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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

Hello everyone! The AFMS/CFMS Show hosted by Ventura Gem & Mineral Society was a great show. I would like to thank the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society for all they did to make this show a Great Show. There were over 75 competitive displays and almost 200 attending the banquet. If you were not able to attend, please contact your society's federation directors to find out what is happening in the Federation.

A big Thank You to Jay Bowman for doing the Judging Seminar and Jennifer Haley for doing the legwork of finding a hotel for the class. It was a great chance to learn to become a judge or review the judging criteria. AFMS has been doing the Judging Seminar in a different regional federation for some years now. In the future CFMS will be sponsoring Judging Seminars, so stay tuned for upcoming information.

Camp Paradise is just around the corner and as I write this article, there is still space. If you are planning to attend, please get your registration in. There are a few changes in the class schedule. This year the first week will have one week of precious metal clay and the second week will have fused glass.

Now I would like to talk about being an officer or a committee chair. For a society or club to exist, it has to have a board and committee chairs. The people who step up to hold an office or chair a committee is for the benefit of the society or club. Unfortunately it is the same people who continue to be an officer or committee chair and over time these people get tired or burned out. It is nice to just be a member but keep in mind each and every one of you have skills that can help grow your society or club. The message I am saying is that when your nomination committee asks you to hold an office or the president asks you serve as a committee chair, please say yes. I have always believed that holding an office or being a committee chair is part of belonging to a society or club. I also know that after holding a position in a society or club for many years, it is nice to take a breather and be a helper.

As of right now, there is not a CFMS show for next year. If your society or club is considering hosting a CFMS show, please contact the Executive Committee.

*Margaret Kolaczyk*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Aug 5 . . . . . Deadline for September newsletter  
Sept 5 . . . . . Deadline for Oct newsletter  
Aug 27-Sept 2. . . . . Week 1 Camp Paradise  
Sept 3-9. . . . . Week 2 Camp Paradise  
Nov 10-12. . . . . Fall Business Meeting–Visalia

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto: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:

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

Your donations should be sent to:  
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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.**

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

By Shirley Lesson, Chair

The Nominating Committee is still searching for a person with secretarial skills and who is also familiar with the CFMS.

Your society must send a letter of support with your background and skills signed by an officer.

Please send it to [shirleylesson@gmail.com](mailto:shirleylesson@gmail.com) ASAP.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2018 Officers will be held November 10-12, 2017 at the Wyndham-Visalia, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$95 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 5, 2017**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 11, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Jennifer Haley will have a brief meeting of her 2018 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

### Banquet Menu Night in Tuscany Buffet

Traditional Caesar Salad

Platter of Shaved Coppa, Prosciutto and Dry Salami  
garnished with Olives

Tortellini Salad in Vinaigrette Dressing

Sliced Roasted Beef Filet Marinated in Aged Balsamic  
Vinegar, Red Wine Sauce

Chicken Carbonara with Pancetta and Mushrooms on a  
Bed of Penne Pasta  
Risotto Milanese

Roasted Garlic Red Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal  
Vegetables

Chef's Dessert Buffet Extravaganza

\$45 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

**Make banquet reservations by November 5, 2017.**

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## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

### A FOND FAREWELL FROM YOUR CFMS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR

After 20 years, it is time to make way for new blood, new energy, new ideas. In short, I am stepping down as CFMS Junior Activities Chair effective immediately. As I do so, I look back and reflect...

I thank my immediate predecessor Debbie Bunn and a former CFMS committee chair Dee Holland for encouraging me as I took up this position back at the 1998 CFMS Show & Convention in Monterey, where I served as Show Co-Chair on the committee. I would eventually find myself intimately involved with on various Show committees. I'll be forever grateful for the opportunities that this position has afforded me. For instance, without this entry point, I would never have climbed the CFMS ladder to serve you as President. I would never have joined the ranks of AFMS to serve as Juniors Program Chair and to develop the AFMS/FRA Badge Program that has reached over 4,000 kids. I would never have earned the CFMS Golden Bear Award nor the AFMS Award for Outstanding Service, nor would I have been inducted into the Rockhound Hall of Fame. The doors that this position opened over the years have been incredibly fruitful, gratifying, and rewarding.

I also would never have traveled to so many places and interacted with so many people. That, hands-down, has been the best part of the opportunity that's been afforded me by so very many CFMS Presidents who have requested my services: the opportunity to form friendships with good and helpful people. Especially meaningful has been the opportunity to help thousands of young kids take their first steps as fellow Rockhounds. May each and every one be inspired to follow in the footsteps of each and every one of us, for they are our future! Let us teach them the right way to live: how to respect one another; how to helpfully interact with one another; how to live by following a moral code of doing the right thing even in the face of adversity; how to know when it's time to step aside to make way for others.

So long as my service is deemed important and is requested at the national level, I intend to remain in my post as AFMS Juniors Program Chair. And while I leave this position at the CFMS level, apparently I'm stuck for life to serve my fellow CFMS members as a Past-President on the Long Range Planning Committee, so you'll likely continue seeing me now and again at Visalia and at Directors Meetings during our annual CFMS Show. My sincere thanks to one and all for the friendships that have been afforded. I've always tried to end my column with the words, "having fun," and all I can say is, it has indeed been fun. Thank you!



## ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

By Ofelia Warthen, Chair

*Measure your Club's Success by entering "All American Club Award" Program*

I like to Thank the following CFMS societies that participated in 2016 annual AFMS All American club award program: Pasadena Lapidary Society, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society & North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. Awards were presented to the winners at the Ventura CFMS-AFMS Show June 9-11, 2017.

This is a wonderful program that gives Societies an opportunity to announce their yearly activities of the past year. It also promotes and encourages Membership awareness of what their club is doing during the year.

I like to encourage all Societies to take advantage of this fantastic program and start NOW logging your 2017 year's club ongoing activities like your Gem Shows, Educational projects, Community, Children's projects, etc.

The year is still young and you can start your annual history in the "ALL AMERICAN CLUB" yearbook by assigning your AACAA Chair. You will be surprise how easy it is by the end of the year when you have highlighted each month's activities. This program will equip members to be great ambassadors to bring in new members, bring in new ideas, help each other to grow, and be proud of who we are.

Attached is a small introduction to the program. Also go to AFMS web site [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) written by John Washburn. An All American Club Yearbook: "A Guide for Preparation" This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries.

### Education – All American Club Award Program

The All American Club Award was established to encourage clubs to share their activities and expertise with other clubs within their respective regions and with the clubs of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This was done by the seven regional federations and the AFMS in 1967. It was also meant to provide an organized approach to a historical record of a club's activities, and provide a means for national recognition of these exceptional clubs.

The Award focuses on the efforts of each club to be a good neighbor, support other clubs and government initiatives, and provide an avenue of learning and growth for its members, among other things. Each report is read and judged for completeness and quality, as well as inclusion of those activities thought to make a well-rounded club. This is not a competition between clubs, but rather a completion of each club against a 'National Standard', established by a committee of judges and regional chairmen.

The Award is broken into two categories: large clubs (100 members or more) and small clubs (less than 100 members). Junior clubs with five or more members can also submit entries. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are given, based on a point-count system.

For more information, please contact Ofelia Warthen at email: [odwarthen@hotmail.com](mailto:odwarthen@hotmail.com)



## AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Colleen McGann

Thanks to all CFMS folks who donated prizes and bought tickets. 2017 was a good year. Our winners are Sarah Hawklyn - dinosaur track, Bob Rush - quartz pendant, Stephen May - jasper pendant, Gina Morrison - geode and Jo Burchard - obsidian knife. Congratulations all. Gina, please contact Cheryl Neary to claim your prize.

Next year the 2018 AFMS show is the first weekend in April. Start sending your donations now. Heidi Hall will be selling tickets available now for the 2018 AFMS show.







## EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Marion Roberts, Chair

Hello Everyone,

The Earth Science Studies program is going strong and growing through a number of changes. Jennifer and Al are settling in as Camp Managers in a great way.

For those who have not heard Al is in recovery from surgery on his neck with good reports at this time. Looking forward to seeing you up and around with your new neck. Back to the incidental business, We had a very good Camp at Zzyzx this year with our usual weather, but very strong wind. We had some entertainment on the lake bed by a couple of pickups that got stuck while driving in a restricted area. The park rangers were not happy and weren't helpful about trying to get them out. They were on their own and pulled themselves out with a tow strap and looking like a dog team as they all pulled by hand.

We are looking forward to Camp Paradise, our Camp starts Aug.27th to Sept 1st and Sept.3rd to Sept.9th. There is still room in both weeks, so get your application to Margaret as early as possible to insure you get the week you want. We are working with a new co-coordinator for the church and now have dates set for 2018,19,20, with contract rent confirmed for 2018-2019. Our Caterers are still living close by and plan to cook for us again this year.

In talks with George Karavan, the co-coordinator for the church, I have been informed that a number of improvements have been made including new floors in the kitchen and dinning area, the removal of the wall between the dining area and the faceting room as we call it. This makes a lot larger dining area. They now have a full time caretaker at the camp, at least for now. Enough for now, so come and join us at Camp Paradise for the \$400.00 a week or 2 weeks for \$800.00.



## 2017 CFMS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

By Jennifer Haley, acting Chair

### Sharon Oswald

On behalf of the members El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, the nomination of Sharon Oswald is recognized as one of this year's CMFS Scholarship Honorees.

Sharon joined El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society in 2002. She has been an energetic contributor to the success of the society ever since. She has served on the Board of Directors as Second Director, First Vice-President, and has chaired many of the subcommittees for their annual rock and gem show, including the Food Booth and Kids Activities.

Her greatest contribution however, has been in the development of the Society's Education Outreach Program. This program has provided classroom instruction to thousands of elementary school students, in-and-around El Dorado County, since assuming the leadership of the Education Committee. Throughout the year, Sharon has developed a cadre of Society members, who assist her in this very labor-intensive, time-consuming labor-of-love, which includes providing every student with a bag containing samples of the various rocks discussed in the instruction. To date, Sharon has taught over 10,000 students, has personally produced as many sample bags.

Initially, Sharon would respond to requests from area schools, to provide a grade-specific presentation. She'd drive her own vehicle to each school, and load-and-unload the many containers of rocks and specimens from the trunk of her vehicle. Recognizing the physical challenges of Sharon's efforts, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of an Education Trailer, which Sharon has used ever since, in transporting an expanded array of rocks and specimens to schools. While other similar programs are offered by other societies for a fee, Sharon's only requirement is that the students write a brief note, or letter to express their thanks and appreciation for her highly-enjoyable and educational presentation.

Without Sharon as chair of the Education Outreach Committee, the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, would not have been able to provide this valuable service to their local schools in support of our Society's non-profit status.

*Scholarship Honorees cont....*

**JoAnna Ritchey**

On behalf of the members of the Monrovia Rockhounds, the nomination of JoAnna Richey, is recognized as one of this year's CFMS Scholarship Honorees. JoAnna has been active in the Monrovia Rockhounds since she joined in the 1980's. She has held the offices of President, Vice President, Bulletin Editor, CFMS Federation Director, and Monrovia Show Chairman, many times.

JoAnna is a past President of the CFMS, and has been involved in several CFMS committees, both before and after her presidency. She is currently on the CFMS Financial Advisory Committee. JoAnna also represents the Monrovia Rockhounds on the Monrovia Community Coordinating Council. This group meets and coordinates a calendar of events, and permits groups to pass out fliers for events to all other groups attending. It is because of her support of Rockhounds; within the Monrovia Rockhounds, the community of Monrovia, and the CFMS, that her society nominated her as CFMS Scholarship Honoree.

*Congratulations Sharon Oswald & JoAnna Ritchey*

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Have received a few responses regarding hard copy vs. electronic copy of the newsletter. Some prefer the electronic version which is posted to the CFMS website generally by the third week of the month; others like to receive the hard copy.

The newsletter will continue to be available in hard copy for the foreseeable future. Each club is entitled to receive up to 3 copies with extra copies available on a subscription basis. I do need to know who is designated to receive those copies. If the newsletter is not going to the right person, it's because someone forgot to send me the correct information. If you have moved, please send me the corrected address information. A personal address is preferred to assure delivery. The mailing list is not published or made available to unauthorized persons.

However you choose to receive it, please take the time to read it or at least glance over the portions that catch your attention. Don't miss out on the action.



**CFMS SCHOLARSHIP  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Donation**

In LuNeal Hailey's Name  
By Jennifer Haley, acting Chair

We want to thank the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society for their very generous donation, which they presented during the CFMS-AFMS Convention in Ventura, in the name of LuNeal Hailey.

LuNeal passed away in 2005, and over the last 12 years, her collection of rocks and beautiful shells have been auctioned off at OGMS silent auctions about twice a year. LuNeal's wish was that her fellow society members enjoy having the material by purchasing it, and that the money raised at the auctions be donated to the CFMS Scholarship Fund. Stephanie Hagiwara has been personally overseeing these auctions all these years, making sure LuNeal's wish came true.

Both of LuNeal's husbands, John McCreavy and Edgar Hailey were Charter Members of the society. LuNeal was a hippie, enjoyed traveling and claimed to have invented granola. They say you can't take it with you when you die, but LuNeal and Edgar did the next best thing – they put it on their gravestone. (see photo below) Edgar, who had served in the Merchant Marines, chose a giant clam, and Stephanie states with a sense of loving humor that she hasn't decided what stone adorns LuNeal's.



**2017 CFMS/AFMS COMPETITION AWARDS**

CFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION (JUNIOR)	BRYNLEIGH ELLIOTT
CFMS T3	RESTRICTED MINERALS I	MIKE HAVSTAD
CFMS T13	PETRIFIED WOOD AND/OR WOOD CASTS	CHUCK EASTMAN
CFMS T14	METEORITES	MIKE HAVSTAD
CFMS T17	CABOCHONS I	JOSEF GOETZ
CFMS T21	SPECIALIZED LAPIDARY I	CHARLES PIERCE
CFMS T22	PETRIFIED WOOD AND/OR WOOD CASTS	CHUCK EASTMAN
CFMS T25	SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES	TERRY WILSON
CFMS T29	EDUCATIONAL III	ANGELA BROWN

CFMS T31	SPECIALIZED LAPIDARY II	RON WISE
CFMS T32	FOSSILS	JIM BRACE-THOMPSON
CFMS T32	FOSSILS (JUNIOR)	JOEY LOOBY
CFMS T35	PERSONALLY COLLECTED FOSSILS	JOHN COOK

CFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION	JEFFREY MILLER	ADVANCED
CFMS T30	EDUCATIONAL IV	MITCHELL FRANK VAN HECKE	ADVANCED
CFMS T28	EDUCATIONAL II	LUTHER W. BROWN	ADVANCED
CFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION	ADRIAN RUIZ	ADVANCED
CFMS T18	CABOCHONS II	JO-ANN MAESE	ADVANCED

AFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION (JR)	BRYNLEIGH ELLIOTT
AFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION (SOC)	VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
AFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION	BOB & PAT RUSH
AFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION	ALAN METZGER
AFMS T1	OPEN DIVISION	JOSE FERDINAND SANCHEZ
AFMS T3	RESTRICTED MINERALS I	MIKE HAVSTAD
AFMS T13	PETRIFIED WOOD AND/OR WOOD CASTS	CHUCK EASTMAN
AFMS T14	METEORITES	MIKE HAVSTAD
AFMS T15	LAPIDARY	JOHN COOK
AFMS T17	CABOCHONS I	BARBARA HARTMAN
AFMS T17	CABOCHONS I	STEVE WITTICK
AFMS T18	CABOCHONS II	DENISE HARRISON
AFMS T21	SPECIALIZED LAPIDARY I	CHARLES PIERCE
AFMS T22	PETRIFIED WOOD AND/OR WOOD CASTS	CHUCK EASTMAN
AFMS T25	SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES	TERRY WILSON
AFMS T25	SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES (JR)	JENNIFER NISHIMURA
AFMS T26	JEWELRY	TERRY WILSON
AFMS T26	JEWELRY	MARY LOVE
AFMS T27	EDUCATIONAL I	STEPHANIE HAGIWARA
AFMS T29	EDUCATIONAL III	ANGELA BROWN
AFMS T30	EDUCATIONAL IV	TERRY WILSON
AFMS T31	SPECIALIZED LAPIDARY II	JENNIFER HALEY
AFMS T32	FOSSILS	JIM BRACE-THOMPSON
AFMS T32	FOSSILS (JUNIOR)	JOEY LOOBY
AFMS T35	PERSONALLY COLLECTED FOSSILS	JOHN COOK
AFMS T40	CARVINGS	BARBARA HARTMAN
AFMS	LILLIAN TURNER JUNIOR AWARD	BAKERSFIELD MINERAL MITES

CFMS SUPPLEMENTARY

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FACETERS  
RUTH BAILEY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
CHOATE JEWELRY TROPHY  
SWEEPSTAKES  
NOVICE BEST OF SHOW EXHIBITOR  
CFMS PRESIDENT'S TROPHY  
BOB STULTZ MINERAL AWARD  
DIAMOND PACIFIC TROPHY FOR CABOCHONS

THALIA GOLDSWORTHY  
BRETT KELLER  
RONALD J. JAMES  
VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY  
SUSAN HARLOW  
SYLVIA CLIFFE  
BRETT KELLER  
STEVE WITTICK

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**ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR**

By Gary Levitt, Chair

Greetings rockhounds. I am so glad to see how many of our societies have taken advantage of the Rockhound of the Year award to honor their members who truly make a difference. At our Federation show and meeting, I had the honor of distributing the rockhound of the year award to approximately 20 individuals. In some cases since some recipients had already received the CFMS certificate and/or pin, some recipients received the certificate created for this purpose by the AFMS. Honoring so many individuals at one time was, in essence, an honor for me!

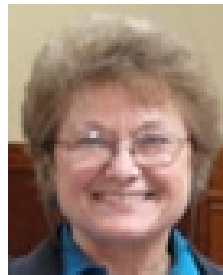
But keep in mind there are over 100 societies that comprise the CFMS. Thus, we have so many more individuals that deserve recognition. I will be tickled if I receive another handful of requests in time so that I may distribute many more certificates to well-deserved members of our society at the November meeting.

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**2017 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST**

By Merryan O'Neill, CFMS Web Site Contest Chair



Web Site Contest Awards were presented during the "Breakfast with the Editors & Webmasters" on Sunday, June 11, during the CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention in Ventura, California.

**2017 CFMS Web Site Contest Placement:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Kendra Johns, webmaster  
[www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Terry Wilson, webmaster  
<http://vgms.org>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sacramento Mineral Society  
Alyssa Meiszinger, webmaster  
<http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Mark Nelson, webmaster  
[www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org](http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org)
- 5<sup>th</sup> South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Jamie Erickson, Webmaster  
<https://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com>

Thank you to these dedicated webmasters for the work that they do for their societies, improving communication within the CFMS, and for entering the 2017 contest.





**2017 BULLETIN and  
ARTICLE CONTEST –  
RESULTS**

Sue Webb - Bulletin Aids Chair

The 2017 Bulletin and Article Contest is now CFMS history. We had 23 wonderful entries from 7 editors throughout the region as well as two entries that went directly to AFMS without judging in the regional contest. You can see the results below. I'm especially pleased at how well our entries did in the national AFMS contest. The success of our contest is directly attributable to the efforts of the 7 editors and the judges for the contest. It is no easy task for each editor to select the absolute best contributions from his or her newsletter's issues over the preceding twelve months. And it was at least equally difficult for the judges to read and evaluate those entries that the editors had already selected as the best of the year. A hearty thank you to all of you.

It is, however, a matter for concern that only 7 editors of the region's 74 or 75 participated in the contest. I'm an editor, myself, and I'm aware of not only how hard it can be to get members to write articles or poetry for the newsletter but also how difficult it can be to meet what seems like an arbitrarily early deadline. But just imagine how your club or society will appreciate what you have done for them—not just those whose contributions you sent in but the other members who can take pride in what their society can produce.

That said, the deadline for the 2018 contest is even earlier than 2017's. That's because the dates for the AFMS show are in April rather than in June as they were this year. So, the judging must be finished well before April. Please send your entries to me no later than November 10. To make it a little easier, you may send entries and their accompanying score sheets to me by email attachment. If hard copies are required for any of the judges or for AFMS, I'll take care of printing them. My email address is [rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com). Just identify your submissions as such in the subject line.

Here are the results of this year's contest:

**Large Bulletins:**

First—Angela Brown, Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS. Angela also was 6<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest

**Adult Articles:**

First—Joyce Anderson, "Rockhound Don" The Slate, Lake County Rockhounds. Joyce was also 5<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Second—Al Bolshazy, "What's the Gov Up To?" The Conglomerate, Reno GMS. Al was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Third—Bob Driskell, "Rockin' the Castle" Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS

**Adult Articles Advanced:** a 3-way tie for first

First: Jim Brace-Thompson, "CFMS Show & Convention, A Golden Encounter" Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS.

First: Steve Mulqueen, "Definition of the Month: Mimetolith" Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS. Steve also was 4<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest.

First: D. W. Webb Varnum, "Genesis of a Turquoise Deposit" The Conglomerate, Reno GMS. Webb also was 9<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Hon. Mention: Jody Altic, "Cedarville Modoc County August Field Trip" The Slate, Lake County Rockhounds.

**Drawn Feature:**

First—Jared McGowan, "Smilodon Skull" Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS. Jared also won 1<sup>st</sup> in the AFMS contest.

**Written Feature:**

First—Rex Nishimura, "Rescue at Courtright" Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society. Rex also was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Second—Emily Gudeman, "Thank You Letter to Society," Petroglyphs, El Dorado Mineral & Gem Soc.

Third—Amy Zingone, "Vice President's Message," The Slate, Lake County Rockhounds

Hon. Mention—Jacki Cerrato, "Scholarship Recipient 2016," Petroglyphs, El Dorado Mineral & Gem Soc.

Hon. Mention--Kevin Colvin, "A Rockhoulder's Checklist," The Conglomerate, Reno GMS

**Junior—Under 12**

First—Alyson Nishimura, "Obsidian Wonderland: Glass Butte Oregon" Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society. Amy also was 1<sup>st</sup> in the AFMS contest.

**Junior—12-17**

First--Paolo Sanchez, "Painite," Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society. Paolo was also 2<sup>nd</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Second—Jared Nishimura, "Thundereggs of Oregon," Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society. Jared was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Third—Brandon Martin, "Brandon's Trip," The Agatizer, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Third—Ethan Stone, "Jr. Rockhounds Visit: Black Chasm Caverns," Petroglyphs, El Dorado Mineral & Gem Soc.

**Poetry**

First—Joyce Anderson, “Rockhound Meditation,” The Slate, Lake County Rockhounds. Joyce also was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Second—Richard Kowaleski, “I Am a Rock,” The Rollin’ Rock, Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral. Richard also was 8<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest.

Third—Elizabeth Weston, “Leaverite,” Rockhound Ramblings, Pasadena Lapidary Society. Elizabeth was also 5<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS contest.

**Special Publications AFMS contest only**

First—Diane Cook, “Member Handbook,” Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS.

Fourth—Angela Brown, “Editors’ Handbook,” Rockhound Rambling, Ventura GMS



**ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX  
CFMS – PLAC**

By John Martin, Chair  
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**Clear Creek National Recreation  
Area**

Notice to Rockhounds! H.R. 1913: Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act has passed another legislative hurdle and is one more step closer to becoming the “Law of the Land”. We, as Rockhounds, can have a voice in whether Recreational Rockhounding will be allowed in the final draft of the bill and included in the Clear Creek Management Plan being generated by the BLM. The bill does recognize “Rock and Mineral Collecting” as a recreation activity to be addressed in the Management Plan.

Now, the question, proposed to All Rockhounds, is there anything worth collecting within the proposed Clear Creek Recreational Area? Are there specific collecting areas that need to be addressed? Is it worth the time and effort for Rockhounds to get involved in protecting the Rockhound’s

right to the recreational collecting of Rocks and Minerals on Public Lands for Personal non commercial use?

The Latest information on Clear Creek National Recreational and Conservation Act is available on the ALAA Website on the California Page. [American Lands Access Association, Inc. www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Whether Recreational Collecting within the CCNRA is allowed, is up to you and whether your voice as the Recreational Rockhound is heard!

***Augustynolophus morrissi***

California has a State Mineral-Gold, a State Gem Stone-Benitoite, A State Fossil-Sabertooth Cat (Smileydon), Even a State Prehistoric Artifact-the Chipped Bear. Assembly Bill (AB) 1540 is now before the California Legislature. AB 1540, if passed in to law, will create a California State Dinosaur, the *Augustynolophus morrissi*. The passage of this bill is not a certainty and to help it make its way through the legislative process support letters from Gem and Mineral Clubs and Societies would help the cause.

Simple letters of support for AB 1540 may be sent on club/society letterhead to:

*Rockhound Soapbox cont....*

Honorable Richard Bloom  
California State Assembly  
Capital Building, Room 2003  
Sacramento CA 95814  
Or

Mailed or Email to: Charles, Naeemah  
<[Naeemah.Charles@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Naeemah.Charles@asm.ca.gov)>

Naeemah A. Charles, Assembly Fellow  
Office of Assemblymember Richard Bloom  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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## 2017

August 4 - 6, NIPOMO, CA  
Orcutt Mineral Society  
Nipomo High School  
525 Thompson Avenue  
Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Wayne Mills, (805) 481-3495  
Email: [wmmills50@hotmail.com](mailto:wmmills50@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

August 19-20, SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
SF County Fair Building  
9<sup>th</sup> Ave & Lincoln Way  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Ellen Nott  
Email: [ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org)

September 23 – 24, LODI, CA  
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockeford Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Jerry Kyle, (209) 368-9411  
Email: [jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

September 23 – 24, REDWOOD CITY, CA  
Look for this show in 2018

September 23 - 24, MONTEREY, CA  
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Janis Rovetti, 831-372-1311  
Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

October 7 – 8, BORON, CA  
Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Community Center  
26998 John Street  
Hours: 9 - 4 daily  
Contact: Bruce Davies, 760-338-8829  
Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)  
Web Site: Facebook page

October 7 – 8, GRASS VALLEY, CA  
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Anita Wald-Tuttle, 530-277-6195  
Email: [anitaw1t3@gmail.com](mailto:anitaw1t3@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

October 7 – 8, VISTA, CA  
Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Kelly Hickman, 760-639-0447  
Email: [kellyhickman@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyhickman@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.vistarocks.org](http://www.vistarocks.org)

October 8, FALLBROOK, CA  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building  
123 West Alvarado Street  
Hours: 9-4  
Contact: Janice Bricket 760-728-1130  
Email: [fgms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.fgms.org](http://www.fgms.org)

October 14-15, TRONA, CA  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Gem Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-4  
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild 760-372-5356  
Email: [slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
Website:  
[www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

October 21 - 22, PLACERVILLE, CA  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: (530) 676-2472  
Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
Website: [www.eldoradorocks.org](http://www.eldoradorocks.org)

October 21-22, SANTA ROSA, CA  
Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society  
The Veterans Memorial  
1351 Maple Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Jolene Coon, 707-849-9551  
Website: [www.SRMGS.org](http://www.SRMGS.org)

October 21, WEST HILLS, CA  
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: 10 - 5  
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, 951-403-2634  
Email: [ginigem1@gmail.com](mailto:ginigem1@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

October 28 - 29, LOS ALTOS, CA  
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One North San Antonio Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384  
Email: [steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.pggs.org](http://www.pggs.org)

October 28 – 29, SACRAMENTO, CA  
Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Temple  
6151 H Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Alyssa Meszinger, 916-662-5819  
Email: [gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org](mailto:gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org)  
Website: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

November 3, 4, 5, EUREKA, CA  
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society  
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds  
3750 Harris Street  
Hours: Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Toni L Tyson 707-502-9574  
Email: [bluiis911.msn.com](mailto:bluiis911.msn.com)

November 4 - 5, ANAHEIM, CA  
American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

November 4-5, CONCORD, CA  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Rd  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Mary Hicks 925-289-0454  
Email: [maryhicks@comcast.net](mailto:maryhicks@comcast.net)

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@dslextreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextreme.com)

November 11 - 12, YUBA CITY, CA  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696  
Email: [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

November 18 - 19, OXNARD, CA  
The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, 805- 394-8002  
Email: [webmaster@oxnardgem.com](mailto:webmaster@oxnardgem.com)  
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

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

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Hosted by Knoxville G&MS  
Kerbela Shriners Temple,  
Oct 20-22, 2017  
Knoxville, TN

*South Central Federation*  
SCFMS Convention  
Hosted by Houston G&MS  
Humble Civic Center  
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy  
Nov 10-12, 2017  
Humble, TX

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