



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

This year is fast coming to a close and a new year will soon begin. It is time to get ready for the holidays, get the closets organized and clean out the filing cabinets. With that said, I would like to remind everyone to please attend the business meeting in Visalia on November 10th to the 12th.

The Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 pm on Friday, Director’s Meeting is at 9 am on Saturday and on Sunday is the New President and committee meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting is open to all CFMS Societies/Clubs members. At 7:45 am on Saturday is the New Directors’s Orientation with Fred Ott. If you have never attended or would like a refresher as a Federation Director, you are more than welcome to attend.

On Friday evening is the Cracker Barrel. This is a great time to catchup with friends, make new friends and relax. This year there will be a silent auction and a live auction. One item for the live auction is a sterling silver necklace. The stone was cut by Norvie Enns and the silversmithing was done by Jennifer Rhodes. If you have items for the auctions, please bring them. All the money raised will go to the Endowment Fund.

As for the survey that was sent out, please fill it out. The information gathered will be used to help to make sure that the EC, Long Range Planning Committee and CFMS Committees are meeting the needs of the societies/clubs within CFMS. It is my hope to take the information and set goals for the future and identify issues that need to be addressed.

Margaret Kolaczyk



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 5 Deadline for December newsletter
Dec 5. Deadline for January newsletter
Jan 1. 2018 Dues/Insurance are due
Mar 25-31. Camp Zzyzx

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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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- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund

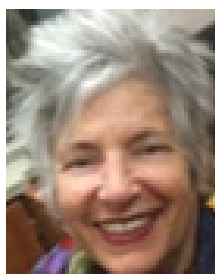
Your donations should be sent to:

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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.**

VISUAL LIBRARY

By Sharon Rogow
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Requests have been slow for the past 5 months. We did have a Needles member who asked to preview 5 programs for the coming season. I recommended the following which were very well received: Jewel of the Desert, DVD-74 Agates Under The Microscope, DVD-70 The Mysteries of the Giant Crystals DVD-42 Rock of Ages, DVD-1 The Obsidian Trail, DVD-65. There are also several other informational discs as well as instructional ones that are available. If you want suggestions, contact me any time. There are many more terrific programs too numerous to list here. If you or someone in your club will be going to Visalia, I can deliver programs there! Reminder: If anyone has a program that needs to be returned, please do so or bring/ send with a member to Visalia. Let's support this Federation Service!

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.

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:
CFMS
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Rialto, CA 92377-1657

CFMS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Jennifer Haley



Federation Directors & Alternates

Important! Most of our societies hold their annual officer and chairmen elections towards the end of the year; a few don't hold their elections until January. If your society has a new federation director for 2018, please forward their contact information to me, or have them contact me directly.

Reminder! November and December are busy traveling months due to the holidays. Also, many members leave for Quartzsite and may be gone for a few weeks or a month or two. Some of these areas don't have easy access to WiFi. If you are a federation director for your society and you will be gone for more than a week, consider designating an alternate person who can receive the email announcements and get them to your society's members for you while you are away. A big *Thank You* to all of you who help get the information to your society members in a swift manner.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

- President..... Jennifer Haley
- 1st VP/President Elect..... Tony Fender
- 2nd VP..... Marcia Goetz
- Secretary..... Ellen Ferrell
- Treasurer..... Al Bolshazy

Presented by:
Shirley Leeson
Chair, Nominating Committee



LEAVING AN EMERGENCY SAFELY

by Mark Nelson, EMT – Safety Committee Chair



This past October 1st, 28,000 people engaged in a frantic effort to escape the attack of a deranged gunman in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to those survivors affected by bullet fragments, others were injured by being trampled or by attempting to climb over fences in the enclosed outdoor concert area. The facts of this tragic event are still forthcoming as I write this article, but there are lessons that we can learn and use in our safety preparations.

While it is extremely improbable that we will find ourselves in a similar situation there are other conditions that may present similar risks for our survival. We tend to concentrate our indoor safety instruction on the proper use of lapidary equipment and preventing slips, trips and fires. But what about the failure of the building that we are in? What happens if we are in a building for our monthly meeting or workshop and there is an incident that requires a quick exit to safety? Such an incident could include an explosion, bomb threat, release of hazardous chemical substances in quantities or toxicity which threaten human health, building air contamination, fire, earthquake or tornado?

Part of our safety preparedness should be a plan to evaluate the safety of our members in the event of a catastrophe affecting the buildings that we use regularly. This plan does not need to be complicated, just addressed with common sense. Look at the building you use and see what needs to be done to ensure orderly and complete evacuation of your building whenever an emergency occurs, or the alarm sounds. The scope of the evacuation plan needs to achieve these simple objectives:

1. Everyone leaves the building safely.
2. A procedure to safely evacuate individuals who cannot negotiate stairs is in place.
3. Building occupants are accounted for after an emergency evacuation.

How does a club go about devising a building safe evacuation plan?

- 1st secure the support of the board of directors.
- 2nd get three or four members to form a committee for this purpose. It may be the club’s Safety Committee, or an ad hoc committee formed just

- 3rd to accomplish a building evacuation plan. contact the building owners to see if they already have a plan that you can use to communicate to your members.
- 4th review plans available on the Internet, such as those prepared by the University of Minnesota: <https://emergencyresponse.umn.edu/emergency-response-system/building-emergency-plans>
- 5th walk the site and identify exits to areas where people can quickly and safely evaluate the building to the outdoors.
- 6th sketch out the room you are working or meeting in and where the safe exits are. Print and make it available to members at monthly meetings and workshops.
- 7th make the plans a part of an annual safety orientation at meetings and workshops.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is committed to the Health and Safety of all its members. This month the Federation will be voting to accept a CFMS Safety Guide to help societies and clubs develop their own safety procedures. Within this document you will find suggestions for the workshop and for field trips. Please use any suggestions that fit best with your society or club to achieve a safer environment for all!

2018 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O’Neill
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair



All CFMS society Webmasters are invited to enter the 2018 CFMS Web Site Contest. The contest covers all CFMS society and club web sites developed and/or maintained during 2017. To access the forms and instructions, go to the CFMS web site, www.cfmsinc.org – click on “Contests” or use the link from the CFMS Home page Calendar.

Please read the “**AFMS Web Site Contest Guidelines**” and “**CFMS Instructions on How to Enter**” before completing the forms. **Email your entry to:** Merryan O’Neill, mvoneill@comcast.net.

The 2018 CFMS Web Site Contest deadline is January 10, 2018. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. The CFMS regional results will be announced during the *Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters* at the 2018 CFMS Show & Convention. We look forward to receiving your entries and seeing you at the show!



CAMP ZZYZX

March 25-31, 2018

By Jennifer Haley Camp Zzyzx
Manager

If you haven't been to the Earth Science Studies, 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. Marion Roberts, the chairman of the Earth Science Studies, is at the heart of the camps and has made them what they are today. CFMS has used this camp location in Southern California for 32 years. Everyone that has attended camp just loves it and holds dear a lot of special memories from the experience of ESS camps. The environment is something unique and very special to us. It's why so many people come back each year, no matter how many times they've been there.

The Desert Studies Center where the camp is held is managed by the BLM and a consortium of California State University Campuses, as a field station classroom and research facility. Students, teachers and scientists come and stay at certain times. We are fortunate the CFMS ESS has been able to rent the facilities for our Southern California camp. It's fascinating to read about the desert from a rockhound's perspective or anyone's for that matter, but when you are actually experiencing the desert first hand it is a spell binding different world, and will give you wonderful moments to remember it by.

The area is steeped in rich history; you'll see dramatically gorgeous sunrises and sunsets each day, eat great food and if you are a "crack-o-dawner" like myself, you find Marion Roberts making sure the preparations for hot coffee, hot chocolate and tea are ready before sunrise for you.

Camp Zzyzx 2018 will offer you skills in Lapidary, Faceting, Silver Fabrication, Field Trips, Wire Art & Advanced Wire Art, Alternative Casting, Precious Metal Clay, Soft Stone Carving and Bead Weaving.

The registration form is on the CFMS website. Please do not mail your registration in before Nov 1st. Registrations with a postmark prior to Nov 1st will be held back and put on the waiting list. We are really looking forward to sharing another great year with so many of you at Camp Zzyzx 2018



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS
Junior Programs Chair

UTILIZING THE AFMS BADGE PROGRAM FOR KIDS: WHO TO CONTACT?

In the time since I stepped down as CFMS Junior Activities Chair earlier this year, I've heard of confusion within CFMS societies that wish to utilize the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. For instance, within the past couple months, four people have contacted me and/or others to ask who the "new" contact person is for ordering badges from the AFMS/FRA Badge Program.

To be clear: the AFMS/FRA Badge Program is sponsored by, and paid for by, the national American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It is *not* a regional California Federation program. (CFMS does not pay for, nor does it offer, a regional program just for kids.) And I remain the Juniors Program Chair within the American Federation; thus I continue to run the Badge Program I developed so many years ago.

So if you already have kids enrolled in this program, or if you are considering the program for your club's junior members and pebble pups, please continue to contact me at jbraceth@roadrunner.com or (805) 659-3577 (mailing address: 7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003). Once again, this is a nationwide AFMS program, not just a regional program, and I remain the Juniors Program Chair at the AFMS level overseeing FRA. I welcome requests for badges from clubs already enrolled in the program and, for clubs that have not yet enrolled, I welcome requests for further info on joining in on all the educational fun that the program offers. Thank you!



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt
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Greetings rockhounds. In the very near future we will be traveling to Visalia for the November CFMS meeting. Right now you have an opportunity to honor one of your members. Simply, fill out the Rockhound of the Year form and send it to me as soon as possible. If I receive the form before the end of October, I should be able to have the certificate and pin available at the CFMS meeting in November.

The form for Rockhound the Year is available on the CFMS website. If you follow the link from the form center to the link for Rockhound of the Year, the application is available in PDF format and called the recognition form. So please take advantage of recognizing a member in a way that they will remember forever.

Brian Garber, The Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society, VGMS

Brian Garber has served as Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society, VGMS, Director at Large for several years and as Vice President overseeing shop operations.. He routinely volunteers at the Spring Bling and Fair and also is a VGMS shop foreperson. In 2017, Brian volunteered on the VGMS By-Law committee and collaborated with other committee members to revise and update the club by-laws. Brian always possesses a positive attitude and recently stepped up to fill the open position of VGMS President when the Board was in transition during the 1st Quarter of this year. He is totally devoted to the club and has done so much this past year to keep it going. The club has had some issues and Brian stepped up to resolve problems. It's people like him that keep our club alive.

The VGMS club has selected Brian Garber for 2017 Rockhound of the Year because of his unwavering loyalty and leadership in the VGMS club. Brian's heart and mind is always focused on the best interests of the club.



THE INUREMENT CLAUSE CLARIFIED

By Linda Nelson, CPA – FAC
Chair

The statutory prohibition against inurement of net earnings first appeared in 1894, and current IRS regulations are continually being updated and standards created by court decisions. What were once narrowly defined definitions have been expanded and adapted to meet today's needs.

Can a member of a club or society that is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under the IRS 501(c)(3) rules sell items at an event sponsored by that organization? What about at a club's annual show? Can the individual member profit from selling surplus items at a special "boutique" event? The short answers are **Yes**, they can sell at society events without violating IRS rules. If they do so, is the society in risk of losing its tax-exempt status? The answer is **No**, not from allowing its members to sell and profit from an event sponsored by the organization that is, in some way, aligned to the stated interests of the organization.

There has been some misunderstanding about what a tax-exempt non-profit entity can and cannot do with regard to its members profiting from the club's activities. Once we have the basic idea of what sort of activities constitute inurement, the answers are easy to understand and accept. The discussion revolves around the Inurement Clause of the IRS Regulations which states that an "organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, such as the creator or the creator's family, shareholders of the organization, other designated individuals" and that "No part of the net earnings of a section 501(c)(3) organization may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual."

Rock and mineral clubs are not organized to "tend to the private interests of the creator". The IRS regulations state that "An individual is not entitled to unjustly enrich himself at the organization's expense". To understand how this is applied, consider one example of an action in court regarding the Wendy L. Parker Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc. (1986) – a foundation formed to aid coma victims, including a family member of the founders. Approximately 30% of the organization's net income was being used to aid the family's coma victim. The Court found that the family's coma victim was a substantial beneficiary of the foundation's funds. It also noted that such distributions relieved the family of the economic

Inurement Clause cont...

burden of providing medical and rehabilitation care for their family member and, therefore, constituted inurement to the benefit of private individuals and was not entitled to recognition of exemption.

Activities of rock and mineral clubs that permit their members to sell their surplus rocks and other creations at a club show or boutique sale do not involve a significant part of the net assets of the organization. The IRS further clarifies that "Benefits directed to an individual as a member of a charitable class do not constitute unjust enrichment." What this means is that the amount of private benefit that will be permitted depends on the magnitude of the private benefit in relation to the public benefit derived from the organization's activities and whether the private benefit will help to effectuate the organization's exempt purpose.

The justification for allowing members to conduct sales under the umbrella of the club are easy to determine. Among the many reasons, certainly, are that members selling specimens and crafted items to the public provide increased public awareness and interest in earth science. Another could be that such activity will increase the member's interest in furthering his participation in the club and in the earth sciences.

Can a club pay for the expenses involved in making such a sale event possible? Yes. Take the example of Alive Fellowship of Harmonious Living vs the IRS Commissioner, referred to by the IRS as G.C.M. 38827 (1982). A portion of the church's income was given to needy church members in the form of food and lodging, valued from \$1,500 to \$7,500. The court found that the benefits received by the Fellowship's members could be viewed as quantitatively incidental. The organization had a conceded religious purpose, so the public benefit from its activities outweighed any individual benefit to members.

Does this mean that a club can use its profits to lavishly provide for its members? Not at all! Even a small amount of *private inurement* is fatal to exemption. In the case of the Spokane Motorcycle Club v. U.S., 222 F. Supp. 151 (E.D. Wash. 1963), net profits were found to inure to private individuals where refreshments, goods and services amounting to \$825 (representing some 8% of gross revenues) were furnished to members. More examples can be found in this IRS publication: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopic90.pdf

In summary, the IRS regulations state that private benefit must be substantial in order to jeopardize exempt status. A rock and mineral club may allow its members to sell at its annual show or at any boutique or other sale sponsored by the club without jeopardizing its tax-exempt status.

I welcome your comments or questions concerning this or any other tax question pertaining to your club or society. You can contact me at lnelsoncpa@aol.com.



ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

"National Monuments"

By John Martin, Chair

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For the last ten months there have been a lot of discussions on the future of our National Monuments. There has been a lot of mis-information presented by many political and environmental groups mainly to justify their agendas and positions. The Proclamation signed by the President only asks that a Review of the National Monuments, which was created by Presidential Action, be reviewed for compliance with the Antiquities Act of 1906. There was nothing in the Proclamation that authorized any change, reduction or elimination of any standing National Monuments under review. The review has been completed and the report has been released by the Department of the Interior (DOI). The preliminary DOI report has been sent to the President for consideration on the 29 National Monuments under review. A final DOI report has been sent to the President with recommendations for consideration. The report is yet to be released to the public; however there has been a copy of the report leaked from the DOI.

The leaked DOI Final Report recommends some changes to 10 of the 29 National Monuments. These monuments are: Bears Ears National Monument, Utah; Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon; Gold Butte National Monument, Nevada; Grand Staircase-Escalade, Utah; Katahdin Nation Monument, Maine; Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monuments, Massachusetts; Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, New Mexico; Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument; Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, New Mexico; Rose Atoll Marine National Monument, American Samoa.

The leaked DOI Final Report recommended changes be made to these National Monuments, but did not provide or define the changes. It did recommend that the changes be made in accordance with established laws and regulations and should include public input. Will the President accept the recommendations in the leaked DOI Final Report? It remains to be seen.

Will this review have an effect on Recreational Rockhounding? If there are changes made to the National Monuments it will be up to concerned Rockhounds to make sure that the voice of the Rockhounds is heard and Recreational Collecting is included in the changes to the affected National Monuments where applicable.

A few words on the American Antiquities Act of 1906 as amended and its usage to create National Monuments without the consent of Congress or input from the Public:

The act stipulates that "*The President may, in the President's discretion, declare by public proclamation historic landmarks,*

historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government to be national monuments” and “The President may reserve parcels of land as a part of the national monuments. The limits of the parcels shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected”. (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title54/html/USCODE-2015-title54-subtitleIII-divsnC-chap3203-sec320301.htm>) On these statements most Americans can agree and in most cases when used with common sense and best management practices are acceptable for preserving and protecting the as stated, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest on public lands. However, when the laws are manipulated for political purposes or for special interest groups, the people, Congress and the President have the right to question these actions, which is the case with the current National Monument Review. Were these 29 National Monuments under review, created adhering to the actual requirements of the American Antiques Act of 1906 as amended or for political purposes? Only time will tell.

ZZYZX–WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

By Don Warthen, JD, GG

You have heard us talking about Zzyzx and why everyone should go, but do you know what Zzyzx is?



Zzyzx was meant to be the last name in the phone book. Zzyzx, a resort that was founded by self-proclaimed “old time medicine man”, Curtis Howe Springer. He founded a Mineral

Hot Springs Resort and Health spa in the Soda Springs area of the Mojave Desert. Curtis Springer was an interesting character to say the least. The American Medical Association subsequently dubbed him “the King of Quacks”. His intention was to create an appealing place for high end guests to spend their money while he invested a minimal amount of his own money to get it off the ground.

He built faux hot springs (pools heated by a boiler), broadcast from a radio station requesting donations in trade for miracle cures to major ailments, and recruiting a group of homeless men to construct an airport, a church, and a castle for the resort...all part of what made this endeavor so intriguing.

His big down fall was to start selling time-shares in Zzyzx; he sold more spaces than he had. The BLM took issue with Springer’s original claim to mining rights on the land. In fact the BLM held that the land where Springer had built his resort was actually on BLM land.

After years of haggling, Springer was evicted from the land and he was sent to Federal Prison. The BLM took over Zzyzx and let it sit there and deteriorate over the years until they finally entered into a deal with CSU which developed a Desert Studies Program.

Cal State has refurbished the property and is conducting Desert Studies there. The CFMS has the privilege of using Zzyzx one week a year and they have



some of the finest earth science and lapidary instruction that can be found anywhere. They have such classes as capping, faceting, copper enameling, metal clay, carving, wire wrap, silver fabrication and much much more. They also have some great meals.

Please note that CFMS has two earth science programs–Zzyzx in the spring at Soda Springs and Camp Paradise in the fall at Clipper Mills in northern California. All members of CFMS should take advantage of these programs.



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to receive maximum advertising value!*

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*Use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

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

2017

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
Website: 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

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
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 21-22, Whittier, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Ave.
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Yvonne Morton, 562-895-8667
Email: will.yvonne.morton.verizon.net
Website: www.wgmsca.com

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_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: 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
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

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
Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 4-5, CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Mary Hicks 925-779-0698
Email: 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@dslextrême.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
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 18-19, Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Mary Ness, 619-449-0759
Email: ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: www.ecvgms.org

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
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

November 18-19, Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
1900 17th Ave.
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Michael Cox, 831-459-0572
Email: scruzmgms@gmail.com
Website: www.scrockngem.org

December 9-10, Rialto, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Near Rialto City Hall
150 S Palm Ave
Hours 9:AM to DUSK
Contact: Jessica Pearson, 909-381-0089
Email: OBMSTailgateinfo@gmail.com
Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

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January 20-21, Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N Kaweah Ave
Hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4
Contact: Margaret Buchmann, 559-799-6034
Email: margaretbu03@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 16-25, Indio, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Hwy 111
Hours: 10AM-10PM
Contact: Bert Grisham, 951-849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 17-18, Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Brenda Miguel, 925-301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 24-25, Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Daniel Wolke, 707-342-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 2, 3, 4 Newark, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Ave
Hours Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: info@mgscv.org

March 10-11, Salinas, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem
Spreckels Vet's Memorial Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Gary Beck, 831-679-2896
Email: garybeckpca@yahoo.com
Website: salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com

March 10-11, Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fair Grounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10-5 daily
Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin, 209-484-4416
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 17-18, San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Sonia Dyer, 408-629-5735
Email: Sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 24-25, Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American 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 7 – 8, Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa
off Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan, (559) 868-3535
Email: mcmc@sti.net
Website: mariposagemclub.org

April 28, 29 Reno, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno/Sparks Livestock Events Center
1350 N Wells Ave.
Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, 775-359-6068
Email: saliondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

June 8, 9, 10 Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Society
Details to follow

September 23 – 24, REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Details to follow

National/Regional Shows:

Eastern Federation
67th Annual EFMS Convention
October 21-22, 2017
Beals Community Center
Bristol, CT

Southeast Federation
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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