just ask for a 10% donation to the ESS Fund.

- Silent Auction. This is where you can bid on items that have been donated to the earth science studies. The item could be anything from slabs to cabs to tools and equipment. The EES Fund benefits from the sale of these items.

There's much more going on but I will tell you more as we approach May.

Our Camp is located in the mountains with beautiful pine trees, the clean fresh air and red dust you will not believe. Our lodging is in rustic buildings that are reminiscent of 1939 military barracks... perhaps a little better than that.

Will you go hungry? Absolutely not! We have wonderful cooks who provide us with lots of tasty food. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily.

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Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 – 5 Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Laura Manser (539) 303-0632
E-Mail: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 17 - 26: INDIO, CA.
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 – 10 Daily
Contact: Bert Grisham (915) 849-1674
E-Mail: bert67@verizon.net

February 18 -19; ANTIOCH, CA.
Antioch Gem Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel (925) 301-6957
E-Mail: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website:
www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 25 -26; VALLEJO, CA.
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707-334-2950
E-Mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vigems.org

March 3 - 5: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 – 5
Contact: Cathy Miller (510) 305-4196
E-Mail: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 4 – 5: ARCADIA, CA.
Monrovia Rockhound
L. A. County Arboretum & Botanical
Garden
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9:00 – 4:30 daily
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
E-Mail: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 4 – 5: LEMOORE, CA
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Christopher Wertinberger
(559) 309-3433
E-Mail: kim-morrell@hotmail.com

March 4 – 5: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Terry Wilson (805) 312-8467
E-Mail: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

March 11 – 12: SAN MARINO, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 – 5
Contact: Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
E-Mail: pasadenalapidary@aol.com
Website
www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 11 – 12: SPRECKELS, CA.
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckels Veteran's Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 -5 Daily
Contact: Gary Beck (813) 679-2896
E-Mail: garybeckpca@yahoo.com
Website:
<http://salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com>

March 12 -13: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 484-4416
E-Mail: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 25 – 26: ANGELS CAMP, CA.
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Dave Muster (209) 518-8795 or
Anna Christiansen (209) 847-1173
E-
Mail: annachristiansen7132@comcast.net
Website:
www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 25 – 26: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral
Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (Off
Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
E-Mail:
gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com Show page

April 1 – 2: CHICO, CA.
Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Kevin Wright (530) 990-0211
E-Mail: agatecorca@netcom.com
Website:
<http://pgmclub.wix.com/paradise-gem-and-mineral-club>

April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA.
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa
on Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4 ne
Contact: Meridith Meehan
(559) 868-3535
E-Mail: mgmc@sti.net
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 22-23: Newbury Park, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Rd at Borchard Rd
Hours: 10-5 daily
Contact: Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734
Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com
Website: www.cgamc.org

May 5-7 YUCAIPA, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St
Hours: Fri 6-10, Sat 12-10 Sun 12-6
Contact: Lee Peterson 909-794-0731
Email: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 6-7, Reno, NV *New Date
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 N. Wells Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis 775-350-6068
Email: sailondan@aol.com
Website: renorockhounds.com

June 3 – 4, GLENDORA, CA.
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
E-Mail: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website : Facebook Glendora Gems

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2017 CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention
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Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 5 Sun; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-8467
E-Mail: info@vgms.ormineralssocietyg
Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

Eastern Federation
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October 21-22, 2017
Beals Community Center
Bristol, CT

Midwest Federation
Hosted by Cuyuna Agate & MC
Crow Wing County Fairgrounds
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

Northwest Federation
79th Annual Show “Dig This”
Hosted by Bitterroot G&MS
First Interstate Center
Ravalli County Fairgrounds
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

Rocky Mountain Federation
Hosted by The Albuquerque G&MC
March 17-19, 2017
Albuquerque, NM

South Central Federation
SCFMS Convention
Hosted by Houston G&MS
Humble Civic Center
Nov 10-12, 2017
Humble, TX

Southeast Federation
Oct 20-22, 2017
Knoxville, TN

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**Deadline for public comments on "The Rule"
Monday, February 6, 2017**

**Have your say about casual collecting of
fossils • rocks • minerals**

A Proposed Rule for Paleontological Resources Preservation

The "Elephant Knees" about the Mud Hills, Fish Creek, Carico Badlands, Anza Borrego State Park.
Art based on a photo by Andrew Holbrook.

**JOIN A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO PRESERVE
HOBBY COLLECTING ON PUBLIC LANDS**

Sign onto the comment letter
prepared by Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS)

What we are asking you to do (3 easy steps):

1. Download the current draft of the comment letter by Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS) from the SDMG website at:
https://www.edmg.org/bim/docs/PRPA_comment_draft.pdf
2. Take the SCPS letter to your board for approval ASAP.
3. Upon approval, email Karol McCueary (socalpaleo@yahoo.com) your club contact info to add to the letter:
Club/org/school name
Officer name and title (usually club president)
Number of members in your club
Club mailing address

A Proposed Rule under the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA)

Comment period deadline:
Monday, February 6, 2017

What's at stake? Casual collecting fossils • rocks • mineral

Ask your club to sign the SCPS comment letter

Contact Karol McQueary, SCPS president
socalpaleo@yahoo.com

Write your own letter! The Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS) has prepared a formal comment letter on the proposed regulations governing fossil collecting on BLM lands, but individuals are also encouraged to comment, since the number of comments received is an indication of public concern.

If you decide to comment as an individual, you may benefit from reading the regulations and supporting documents, the SCPS draft letter, and other resources listed below.

Current draft of SCPS letter:
http://www.sdmg.org/blmdocs/PRPA_comment_draft.pdf

Make comments or upload a comment letter online:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2016-29244>

Text of the proposed rule with an explanation of the meaning:
<https://goo.gl/YvaPQ7> (short url)

The Environmental Assessment for the proposed rule:
https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/programs_paleontology_quick%20links_BLM%20draft%20EA%20for%20casual%20collection.pdf

The 2009 PRPA law, for which the new rule is proposed:
<https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/Paleontological%20Resources%20Preservation%20Act.pdf>

The BLM Paleontology web page, with PRPA fact sheets:
<https://www.blm.gov/programs/cultural-resources/paleontology>

The 2015 Forest Service rule, parallel to the BLM proposal:
<https://goo.gl/Y9kaHg> (short url)

FAQ by the Paleontological Society regarding the proposed rule:
<http://www.myfossil.org/faq-from-the-paleontological-society-regarding-the-paleontological-resources-preservation-act/>

Articles by Andrew Hoekstra and by Mike Nelson, in the SDMG bulletin:
<http://www.sdmg.org/peg-online/sdmg-pegmatite-2017-jan.pdf>

Article by Glade Gunther:
<http://www.aaps.net/pdf/Gunther-BLMRuleArticle.pdf>

Commentary by Matt Heaton and others:
<https://www.savefossilcollecting.org/>

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION ACT (PRPA) PROPOSED RULE

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FIRST STEPS



Open your web browser and navigate to
www.federalregister.gov

This is where Federal agencies publish documents, including proposed and final rules, public notices, and Presidential actions.

SEARCH FOR IT

Use the search box at the very top of the page
OR the search box in the middle of the page
(labeled Search All Federal Register Documents Since 1994) for 1093-AA16, the PRPA's Regulation Identification Number.



CLICK IT

Searching for 1093-AA16 should open a search result with one document. Click on the text that reads "Paleontological Resources Preservation," it opens a new page to the proposed rule.

READ IT

The whole document is important, but amateur paleontologists will find Subparts A, B, D, and I particularly important to them. Professional paleontologists will find Subparts B-D and G of particular interest.

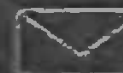


COMMENT ON IT

Comment by clicking on the *dary grey* speech bubble on the left hand side of the page OR the green "submit a formal comment" button at the top of the page. Comments that will be of most use are those that present thoughtful and meaningful feedback as to the implications of the proposed rule.

SPREAD THE WORD

The comment period ends February 6, 2017. Everyone with an interest in paleontology has a voice in this matter; use yours and encourage others to do the same.



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