



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

March is here and that means spring is on its way. Yahoo! I hope by then all the snow will be melted in my back yard. If you have not already started, it is time to find your rock hammer and plan where you will go collecting. In my case, I am looking forward to the rock shows and the Earth Science Study camps. On that note the first committee up is the ESS.

Earth Science Studies committee chair is Marion Roberts. On this committee are Al Boshazy, Camp Manager North and Jennifer Haley Camp Manager South. The ESS is the educational program for people who wish to learn new Lapidary techniques or to brush up and improve on your lapidary skills.

Museum Committee is chaired by Jack Rhodes. This committee tracts and monitors items that are housed at different museums. Some of the more famous items are the Golden Bear and the Benitoite Specimen housed at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. What you may not know is that the Buena Vista Natural History Museum in Bakersfield CA, the Jurupa Cultural Center in Riverside CA, the Keck Museum in Reno NV and the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum in Fallbrook CA also house items that belong to CFMS. If you are in the area, take some time and visit these museums.

Rockhound of the Year is chaired by Gary Levitt. This is an award program for societies to recognize an individual or a couple for the hard work in their society. To submit for Rockhound of the Year award is very simple. Just go to the CFMS website, look under forms, fill out the Recognition Form and attach an article. What a great way to recognize the hard work of your society's members.

Rules Committee is chaired by Cheri George. Do your members have questions about competing at the CFMS show? The Rules Committee is where you can get the answers. Is your society having a rock & gem show and some of the exhibitors would like to have their display case judged? Many of the CFMS judges are willing to come and judge display cases in preparation for competition.

The Safety Committee is chaired by Mark Nelson. The Safety Committee writes articles for the CFMS Newsletter to help keep members informed about good safety procedures. At present the Safety Committee is working on putting together a Safety Manual covering guidelines of good safety practices. Look for the manual to be published some time this year.

For those of you who will be going to Zzyzx, I will see you there. And for those of you that are thinking of attending Camp Paradise, the applications will be in the April CFMS Newsletter.

Margaret Kolaczyk

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 1. Dues are due
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Mar 5. deadline for Apr 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
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- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund

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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!

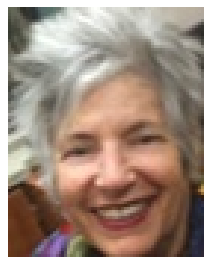
You should encourage kids in your society—either individually or as a group—to gather together the best of their rock, mineral, or fossil collections or their lapidary artwork and enter them into this upcoming show, as well as in your local club show, the county fair, a school science fair, and similar 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!

Yes, this is a reprint! –ed



VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow

Slow start this year...only one request in January. February numbers are not yet in.

Remember that this library is not only an economical source for meeting and show programs but is an ongoing fundraiser for CFMS.

If you need any assistance in choosing or ordering please contact me as well as if you have a suggestion or request. We are planning to review the videos that are eligible to be converted to DVD so if you have suggestions, now is the time to let us know.

Looking forward to hearing from more of you.

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The **Nominating Committee** is accepting nomination from the CFMS clubs for **CFMS Secretary**. Please send a resume of your nominee to:

Shirley Leeson, Chair at shirleyleeson@gmail.com

Thanks in advance

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A STAKEHOLDER

By Lizbet Thoresen

Club support of hobby collecting

A tsunami of bureaucratic changes in land use policy and specific land use plan amendments has been gathering momentum in recent years. Some of the most significant, far-reaching changes on managing federal lands are in the pipeline now. Input from individual Rockhounds and their clubs and their federations will be needed to ensure that hobby collecting on public lands is going to be accommodated in the future. The **American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (AFMS)** with its seven regional federations, represents more than 50,000 members in aggregate throughout the United States. If each and every club would write or sign onto comment letters drafted by other clubs or regional federations, it would benefit the Rockhound community at large. While individuals make a difference by weighing in on the proposed changes, the participation of special interest groups help elevate their members to Stakeholder status. Clubs, by definition, are special interest groups, and gem-mineral-lapidary clubs need to invest more effort into their role as a Stakeholder.

Who are Stakeholders?

Federal agencies recognize groups that have or represent special interests. They are referred to as "Stakeholders" – they can be non-profit organizations or even other governmental agencies. Yes, governmental agencies submit comment letters on Proposed Rules under Statutes administered by other agencies – sometimes they even sue each other. For example, in 2015, the **EPA** wrote a very critical comment letter on the **Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)**, which was drafted jointly by five State of California and federal agencies.

Why is being a Stakeholder important?

Federal agencies recognize "Stakeholders" as having authority, expertise, or special interest to contribute input on a regulation or policy. In other words, Stakeholders have some gravitas in the Rulemaking process. It will be difficult for Rockhounds to achieve critical mass on their own – **to be treated as a Stakeholder group** – if they are perceived as being a disaggregated assortment of isolated individuals instead

of an organized community capable of communicating a coherent message in a unified manner. The support of clubs is vital to lending authority and credibility to values shared in common by its constituents and by its federation affiliate clubs.

To be sure, the efforts of individuals and a small number of clubs have been rewarded lately. In May 2016, **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-California), wrote [a letter](#) to **Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell** in full-throated support of Rockhounding in three newly created National Monuments in California (fig. 1). She suggested accommodation of Rockhounding should be considered for Monuments designated in the future. As one of the most influential legislators championing protective designations for public lands, **Senator Feinstein's** endorsement of Rockhounding as an activity whose values are compatible with protective land designations is perhaps more consequential than that of any other public servant, except the President.

AFMS Judges Training Seminar

June 6-7, 2017--Clocktower Inn--Ventura, CA

There is a lot of excitement about attending this seminar. When it was heard through the grapevine last summer the seminar was being arranged for 2017, everyone was cheering. The seminar is for judges, exhibitors, and anyone who would like to better understand the AFMS Uniform Rules.

B. Jay Bowman, renowned across the country for his teaching skills in AFMS Judges Training Seminars, is leading the course. Jay's class is 2 days of classroom study of the AFMS Rules book, and then a day of practice judging on Friday, June 9th at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Miguel/Anacapa Halls.

The classroom can take up to 50 people, so we hope to see many of you there. The fee for the course is \$25 and includes lunch both days. By taking the seminar you will be able to improve your personal exhibits skills and be able to better assist your home society and neighboring societies in their annual showing of exhibits, with the knowledge you've gained.

For those who want to stay at the inn, we were able to get the best room rates in town for you, along with free parking for quests staying at the inn, and for those attending the seminar. Free parking in Ventura is rare, so we are happy we could do this for you. Deadline for registering for the seminar is April 30, 2017. For more information for registering at the inn, and for the seminar, please see the link for the AFMS Judges Training Seminar on the calendar of the CFMS website.

Jennifer Haley

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt, chair

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Greetings rockhounds. Last month I had mentioned that we were no longer issuing rockhounds of the year for 2016. But as you can see, there are a few more on this page. These rockhounds had been nominated by their societies and I had received the request before last month's issue of the CFMS newsletter had been generated. deserving of the honor of being your rockhound of the year!

The **Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society** recently voted and chose our 2016 Rockhound of the Year. His Name is **Robert Regalado**. He has been managing the shop and making repairs for the equipment. He is available to help anyone with questions or directions on how to use the equipment efficiently and safely. He also trains new members in how to prepare a cabochon. He has led numerous field trips locally. He sells drawing tickets at meetings. He is always at the annual show helping with set up and take down and helping in any way. He is also a contributor to our quarterly cabochon contests and is frequently a winner. He is a very nice man and was just installed as vice president for the coming year.

Submitted by Aubrey Daniels, Federation Director, Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society.

The **Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley** is proud to recognize our 2016 Rockhound of the Year. **Howard "Doc" and Shirley Buschke** have been members for over 30 years. Doc is a past president and current Parliamentarian. Shirley is our Education coordinator.

Doc is most popularly known for his beautiful turquoise gem trees with hand carved leaves. Each year he donates one tree for our show auction and another tree is raffled at our Christmas party as a shop fundraiser. Doc also runs our shop store. Shirley coordinates all our classes. She encourages members to sign-up and take advantage of what's being offered.

Doc and Shirley are tireless workers at our show, always at the front door selling raffle tickets. They are both highly respected and mentor in our shop. They are always willing to help members learn. This award is to acknowledge all they have done for our club over the years.

Submitted by Bonnie Andrade, President, Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley



CFMS RULES COMMITTEE

"We've Come a Long Way Baby"

by Jennifer Haley

I think you are going to love this bit of history. Did you know that California was the state that gave birth to competitive exhibiting of our earth science hobby? During the 1930's and 1940's there were few exhibits, but following World War II the interest blossomed. Prior to 1948 minerals were the only category usually displayed, and at that time display cases were not used. Instead exhibitors displayed their specimens on top of tables, and actually stayed with their exhibit so they could talk to people about them. The use of risers on top of the tables came later and in time display cases were used, but without lighting as we know it today. The earlier exhibitors were determined and imaginative, using aluminum foil and mirrors which helped to reflect light on their exhibits.

History has a fun habit of recalling the first time for everything that's a home run. During the 1950's a store decorator named Mr. Craig, used a light blue flannel cloth and added a riser to show off his copper exhibit. From then on showmanship became an important aspect in competitive displays as it is today.

What's new? **Meteorites!** If you would like to compete in this category, this is your year. See AFMS Uniform Rules 2017 Update for more details.

April 30, 2017 is the Deadline for Competitive Exhibit Entry Forms for the 2017 CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION, "VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION!" Ventura, CA. Please visit the CFMS website for forms and more information. This is your moment to shine. Let's help Ventura Rock the Nation by having the most competitive exhibits ever! If you do not see the 2017 updates on the AFMS website by the time you receive this CFMS newsletter issue, please email me and I will forward them immediately to you; ladybuglane@napablogger.com.





ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD INFORMATION

By Ofelia Warthan

Hope you have started planning your 2016 entry to the "All American Club"

Award due April 1st 2017? This is a fantastic way to highlight a Club's activities for the past year. Just think, you can address all of your 2016 Group Activities like individual member participation, workshops and shows that are all part of a great Club. Credit is given for member attendance at regional and national shows, holding officer positions, writing to state representatives, involvement in ALAA, junior programs and workshops. All these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone to be a member.

The AACA awards are a recognition of many of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award. Still relevant is the guide on the AFMS web site written by John Washburn "An All American Club Yearbook: A Great Guide for Preparation." This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries

REMEMBER the deadline for your entry in the AFMS contest has been **moved to APRIL 1, 2017**. **Please make sure you download the new entry form for contest year 2016 from the AFMS website.** It is available in both PDF and WORD. Please call or e-mail me if you need more information.

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I am sure by now you have all heard or read something about the new rule or regulation being proposed by the BLM on Fossil Collecting on Public Land managed by the BLM. The Regulation is further implementation of the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA). The public comment period ended on February 6, 2017. There was a large effort originating in California by the Southern California Paleontological Society, a member of CFMS, to draft a letter of concern and submit during the public comment period. The letter was drafted and circulated throughout the CFMS and to the other Regional Federations for review. Several good articles were written and circulated during this time period on the subject and the impact of the proposed Regulation by several federation members. Some of the contributors of articles were Mike Nelson – Rocky Mountain Federation - PLAC, Lisbet Thoresen – PLAC South, Andrew Hoekstra – Del Air Rockhounds Club and Karol McQueary – Southern California Paleontological Society. I would like to thank them for their enormous effort they put forth in the research and documentation required to formulate the response letter. Karol and Lisbet did an outstanding job of getting the response letter out to a multitude of clubs/societies, professional organizations and all of the regional federations.

You were asked to read the information and encouraged to be a signatory on the official letter. That was sent to the BLM on February 6, 2017. If you were one of those signatories on Karol's letter I want to thank you for your participation. By adding your name to the letter you did two things. First you showed your concern for the rule making process and your willingness to make your voice heard on this important issue on the future of legal fossil collecting on Public Lands. Second, by adding your information to the letter, you are now on record and if and when there is another comment period, you will be allowed to add more comments to the record.

So, thank you to all of the people, Clubs, Societies and groups which added your names to the letter. Your effort made the BLM at least notice that there are →

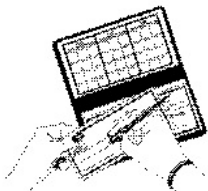
Rockhound Soapbox cont...

Rockhounds out here and we are concerned about our Public Lands and the recreational activities they provide.

With the enormous amount of interest and responses to the Paleontological Regulatory issues being proposed and interests in fossils within CFMS, another position on the committee was warranted. With support and encouragement from the members of CFMS PLAC a Fossil position was created. It is my pleasure to announce that Andrew Hoekstra of the Del Air Rockhounds Club has been appointed to and has accepted the position of California Federation of Mineralogical Societies – Public Lands Advisory Committee Paleontological Resource Specialist and will represent CFMS on Fossil issues and Fossil Collecting. Congratulations to Andrew and with his interests and background in paleontology he will be a welcomed member of CFMS – PLAC.

Any questions or concerns regarding fossils and fossil collecting may be directed to Andrew via his email address ajhoekstra@yahoo.com

DUES ARE DUE



This is a quick reminder that payment of dues and insurance are due on March 1. Clubs and societies are reminded that if payment is not postmarked by April 1 your organization will be subject to a \$50 late penalty.

Reminder letters are sent sometime after March 1 to all organizations which have not yet sent payment. Please be sure to give this to your current treasurer. One of the primary reasons why clubs are late is because the outgoing treasurer forgot to tell the incoming treasurer about this. I don't always know who the right person might be to contact so I mail reminder letters to the last CFMS Director of record. If that person is not known, I mail to the club address to the attention of the treasurer. The rate is the same as last year—\$8 per member as of December 31, 2016 regardless of whether that member has paid 2017 club/society dues. Please don't forget your junior members. In the eyes of the insurance company they pose as much an insurance risk as the adult members.

TAX NEWS

By Don Warthen



Hello everyone, my name is Don Warthen and I will be helping Pat LaRue with some of the tax questions and advice for our societies may have. I have been a member of several societies within the CFMS over 30 years. I have also been involved in tax preparations and litigations for over 40 years. I hope to help Pat with some of your questions.

As I'm sure everyone is aware we are entering what we call "Tax Season". There are many different forms of taxes, some of which will effect tax-exempt originations like ours and some which will not.

If your organization is incorporated and you are not tax-exempt (either you never received an exemption or your exempt status has been suspended or revoked) you will need to file a corporate return by March 15th, 2017. However for most of us, the filing date for tax-exempt origination is May 15th, 2017. The big question that most of you have is, do we even have to file, we don't make enough money? And the answer is YES you must file with both the IRS and FTB by May 15th.

Many people believe that if they make less than \$50,000 a year they don't have to file. That is old law; all exempt organizations must file an income tax return, form 990 for the Federal and form 199 for the state of California. However if your organization made less than \$50,000 last year you may elect to file form 990-N (electric e-postcard) with the IRS and a form 199N electric e-postcard with the state. Please note that if your society is holding any fundraisers such as BINGO or Quarter Manias there may be some special forms to file.

You should also note that your society is exempt form income tax only. If your club sells geodes or other items at your show you may need to file a sales tax return with the Board of Equalization. If you hold raffles at your regular meetings or at your show you will need to file with the Attorney General's office. Also each club needs to file with the Attorney General as a Charitable Trust.

Isn't it great how the government leaves our little clubs alone so we can enjoy or hobby in peace? If you would like to see any more articles on some of these other tax and forms that need to be filed, please let me know.

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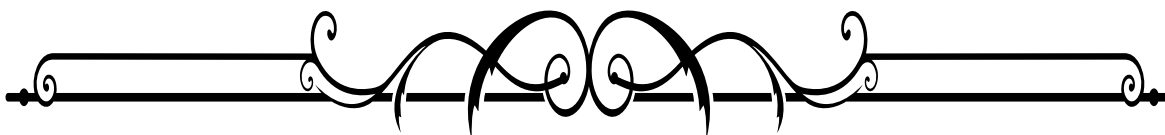
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Use the Online Show Form

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2017

February 25 -26; VALLEJO, CA
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Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
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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
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 4 – 5: LEMOORE, CA
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Lemoore Trinity Hall
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Hours: Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 4
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March 4 – 5: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard
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March 11 – 12: SAN MARINO, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
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www.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
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 18-19 SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds-Pavilion
Building
344 Tully Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: June Harris 408-265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

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
Email:
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
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

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
Email: agatecorca@netcom.com
Website:
<http://pgmclub.wix.com/paradise-gem-and-mineral-club>

April 1 – 2; TORRANCE, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
3341 Torrance Blvd (Enter on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Nancy Pekarek 310-257-8152
Email: pekareks@hotmail.com
Website:
www.southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

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
Contact: Meredith Meehan 559-868-3535
Email: mgmcm@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

April 22-23 PASO ROBLES, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Tina Clark 805-305-0246
Email: slockhounds@gmail.com
Website: www.slockhounds.org

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April 29-30: LANCASTER, CA
Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd Street West
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: CJ Quitoriano 661-209-9092
Email: cjq_62@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

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, JACKSON, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49-88)
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Gaylene Lichty 209-245-5388
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 6-7, RENO, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 N. Wells Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis 775-359-6068
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renrockhounds.com

May 6-7 ANAHEIM, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth 909-815-3045
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

June 2-4, LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Fri 5-8 pm, Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: Armando Perdoza 909-455-6800
Email: forestandson@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 3 – 4, ESCONDIDO, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Dawn Vickers
Email: dawnjvickers@gmail.com
Website: www.palomargem.org/Documents/GemShow2017.pdf

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
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website : Facebook Glendora Gems

June 9, 19, 11, VENTURA, CA
CFMS/AFMS SHOW
“VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION”
INFORMATION UNDER
NATIONAL/REGIONAL SHOWS

June 17-18, CAMBRIA, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cambria Vets Hall
1000 Main St
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Kim Noyes 805-610-0603
Email: kim@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/4-shows.html

July 8-9, CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz 310-850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website:
www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm

November 4-5 CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Harry Nichandros 925-289-0454
Email: showinfo@ccmgs.org
Website: www.ccmgs.org

November 4-5, RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours 9-5 daily
Contact: John DeRosa 760-375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslexreme.com

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation
June 9, 10, & 11 2017: VENTURA, CA
“VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION”
2017 CFMS/AFMS Show &
Convention
Hosted by Ventura County G&MS
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.ormineralsocietyg
Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

Eastern Federation
67th Annual EFMS Convention

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

**YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY SHOW
SHOULD BE LISTED HERE**

**DON'T FORGET TO UP-DATE
YOUR CLUB WEBSITE WITH
YOUR NEW SHOW DATE**

Advertise your shows in the
Rock & Gem Magazine!
[www.rockngem.com/
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)
Send the information in
early so it's published in
the magazine as well as
online

NO WORK – JUST PLAY

By Al Bolshazy, Camp Manager

Yes, just think...no work, no getting breakfast, lunch and dinner ready, no rushing around all week, no laundry and other household chores. Wow... did you go to heaven? NO, YOU WENT TO CAMP PARADISE!!!!

All your meals are prepared for you, and you don't have to do dishes (unless you volunteer). No house work like cleaning up after others, dusting and other fun jobs like that.

All you have to do is get up in the morning, go to breakfast, then go play doing your favorite crafts. Then, after a few hours, you take a break and go for lunch. Then back for more crafting. After a few hours, you are off to dinner. After dinner you go to a demonstration or back for more crafting. Now it's after 9 pm and you are pretty much worn out. Guess what? IT IS ONLY MONDAY, YOUR FIRST DAY, AND YOU STILL HAVE 4 DAYS LEFT TO DO THE VERY SAME THING!

I guess you could say it's a little heaven on earth. So please go to cfmsinc.org and print out your registration form or get the registration form from your CFMS representative. The cost is only \$400.00 which includes your room and three (3) meals a day and all the crafts you can handle. The only other costs are the supplies and material you buy from the instructors. I guarantee you will not find a better deal anywhere!

The dates for Camp Paradise are as follows:

Week 1: Registration is August 27th with class starting on the 28th.

Week 2: Registration September 3rd with class starting on the 4th. Camp is over on September 9th.

Start saving your money now and get ready for the most exciting week you can imagine.



NEW OFFICER INFO NEEDED

by Steve Weinberger, AFMS Central Office

Many of our affiliated clubs have elected new officers whose terms began in January of this year. In order for us to continue sending this Newsletter to the correct officers in your club, please take a moment or two to let us know who they are!

We'll need to know the following:

- Name of your club
- Name and mailing address of: your President, Secretary, Federation Director (Liaison) and Editor.

You can e-mail the information to us at central_office@amfed.org at no cost to your club.

Thanks for helping us keep the lines of communication open.

St. Patrick's Day



THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

ENDOWMENT FUND

Founded June 28, 1987 by CFMS Directors in Convention, Turlock, California

The CFMS Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. All donations remain as principal and only earnings are available for distribution to the CFMS. The Fund is open to receive most types of assets. (Non-cash items will be converted to cash as is prudent. Donating appreciated assets offers a charitable tax deduction without Capital Gains Tax).

Fund Categories:

Patron Society: A Society or Club having donated \$100 plus \$1 per member is given special recognition on a Patron Honor Plaque that is on display during CFMS shows and other events.

Patron: A person (may be a couple) having donated \$100 or more. Also has name(s) posted on the Patron Honor Plaque and receives a Booster Pin.

Booster: A person having donated \$25 to the Fund. The Booster pin, which was designed by Chuck Davis, is given to any person upon donating \$25 to the Fund.

The Endowment Fund benefits the now generation and generations to come. Join in and support the Earth Sciences by sending in your check or pledge in support of the CFMS Endowment Fund.

-----Cut here and mail with check or pledge-----

Here is my Check to the CFMS Endowment Fund for:

\$5___ \$10___ \$15___ \$20___ \$25___ \$50___ \$75___ \$100___ or \$_____

Pledge to donate \$_____ by December 31, 2006 or \$_____ by _____

Donation is ___ Individual ___ A Memorial For: _____

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address: _____

Mail to: Pat LaRue
P.O. Box 1657
Rialto, CA. 92377-1657

All gifts to the CFMS Endowment Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law

AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

WHEN: Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7, 2017

WHERE: Clocktower Inn, 181 East Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001

Please fill out the application below and return to:

Jennifer Haley, Registrar
1577 Kenewa St. Ojai, CA 93023

Registration Deadline: April 30, 2017

Please Print Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Regional Federation _____

Club/Society _____

Division you are interested in:

Open____ Minerals____ Lapidary____ Jewelry____ Education____ Meteorites____ Fossils____

Petrified Wood____ Scrimshaw____ Beading____ UV____ I'm bringing an exhibit for evaluation ____

YOU MUST BRING AN AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOK, UPDATED TO 2017. This can be

downloaded on the AFMS website. Bring a pen and notepaper with you. There is \$25 fee per person which includes a lunch on Tuesday & Wednesday.

Checks should be made payable to Jennifer Haley and must accompany the application. Lunch-check one: T-Rex style (meat eater) _____ or Brachiosaurus style (vegetarian) _____.

CLASS SCHEDULE: Tues & Weds 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Sante Fe Banquet Room at Clocktower Inn.

Evaluation of exhibits begins on Friday, June 9, 2017. at 9:00 a.m. at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA. The Judging Room will be in the San Miguel/Anacapa Halls.

CLOCKTOWER INN: If you would like to stay at the inn, we got the best room rate in Ventura, along with free parking which is also unheard of for Ventura. Another perk, the inn is very close to the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION. The room block is under the name AFMS.

Complimentary parking for anyone staying at the hotel, and for attendees at the seminar. \$129.00

Plus tax per room with one bed per night for single or double occupancy. \$139.00 Plus tax per

room with two bed per night for single or double occupancy. \$100.00 per each additional person

up to quad occupancy \$15 extra for rollaway bed.

Free Breakfast Daily from 7-10 AM, for those staying at the hotel. Free Wifi Above Rates will apply three days prior to, and three days after the seminar.

The deadline to make your reservation to stay at the inn is May 15, 2017.

Hotel contact: Vicki Samra (Sales) 805-652-0141 vicki@clocktowerinn.com

For more information contact, Jennifer Haley: ladybuglane@napablogger.com or phone: 707-332-3032

See you there! Marion Roberts, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair 2017

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