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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

Winter is close and it will not be long before those who plan on attending Quartzite will be heading there. This has been a challenging year but worth every minute. I wish to thank everyone who stepped up and gave their all. Each of the committee chairs worked hard to meet the challenges and their efforts made a huge difference. I truly appreciated everyone's hard work!

I hope that the societies/clubs took advantage of all the programs CFMS makes available. Most of the programs are free and are there for CFMS members. So in the coming year really consider looking at what is available and what will benefit your society/club.

I am going to keep this short. Enjoy the holidays, be safe and again Thank You! for all your support through the year.

*Margaret Kolaczyk*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS**

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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:

Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

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.**

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## AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Heidi Hall

Hello CFMS! My name is Heidi Hall. I am the Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society's CFMS representative. I am also the representative for the AFMS raffle ticket sales in 2018.

Just a quick mention, our city and county have gone through devastation these last days due to the great firestorm. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers that have gone out in our behalf! Heavy-heartedly we have had to cancel our show this year as it was to be held in the main evacuation relief site. We will be looking forward to a great show next year.

The year is flying by already and it isn't even 2018 yet!!! The AFMS show is in April in 2018 so I need to get this word out. The show will be held in Raleigh, NC with the Eastern Federation. Think about going and representing the west coast!

I have raffle tickets, and will have them at the Visalia Business meeting! The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$25. If you cannot attend the Visalia meeting please contact me to purchase tickets. [hdafler@yahoo.com](mailto:hdafler@yahoo.com) , or (707) 291-8904.

The money for the tickets goes into a fund, but only the interest will be used on projects that benefit the seven federations: Junior Badge Program, judges training, digitalizing slide programs to name a few.

Those of you generous souls who would like to donate an item for the raffle need to contact the AFMS Endowment Chairperson, Cheryl Neary at [ciervo.neary@gmail.com](mailto:ciervo.neary@gmail.com) with a photograph of the item so she can put the photo in the AFMS newsletter and acknowledge the person or club who donated. The AFMS prefers the items to be of a \$75 value or more and under 5 pounds.

Thank you for supporting AFMS, CFMS and your local mineralogical society!



## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Gary Levitt

[garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net)

Greetings rockhounds. To begin with, thank you, thank you, thank you! I have received, as you can see, many nominees for Rockhound of the Year. We will be closing the "books" for 2017 on December 8, 2017. After December 8, we will start collecting inputs for Rockhound of the Year 2018.

### **Mike Miller, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, CGM**

The Conejo Gem & Mineral Club is honored to nominate Mike Miller as Rock Hound of the Year for 2017. Mike joined the Conejo Gem & Mineral Club in 1984. He was Membership chairman for one year and then a Field Trip Co-Chairman for several years. Mike took the club members out to Kanan Road and Malibu Lake for agate, as well as field trips for whale bone and petrified wood in Ventura County. Mike was Club Librarian for several years. Many times Mike has enjoyed participating in the Conejo Club Annual Shows in regard to helping out with the Show Security and putting up a display exhibit case reflecting his rock hound treasures from field trips. Mike has also for many years been the Lapidary Shop Chairman helping members work with what they have collected and to fine tune it into cabochons and polished cut geodes and other rock gems. For these reasons Mike Miller deserves to be our Club Rock Hound of the Year.

--Submitted by Robert Sankovich President, CGMM

### **Raul Melendez, Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society, LBMGS**

The Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society is happy to announce that they have elected member Raul Melendez to the position of Rockhound of the Year 2017. Raul first joined our Club years ago but later moved to Las Vegas for his work with handicapped children. He returned to the Long Beach Club less than two years ago where he has been very active. Raul is our Vice President and in charge of our educational programs for our Club night. He is also involved with teaching people of all ages outside of our Club. He will teach everything from minerals to rocks and gemstones. Raul also enjoys field trips, lapidary arts (he has his own combo machine) and studies the metaphysical aspect of minerals. Our Club is looking into hosting a show in the future and if we succeed it will have much to do with Raul's diligence and his vision of having a "show by the sea". We are fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Raul.

--Submitted by Bruce C. Kelley, LBMGS President

**Scott Bunn, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society**

Our club has nominated Scott Bunn as our Rockhound of the year. Since he joined our club about four years ago, he has become knowledgeable and skilled in identifying various types of rock and has learned to take those from their raw state through to beautiful cabs in settings.

He is an integral part of our club, always willing to share his knowledge with new rockhounds on the field trips and setting an excellent example of respecting our environment. Scott has a knack for teaching; he orients new workshop members on how to use our shop equipment properly. He leads them from seeing the possible designs in the slabs through all the necessary processes to reach the finished cabochon. He has also helped us open up our new workshop site, repairing, restoring and maintaining some of the old donated machines.

Scott is a natural at being a Director on our Executive Board, greeting and befriending all new club members and guests. He is available at club functions, meetings and fundraisers, donating his time and contributing raw rock, slabs and cabs. He shows calmness, care, compassion and wisdom when finding solutions to the issues that arise.

Scott and his wife Robin joined our club together. She has also been a real asset to our club, as she is a jewelry designer, showing her work at one of our meetings; a computer pro, making signs and labels for our Fair show cases; a decorator, decorating for our annual Christmas Potlucks; and has volunteered in many other areas. Then within a few months their daughter and son-in-law were also very involved.

Scott and family will be moving to Idaho in a few months. We wish them the best, though we will truly miss them. Because he is always willing to share his rock inventory, time, energy and expertise with all members, our club has become the success it is today. In the next part of their journey, Idaho will have acquired true rockhounds for life.

--Submitted by: Barbara Loudon, Secretary

**Bob Rush, The Mother Lode Mineral Society**

It is with great pleasure that The Mother Lode Mineral Society submits Bob Rush for Rockhound of the Year. Bob has been a member of The Mother Lode Mineral Society since 2011, presiding as President in 2012 and 2013. He has served on our annual Rock and Gem Show Committee as Rock Sale Chairman for six years, as well

as contributing countless hours to the success of the show, and is currently Dealer Chairman. He started the monthly Silent Auction in 2012 for which he has provided most of the material from his personal collection, which has contributed many dollars to the coffers of MLMS.

Bob has been and still is a major factor in the success of our partnership with Modesto Junior College and our agreement to utilize their facilities as our weekly workshop and is currently on the liaison committee with MJC. He also teaches several lapidary classes at MJC each year.

Bob has also provided numerous educational programs at the MLMS monthly membership meetings, always with specimens and his own professional photographs and power point programs. At the CFMS level, Bob has been The MLMS Federation Director for five years, and is currently CFMS Membership Chairman. For two years Bob donated his time to teach lapidary arts at the CFMS Earth Science Studies program at Camp Paradise. For many years Bob and his wife Pat have entered CFMS competition at master level where they won blue ribbons for all three cases entered this year.

Being introduced to rocks as a youngster by his father and grandfather provided Bob with a love for all things rocks, a love that he is always happy to share with others. You could probably consider Bob to be a walking, talking encyclopedia of lapidary and rocks. Bob has spent a lot of time and energy promoting MLMS, CFMS, and rockhounding in general. Bob is a true Gem in the Rockhound world.

--Submitted by: Candace Wiegard, president

**Tamela Germano, The Reno Gem and Mineral Society**

Dedicated to the bone! Tamela Germano of The Reno Gem and Mineral Society, has held Board Member/Director positions and is an instructor specializing in Mineral ID and Ancient Jewelry. She exhibits her various collections at our meeting and show. Tamela has been guest speaker at our monthly general meeting. She is our Social Director, successfully coordinating picnics and potlucks. Tamela is treasured by many in our Society for her indomitable spirit. It is my great pleasure to nominate Tamela Germano for our 2017 Rockhound of the Year.

--Submitted By Jennifer Rhodes



**CFMS SAFETY MANUAL –  
A TOOL WE CAN USE**

By Mark Nelson, EMT – Safety  
Committee Chair

Our clubs and societies are organized for the purpose of enabling our members to enjoy the earth sciences.

Our interests are many and include areas such as research, minerals, micromounts, lapidary, prospecting, photography, silver smithing, gems and faceting. In order for our members and the invited public to enjoy this hobby we create we go out into mining quarries, deserts, forests and rocky seashores.

We are all volunteers – and most of us have gained our life experience during our careers in areas that do not include safety instruction. Although we do our best, how often have we seen a workshop supervisor advise a newcomer with “always wear goggles or safety glasses” and fail to mention slips, trips, spills, electrical, fingers, loose hair or clothing? How about a field trip leader that advises “watch out for snakes” and not mention something as basic as watching our footing for loose rocks? This is not negligence, but rather normal ignorance based on not having the resources to use to help effectively share safe practices with our members.

The CFMS Safety Committee has responded to this need for clear information by developing a Safe Practices Guide that we can use in our own clubs. This document is free to clubs and members and includes a variety of safety information, including:



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety Tips and Responsibilities</li> <li>• First Aid Kit</li> <li>• Workshop Safety Recommendations</li> <li>• General Workshop Safety Guidelines</li> <li>• General Machine Safety</li> <li>• Hand and Eye Safety</li> <li>• Fire, Life and Electrical Safety</li> <li>• Respiratory Safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical, Hazardous Waste &amp; Compressed Gas</li> <li>• Safety Guidelines For Equipment</li> <li>• Disk Grinders and Polishers</li> <li>• Drill Press Machines</li> <li>• Rock Cutting Saws</li> <li>• Lapidary Band and Chop Saws</li> <li>• Field Trip Safety</li> <li>• Sample Liability Waivers</li> </ul>
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The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is committed to the Health and Safety of all its members. The purpose of this Safety Guide is 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.

To download the Safety Guide, go to the web site at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org). Along the left margin of the home page is a section called **MANUALS**. Beneath it is a link to the **Manuals & Reference** page. The link to the Safety Guide is #9 on that page. (Please note that the Safety Guide will be available on the website when additional information and review is completed.)

Comments are welcome! It is the intent of the Safety Committee that this document be continually improved and I realize that there are a lot of knowledgeable men and women in our clubs who have experience in safety in the shop and field. I encourage all clubs to designate a person to chair a Safety Committee and to become a member of the CFMS Safety Committee. Committee members review additions to the safety guide and suggest ways to make it more useful to our clubs and societies. To be listed as a committee member and to have input that would improve this guide please contact me at: [Safety@cfmsinc.org](mailto:Safety@cfmsinc.org).

I would like to thank Jennifer Rhodes, Bob Papac, Mike McBride, Mark Freeman and Peter German for their comments and input to develop this safety guide.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> VP REGIONAL AFMS REPRESENTING THE CFMS

By Jennifer Haley

I sent in suggestions to organize preparing for the various AFMS contests earlier in the previous year, if possible, due to the fact our CFMS chairmen have had too short a window in the past in which to receive the annual NEW contest rules, and then get the information to the societies and federation newsletters. Unfortunately, there's been a time crunch too many times, and the information has fallen too close to when especially our members are leaving for holiday traveling and Quartzsite. Deadlines are earlier for the 2018 contests due to the Annual AFMS Show & Convention held in April. Be prepared the following year because the 2019 AFMS Show & Convention will be in March.

Please encourage your societies to read the AFMS Newsletter which has easy access online, and to include highlights in your bulletins and during monthly meetings. There are new articles each month, and the AFMS Officers & Chairmen work hard to keep the newsletters active and interesting. I am always surprised during some society member meetings, when the president asks if there is any CFMS or AFMS newsworthy information; and I hear, "no" from the federation director. Sometimes that same thing occurs in the society bulletins. Remember, points are given when AFMS information is included in society entries for the Bulletin, Website, All American Club and Program contests.

If it were not for the AFMS, there wouldn't be Competitive Exhibits, Bulletin and Website Contests, All American Club and Program Contests, and the Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. It's up to the directors to help keep up the enthusiasm and interest in the very special relationship we all share with the AFMS.

The position of VP to the AFMS, Representing the CFMS, is an annual volunteer and elected position of a CFMS Past President by the Long Range Planning Committee. The position can only be held for one to two consecutive years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being your representative for the past two years. Please give your support to Margaret Kolaczyk whose term is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – Oct 31, 2018.

For all of you who help keep the special relationship we have with the AFMS, an enthusiastic and active one with your society boards and members, a big Thank you!



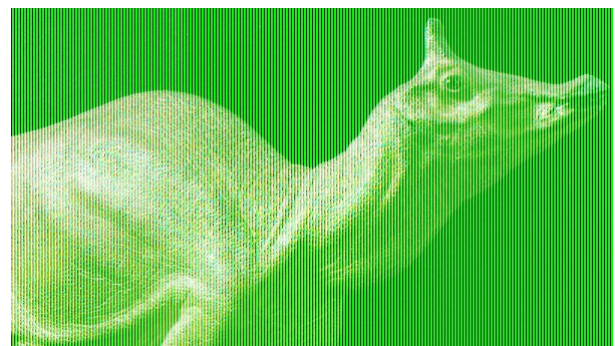
## ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Ofelia Warthen

ALL ABOARD! Notice of deadline for submitting 2017 ALL American Club Contest to the CFMS is **January 31, 2018**. The date has been moved up is due to the AFMS Show & Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina in April 2018. AFMS needs entries to be submitted to them by **February 15, 2018**. So the deadline is a bit earlier; let us begin now to plan & enter the 2017 All American Club contest!

The application is in the format of a yearbook. It can be either printed or in PDF format. All of the criteria that a club needs to enter and win an award are clearly spelled out in the application and is on the CFMS & AFMS web sites. The judges will read each individual club's Yearbook and look for a club's activities for the past year – all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone to be proud of their past year accomplishments. The Contest is a great way to teach your members about all the things your Club is doing. **Let's have all of our clubs enter the All American Club Contest this year!**

The 2017 entry forms & scoresheets are available now thru [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) than click on cfmsforms: contest forms. Need more information, please call me at 626-826-8974 or email at [odwarthen@hotmail.com](mailto:odwarthen@hotmail.com).



A sculpture prepared by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County shows what scientists believe the dinosaur Augustynolophus looked like.

(Stephanie Abromowicz / Natural History Museum of Los Angeles)

## PROMOTING CAMP PARADISE

Part I

by Jill Atkins, Attendee

Over the next few months I want to tell you about Camp Paradise. It is situated on an old PG&E line camp from the 1950's. If you ever went to camp as a child it will bring back fond memories. As you enter the property there is a flag pole surrounded by rocks in the middle of the camp. To the left is the mess hall and beyond that are the men's and women's dorms. To the right is the couple's dorm.

Past the flag pole and up the road a bit is "the barn". (More about that later) Next to the barn is a wonderful swimming pool. Yes, we certainly do suffer at Camp Paradise. The property is surrounded by a forest of trees and the air is sweet.

Once we check with Margaret and Vivien at registration on the deck, it is time to go to our assigned rooms, unpack, have a look-around and greet old and new friends. This is some of the best of times because we learn about the other people we will be spending so much time with over the next week. "Where do you come from? What society do you belong to? What lapidary arts and crafts do you want to learn, and where do you want to start tomorrow? How many time have you been to the camp?" All these questions and more.

Dinner is at 5:30 and we line up to get our plates and utensils and to rubberneck about what is being served. The food is hot, delicious and plentiful. Once served we find a table and begin new relationships or reconnect with old friends.

After dinner we receive a warm welcome from Marion Roberts, the ESS chairmen, and his camp manager. They explain the rules of camp and lets us know what to expect for the next week. The rules are few and easy to abide by. Then everyone to the barn. Ahhh, the barn. Myths and legend are created there as well as beautiful jewelry. Alright, I'm lying about the myths and legends, but I can assure you that beautiful items are created in there.

If any of this piques your curiosity, then I hope you will put \$40.00 aside every month for the next 10 months and so you can be a part of this creative adventure. Next month I will describe the barn and all the wonders it holds.



## CALIFORNIA STATE DINOSAUR BECOMES A REALITY

By John Martin  
CFMS Past President

California has a new State Symbol to go along with the State Rock, Serpentine; the State Fossil, Saber-toothed Cat (*Smilodon*), the State Gem; Benitoite; the State Mineral, Gold; the State Prehistoric Artifact, the Chipped Bear and joining this list is now the State Dinosaur, *Augustynolophus morrisi*. The State Dinosaur became a reality on September 23, 2017 when Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 1540 into law. The battle for the State Dinosaur began when on February 17, 2017 when AB 1540 was introduced in the California Assembly by Assemblymember Richard Bloom. The Bill got off to a good start with the sponsorship by the Southern California Paleontological Society, a CFMS Member Society, and major support from the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History Foundation, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology and the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. With the support of letter writing from numerous CFMS Clubs and Societies it all helped to solidify the passage of the Bill. The Voice of the Rockhound was heard!

*Augustynolophus morrisi*, affectionately dubbed "Auggie", belongs to a family of dinosaurs known scientifically as Hadrosauridae and colloquially as "Duckbill Dinosaurs". Its fossils were first unearthed in 1939 in the Moreno Formation of Fresno County and have only been found in California. *Augustynolophus* roamed California during the Maastrichtian Age, making it a contemporary of other well-known dinosaurs such as *Tyrannosaurus* and *Triceratops*. Its fossils are the most complete set of dinosaur fossils to be found in the state and include skull material, which allowed scientist to reconstruct a more accurate picture of its appearance.

In addition to its unique role in California's prehistoric past, its name also honors two notable Californians: Dr. William J. Morris (1923–2000), a geologist and paleontologist responsible for most of the dinosaur discoveries along the western coast of North America, and Mrs. Gretchen Augustyn, a long-time supporter of the Natural History Museum and former Trustee for the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology.

We thank all of the organizations, CFMS Clubs and Societies who took the time and effort to make this become a reality.



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

by Linda Nelson, FAC Chair

In many ways, we rock and mineral collectors are very fortunate! We have thriving clubs with programs that attract the next generation and keep the interest of all, and a regional network of those clubs called the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our societies, clubs and Federation are also fortunate – because they have US. We donate our time, resources, money and fuel to make the rock and mineral collecting an enjoyable experience for all of us!

As this year ends we are reminded that our generosity is deductible on our 2017 tax return. If you are buying a home you are likely to be itemizing your tax return to take advantage of the mortgage interest you pay. You can also deduct charitable contributions and the cost of contributing to the success of a charitable or non-profit organization.

To make the most of your contributions, keep records or notes of those contributions, such as:

**Mileage.** The number of times you have driven to your club's show, workshop or building, spoken to a civic group about your club's activities, gone to a supply house for saw oil or tumbling grit. Note the round-trip miles. I know people who keep a small pad in their glove compartment just for these types of notes. Current law allows a person to deduct the charitable mileage rate of 14 cents per mile. Alternatively, volunteers are permitted to deduct their "out of pocket" expenses incurred in providing donated services - such as the cost of meals and lodging - when those expenses are not reimbursed.

**Physical donations.** Those items you give to your club's auction or raffle, including rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, art, saws, polishers or anything else that the club will use for its benefit. Don't overlook larger donations such as cars, boats, motorcycles or buildings!

**Money.** Dollars are often the best contribution. Use a check, if possible, and note that it was a donation.

**In Kind.** If you pay for a service that benefits your club it is also a donation. This can be postage for the bulletin, a utility bill, printing and the like.

If you donate property other than cash to your society, club, church or other non-profit organization you may generally deduct the fair market value of the property. If the property has appreciated in value, however, some

adjustments may have to be made. In general, contributions to charitable organizations may be deducted up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income!

If you use a tax preparer to compile your tax return, summarize your mileage notes and donations before giving your package to them (they won't need to see all of the notes and receipts). If you prepare your own tax return, list these donations on form 1040, Schedule A.

## Take advantage of your generosity!

(Note from the editor—to be assured that your donations are tax deductible, double check to see that the organization is tax exempt under IRS code section 501(c)(3). In the unlikely event the IRS chooses to audit your charitable deductions, one of the first things they will ask for is the EIN (employer identification number) of the organization to which the donation is made and will disallow anything donated to non 501(c)(3) groups.)

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## ELECTED NEW OFFICERS?

by Steve Weinberger, AFMS Central Office

If your club has elected new officers, please remember to send their information to the AFMS Central Office ([central\\_office@amfed.org](mailto:central_office@amfed.org)). We'll need the name of your club, and the name, address and office held for each newly elected officer. By sending us this information we can continue to send the AFMS Newsletter to the correct officers in your club.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, November 2017

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## I NEED YOUR HELP!!

In addition to sending any changes in officers and addresses to Steve at the AFMS Central Office, I need the names and addresses of those persons in your club who you designate to receive the 3 complimentary hard copies of the CFMS Newsletter. If you prefer to read the newsletter when it is posted on the CFMS website, let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list.

Are you planning to move? Please remember to send me your new address so I can make the change. If I receive your newsletter marked not deliverable as addressed or addressee not known twice in a row, I delete you from the mailing list. CFMS and AFMS does not provide its mailing list to third parties. Thanks for your help



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(click on Shows)*

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

## 2017

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: [ecvngms@gmail.com](mailto:ecvngms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.ecvngms.org](http://www.ecvngms.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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Michael Cox, 831-459-0572  
Email: [scruzngms@gmail.com](mailto:scruzngms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.scrockngem.org](http://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](mailto:OBMSTailgateinfo@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

## 2018

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](mailto:margaretbu03@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)

February 16-25, Indio, CA  
San Geronio 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](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

February 17-18, Antioch, CA  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Brenda Miguel, 925-301-6957  
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Website: [www.antiochlapidaryclub](http://www.antiochlapidaryclub)

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](mailto:dncwolke@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.vjgems.org](http://www.vjgems.org)

March 2-11, Imperial, CA  
Imperial County Gem & Mineral Society  
California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta  
200 East Second St  
Hours: Fri 12pm-11pm, Sat 12pm-11pm, Sun  
12pm-11pm, Mon 4pm-11pm, Tue  
4pm-11pm, Wed 4pm-11pm, Thurs  
4pm-11pm, Fri 4pm-11pm, Sat 12pm-11pm,  
Sun 12pm-11pm  
Contact: John Pyle Jr., 760-562-3453  
Website: [www.ivgms.org](http://www.ivgms.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](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
Website: [info@mgscv.org](http://info@mgscv.org)

March 3-4 Ventura, CA  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Diane Cook, 805-312-8467  
Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

March 10-11, San Marino, CA  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Dr  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Ellen Ferrell, 727-512-0381  
Email: [pasadenalapidary@aol.com](mailto:pasadenalapidary@aol.com)  
Website: [pasadenalapidarysociety.org](http://pasadenalapidarysociety.org)

March 10-11, Spreckels, CA  
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem  
Spreckels Vet's Memorial Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Gary Beck, 831-679-2896  
Email: [garybeckpca@yahoo.com](mailto:garybeckpca@yahoo.com)  
Website: [salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com](http://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](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.motherlodemineralsociety.com](http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com)

March 17-18, Lemoore, CA  
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club  
Lemoore Trinity Hall  
470 Champion Street  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Chris Wertenberger, 559-309-  
3433  
Email: [kim-morrell@hotmail.com](mailto:kim-morrell@hotmail.com)  
Website: Facebook: Lemoore Gem and Mineral  
Club

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](mailto:Sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

March 24-25, Angels Camp, CA  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Rd  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Robin Williams, 209-728-8277  
Email: [robinski@yahoo.com](mailto:robinski@yahoo.com)  
Website: [calaverasgemandmineralsociety.org](http://calaverasgemandmineralsociety.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](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://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: [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmc@sti.net)  
Website: [mariposagemclub.org](http://mariposagemclub.org)

April 21-22, 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: [slrockhounds.org](mailto:slrockhounds.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](mailto:saliondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://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

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2018 –When details are available

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***April 6-8***

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***Midwest Federation***

***Northwest Federation***

***Rocky Mountain Federation***

**July 20, 21, 22, 2018**

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***South Central Federation***

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**Hosted by Houston G&MS**

**Humble Civic Center**

**8233 Will Clayton Pkwy**

**Nov 10-12, 2017**

**Humble, TX**

**<http://www.scfms.net/show>**

***Southeastern Federation***

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