



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Dear Societies,

Having a very successful and fun-loving future for the CFMS is very important. We won't have that unless we continue to work together on that now, just as our predecessors have done before us

for the good of our Federation of mineralogical societies.

Sometimes as societies we forget that we are the living roots of our federation, of what it is now and what it will become. What we see and what the public sees above ground at the meetings, the shows, the activities within our communities, the school programs, lapidary teachings, and our volunteer work with the public lands, is the synergy of all the forethought, work, ingenuity and joy that keeps our connection with each other and with the public beautifully growing and thriving. Every year is an opportunity to realize what we can do better more easily. We can learn so much from each other as societies, and by an individual's leadership in whatever aspect they are participating in.

The CFMS Cracker Barrels over the years seem to change from one year to the next. Sometimes we have a silent auction for the Endowment Fund, a wonderful speaker with a program, or participants from the societies wishing to talk about their concerns and sharing new ideas that are working for them for the benefit of others. Remember that we only have those meetings twice a year, so what you want to pack into the cracker barrels is important for me to hear throughout this year.

Our Federation Directors come from near and far to get to these evenings, and many of the societies help pay for some of the director's expenses for them to be there on their behalf. Please let me know what you would like next time we meet. And by all means I want you to know that any of your society members, officers and chairmen alike, can contact me all during the year with whatever is on your mind without having to wait for these biannual meetings. I am here to help, to be a good ear; that's what I do. I fell in love with rock clubs and the CFMS the first time I attended the meetings, so you are family to me. As there is room, I can also address some of your issues in the CFMS newsletters which can benefit everyone.

This year John Martin (PLAC chairman) and I will be working closely with both the CFMS and society field trip chairmen in the effort to coordinate clean ups with field trips on public lands. As society members we definitely need to be doing this, and I expect many of you to be joining us on this ongoing program as good Rockhounds. We won't need to be doing this for every field trip that you are planning, but we need to do some. Not only will it benefit our relationships with BLM, but it will help keep the public lands that have been so good to us, beautiful. Doing so will also add to the stature and public image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I will be contacting your society presidents and field trip chairmen soon with more information.

Those of you who are Federation Directors, you have an important job this year. You are the eyes and ears for your society. You are truly an asset to the CFMS. Some of you have been attending the meetings for many years, and we thank you for your dedication and friendship. Your leadership in following through with your responsibilities to your society is very important. It is up to you to get the information from the CFMS newsletters and the CFMS Electronic Communication emails to your members and/or to the appropriate chairman. For example, last month's Rules Committee article about preparing for exhibitions would be something your members would like to have, along with the new projects planned for this year for the Federation.

To all of us who enjoy the Earth Sciences, and the Practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts, "go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories. It's what we do best and it is our gift to give. Never forget to create fun and good memories for others, for in time they will become a special part of history." Let's make it great year!

*Jennifer*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 1..... 2018 Dues/Insurance are due  
Feb 5..... Deadline for March newsletter  
Mar 5..... Deadline for April newsletter  
Mar 25-31..... Camp Zzyzx

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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
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- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund

Your donations should be sent to:

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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.**



## CFMS Field Trip-South Collecting Trip Lavic Siding near Barstow, CA

February 17th, 2018

This trip is open to all Rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS and CFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.

Call the field trip leader beforehand for further information. Remember to sign in and out with the field trip leader. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

**WHEN:** Saturday February 17th at 8:00 AM

**WHERE:** Lavic Siding

**MATERIAL:** We will be collecting Agates and Jaspers.

**MEET:** Hector Rd off **I-40** on the south side for orientation and sign in. Waiver of liability will be signed at the meeting spot. From the meeting spot we will caravan for about 20 minutes to collecting site. Contact field trip leader for additional information.

**VEHICLES:** No low clearance vehicles, most will be able to make it to the main collecting area, there is an alternate spot for those with 4X4. Gas and food are available in Barstow.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, digging equipment, safety glasses and spray bottles, First Aid kit. Bring lunch, plenty of water and a camera; this widespread field offers no shade so use sun screen and protect yourself.

If you would like to stay for the weekend, this general area offers a wide variety of material so bring your rock collecting guides.

**NOTE:** This is the heart of the Mojave Desert and the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year so dress accordingly. This trip may be canceled at the last minute due to bad weather, so please feel free to contact us the night before if weather is questionable.

Treat the desert with respect - tread lightly and if you pack it in, pack it out.

For more info contact Field Trip Leaders.

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## INSURANCE: USING VEHICLES FOR SOCIETY BUSINESS

by Mark Nelson, Insurance Chair

Here's the scenario: You are into the first day of a two-day society show.

One of your members is asked to drive his or her car on behalf of your society (e.g. moving supplies, doing errands, making coffee runs, etc.) and, while operating their vehicle, is involved in an accident and gets sued.

Clearly the driver needs to have adequate limits of liability coverage under his or her own car insurance policy (since the Federation's policy does not 'extend' any coverage to the owner or operator of a vehicle). But – who else is likely to be sued?

Correct – your Society and its members (just like an employer who gets sued because an employee is involved in an auto accident while on company time). Does your society have liability protection for such an accident and resultant lawsuit?

Well, maybe. If the rock and mineral society is not a member of the California Federation – then probably not, unless the society has gone out into the insurance market and purchased such insurance. However, if the rock and gem club is a member of the California Federation – then YES. Experienced defense attorneys and \$1 million of liability coverage would provide for the cost of legal defense of the society and its members under a benefit called Non-Owned Auto and Hired Auto Coverage. Neither the society nor its members would have to pay a lawyer to defend themselves (win-or-lose!), let alone the huge problem that would result if the Society was ordered to pay monetary damages!

Just think of those rock and mineral societies that 'go it alone' without belonging to the Federation. It's very likely that they may find themselves without this valuable coverage! This said, make certain that your society keeps its dues paid on time! This insurance coverage, and more, are paid through our annual member dues.

As our societies and clubs begin to plan for annual shows this year, remember that most venues will require proof that the society has liability insurance to protect the building owner in the event that there is damage to the building or that someone is seriously injured while on the owner's property. As long as the society is a member in

good standing of the California Federation, the society can obtain this proof of insurance. Further, if the function does not involve more than 500 participants or attendees, there is no charge whatsoever for having McDaniel Insurance Services issue such proof of insurance documents. A very nice benefit to us!

When you need to provide such proof of insurance you can find the forms on our Federation's website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org). To avoid a charge for an expedited certificate please allow plenty of time in advance of your event!

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## CFMS SOCIETY PINS & BARS

By Jennifer Haley

Some of you have been asking for a refresher course on what the pins and bars are which you see on the CFMS website under Forms. The societies generally present these at their annual installation at the beginning or end of the year. Not all societies use them, but some societies have made it a tradition and really like giving them to their appointees. The beautiful triangle pin can be given to any club officer or chairman. The bars are attached to the triangle pin with the name of the office or committee engraved on it. The golden bear without gavel is given to any officer or chairman at the discretion of the club. The golden bear with gavel is given to the outgoing president.

Once orders are received, delivery takes 3-4 weeks.



## ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

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## Camping on California's Public Lands

Do you Camp or recreate on Public Lands in California?

Do you use a Campfire or Cookfire? (Even an open flame Propane Stove)

Do you know to be legal you must have a valid California Campfire Permit in your possession?

Do you know where and how to get your Free "California Campfire Permit"?

Get Your California Campfire Permit Online. Visit [www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit](http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit)

Watch a short video-take a quiz-get your on-line permit - save or print pdf or just bookmark the link on your mobile device to display when needed.

Do not get caught with a campfire without your Campfire Permit!

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## DUES ARE DUE!!! & OTHER STUFF

Payments for dues and insurance became due on January 1 and will be considered delinquent after March 1. A payment form was included in last month's newsletter and is available on the CFMS website.

Clubs are reminded that they are entitled to receive 3 complimentary hard copies of the CFMS Newsletter. Just let me know to whom these should be sent. Additional subscriptions are still \$5.50 for the year. A form for ordering additional subscriptions is on the same page. The newsletter is posted to the CFMS website each month it is published and is available to anyone to read. If anyone prefers to read the newsletter on the website instead of receiving a copy in the mail, let me know and I'll remove your name from the mailing list. The postal service doesn't always deliver mail addressed to an individual to the club PO box so a personal address is preferred to better assure delivery.

## SAFETY: TOOLBOX TALKS FOR THE ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee Chair

In addition to having a written set of safety guidelines we must be able to communicate these to our members in a way that will not overload them. This second in our series of “toolbox talks” is designed so that a society’s president or safety coordinator can take it verbatim and give it to the membership. Alternately, it can be copied from the CFMS website and put on a society’s letterhead and distributed or made a part of a series of annual safety talks. Improvements and other suggestions are welcome and should be addressed to me at <[mnelsonair@aol.com](mailto:mnelsonair@aol.com)>.

It was just 3 ½ years ago that our president, Jennifer Haley, was caught at the center of the 6.0 Napa Earthquake and shared her experiences in the October, 2014 CFMS Newsletter. We are reminded that whether in California, Nevada or Hawaii, disasters can strike and we can survive easier until help arrives if we take some basic preparedness steps.

### Toolbox Talk #2 — Earthquake Preparedness

Stock up now on emergency supplies that can be used after an earthquake. These supplies should include a first aid kit, survival kits for the home, automobile, and workplace, and emergency water and food. Store enough supplies to last at least 3 days.

#### First Aid Kit

Store your first aid supplies in slide-lock food storage bags. Store the bags in an easy-to-carry container, such as the Craftsman 13' Ballistic Nylon Tool Bag (\$7 at Sears or the combo with an 18" bag for \$13). Inspect your kit every January and keep it freshly stocked. NOTE: Important medical information and most prescriptions can be stored in the refrigerator, which also provides excellent protection from fires.

<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen peroxide to wash and disinfect wounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissues
<input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic ointment	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye drops	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen
<input type="checkbox"/> Individually wrapped alcohol swabs	<input type="checkbox"/> Dressings	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper cups
<input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin and non-aspirin tablets	<input type="checkbox"/> Bandage strips	<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and any long-term medications – an extra 30-day supply (keep these current)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ace bandages	<input type="checkbox"/> Small plastic zipper bags
<input type="checkbox"/> Small bar soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Rolled gauze	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton-tipped swabs	<input type="checkbox"/> Needle and thread
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive tape roll	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant cold packs for sprains
	<input type="checkbox"/> First aid book	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary napkins
	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors	<input type="checkbox"/> Splinting materials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers	<input type="checkbox"/> LED flashlight and spare batteries
	<input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer	

**For Home – without power, water, cell, land phone or Internet service:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Battery-operated LED lantern, extra batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gloves (heavy and durable for cleaning up debris)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 12 inch adjustable wrench for shutting off gas and water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio (consider the crank type), and extra batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LED flashlight by your bed and in your kit - with extra batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prescription eyeglasses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher — multipurpose, dry chemical type</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Canned food and water, for you and pets, for 14 days</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Toilet tissue</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cash</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 30 gallons of drinking water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Portable camping toilet that fits a 5-gallon paint bucket, and extra liners (this bucket and lid can be a handy container for old towels and garbage bags!)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remove any heavy furniture or anything above your bed or at the head of the bed that, if it falls, can land on you</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adhere furniture, televisions, etc., to walls with simple brackets or earthquake hardware</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Old towels, paper towels and garbage bags. Expect floors to be slippery with spilled foodstuffs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep your car keys in one place and always have a 2<sup>nd</sup> set somewhere else.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When cell service is restored, text instead of calling. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.</li> </ul>
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**For Your Automobile – you can’t get home due to road conditions**

Assemble a survival kit for your automobile with the following items. Storing some of these supplies in a small bag with a shoulder strap or backpack will make them more convenient to carry if you need to walk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Foil space blanket</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes, walking shoes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coins for telephone calls</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LED flashlight with fresh batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food (nonperishable — nutrition bars, trail mix, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gloves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prescription and sun glasses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local map and compass</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Battery-operated radio with fresh batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small mirror and whistle for signaling for signaling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Toilet tissue</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pencils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-moistened towelettes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medicines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collapsible walking stick</li> </ul>
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**Discussion Topics:**

- ◆ What other items could be included in these safety preparedness kits?
- ◆ What are your immediate actions and priorities in the first 10-15 minutes?
- ◆ Discuss the need to consider storing supplies in several locations, including your workplace and other places you regularly spend time.
- ◆ What has been your experience in similar situations?
- ◆ Who is responsible for identifying and notifying family members about injuries and potential fatalities?
- ◆ Identify an out-of-state contact, such as a friend or relative, to notify when they are safe. In some cases it may be easiest to use social media and post a “They’re OK” message to many friends at once.



## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt [garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net)

Greetings rockhounds. I hope all of you had a happy, joyous, and healthy holiday. May you have a great new year.

As I mentioned before, 2017 is now in the history books and we cannot accept additional Rockhounds of the Year for 2017, but we are ready to accept inputs for 2018.

### Ron Wise, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society would like to nominate Ron Wise for 2018 Rockhound of the Year. Ron has helped the popular and profitable Silent Auction for our annual Show for more than a decade. Each year Ron tweaks the Auction process to make it run more smoothly for our volunteers and guests. Ron's passion for rockhounding extends beyond our meetings and shows to our field trips. Having served previously as our club's Field Trip Chair as well as at ZZYZX, he is still considered a resource on field trip opportunities in California and Quartzsite. When you have Ron along you know you are going to find something as well as learn something. Being able to consistently count on Ron year after year and being rewarded with his patience, guidance and passion is what makes the Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society proud to nominate Ron Wise as the 2017 Rockhound of the year

--Submitted by Stephanie Hagiwara, OGMS President

### Debbie Blevins, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

Debbie Blevins has been a very active member of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society for many years. Debbie has served in several positions and committees of the CCM&GS supporting our club membership. Debbie has enhanced the interest in our Rockhound hobby by hosting various workshops in beading, agate butterflies, wire bracelets, wire gem trees, rock painting and many more activities. For our Annual Club Show, each year Debbie creates the very popular "Rock Collection" kits for our Silent Auction table. When assistance was ever needed on a project, Debbie has graciously volunteered. She has supported our membership on committees including Audit Committee, Spring Socials, Holiday Dinners and Hospitality. Debbie continues her involvement on our Board of Directors as our Newsletter Editor and Historian. We are honored to award Debbie Blevins as our Rockhound of the Year for the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society. We are quite fortunate to have Debbie as part of our amazing Rockhound Family!

--Submitted by Mary Jernigan, CCM&GS Membership

### Taylor Thompson, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society' Junior Rockhound

Taylor collects rocks and fossils. She is a dependable worker at our annual show. She attends our monthly meetings. She is very active with the Girl Scouts. She takes the educational classes with the adult members. Who is she? She is Taylor Thompson, the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society's Junior Rockhound of the Year. In past years, she helped put on our Juniors' Program at our Show. Taylor started attending our meetings and activities with her mother at a very tender age (as a baby) and became active in many aspects of our society. She put in her first display case "Rockhound Collection" when she was 8 years old and has exhibited in every CCM&GS show since then. She also is an active participant at our show helping with set-up, tear-down, kids' programs, selling raffle tickets and sharing her excitement about the Rockhound hobby.

But Taylor doesn't just collect rocks; she is very active in the Girl Scouts program starting as a Brownie. She continues to be involved in the camping, backpacking, outdoor skills and Junior leadership programs mentoring other young ladies to develop courage, confidence, and character!

We are pleased and proud to honor Taylor Thompson as the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society's Junior Rockhound of the Year. Pebble Pup to Rockin' Rockhound.

--Submitted by: Dick Pankey, Federation Director

**Sylvia Nasholm ,Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria,** Our Member of the Year has been in our Society since 1983. She has served as Board member for many years, has been president of the club (2010), has run the kitchen and pie booth at our show for many years and often served as our Hospitality Chair as well. She has managed the displays at our show for several years, and has made our bulletin much more presentable by proof reading it during this past year. Most recently, she saved our club from dissolution by stepping forward to take the job of president again. With her take charge and "get 'er done" attitude, we look forward to another great year. We are proud to present OMS Member of the Year to **Sylvia Nasholm**

--Submitted by: Wayne Mills, President, 2017



## PROMOTING CAMP PARADISE

### PART 3

by Jill Atkins, Camp Attendee

I started my jewelry career at Reno Gem and Mineral Society. I didn't know what an exciting, creative, wonderful time I would have making jewelry. I have bought DVD's, gone to jewelry school classes, but can honestly say that I learn more from my weeks at Camp Paradise than by any other mode. I am happy to tell you more about what you too can learn at Paradise.

For the past two months I have been promising to tell you about "The Barn". This month I will begin telling you about it because there is a lot to learn.

When you walk in the barn, to your immediate right is the beginning silversmith class. Through the ages silver and gold have always captured peoples interest. It has intrinsic value but more than that, a silversmith can take a flat piece of metal and turn it into a thing of beauty. This class sets you on the road to doing just that. Experienced instructors will guide you from how to hold a saw to cutting metal, working a torch, what solder does, the do's and don'ts of pickle (and what pickle is) to cleaning metal and polishing your finished piece. When you are done you have a piece of jewelry of which you can be proud.

Just beyond the beginning silver fabricating area is the advanced silversmithing taught by Ted who has exhibited amazing jewelry and really knows his stuff. This is where you earn your stripes as a silversmith. If you have taken beginning silver classes elsewhere this is your chance to polish those skills. (Pun intended.). In addition to Ted, your fellow students add to the collective information available...and not only in class. Countless times throughout the week you will find, get, and make opportunities to talk with other students about a jewelry problem you have or you may be a solution to someone else's problem. Camp Paradise is the answer place and the sharing place. You could wear a diamond tiara and no one looks askance at you. The first question they ask is, "Did you make that?" And the other question is, "How did you do that?"

I forgot to mention in last month's article that there are actually two faceting instructors at camp, Gary and Diane. Both do a wonderful job teaching the faceting skills.

P.S. Another area in our Camp which I think is important is the R.V. area above the hill to the right of the Barn. There are about a dozen full hook ups for Rvs. It is so relaxing to sit by your RV among the tall pine trees (among other types of trees) and watch the squirrels and listen to the birds. Marion and Vivien have had many get together pot luck dinners in the years past with our great instructors who do

lots of work setting up before Camp starts. There are also several cabins our participants can stay in and a rest room with showers within walking distance close by. So keep saving your money for an experience worth saving for.

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## HAVING FUN – JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Jrs. Program Chair

One Great Source for Kids Booth Spinning Wheels!

Go to many local gem and mineral show that have a Kids Booth, and one of the things you'll most likely see (in addition to grab bags) is an activity that goes by a variety of names: a Spinning Wheel, a Wheel-of-Fortune, a Prize Wheel, etc. Basically, we're talking a roulette wheel the likes of which you'll see in Las Vegas—but unlike those in Vegas that are made to simply take money out of your pocket, the wheels in our Kids Booths offer a guaranteed rocky prize with every spin!

Many clubs have such a wheel, and most such wheels have been in the club for decades. In short, most are "clunkers." They are heavy, awkward to move and to store, and have seen better days in the time since they were first constructed and given a fresh coat of paint in 1952. Many of them are so off-balance that you can pretty much guarantee they'll always stop at the same two or three numbers on each spin.

If you have such a wheel—or if you're one of the few clubs that has never had such a wheel at an annual show—I've learned of a source that offers beautiful wheels that are light-weight, compact, and easily assembled and disassembled for convenient storage and transport. That source is Spinning Designs, 910 First Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. phone (732) 775-7050 web site [www.SpiningDesigns.com](http://www.SpiningDesigns.com).

They offer a basic "Off The Shelf" model that starts at just \$99 and that comes in varied sizes with colorful pre-made designs and a dry-erase surface so you can easily customize your wheel from show to show or for other club events. Or, if your club treasury is especially flush, you can get other, fancier models and designs in the \$300 to \$350 ranges—as well as a super-size model with "price available on request." If you have an older "clunker" wheel that has seen better days or would like to incorporate a wheel into your show for a great Kids Activity, I encourage you to check out [www.SpiningDesigns.com](http://www.SpiningDesigns.com). I know from decades of personal experience running Kids Booths that wheels like these are a guaranteed source of fun!

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## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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*Please submit your  
Show or Event as soon as possible  
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*Email or mail to:  
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*Use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

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

## 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  
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February 17-18, Antioch, CA  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hours: 10-5  
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Email: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com)  
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](mailto:info@mgscv.org)

March 3-4, Arcadia, CA  
Monrovia Rockhounds  
Los Angeles County Arboretum and  
Botanic Garden  
301 Baldwin  
Hours: 9-4:30 Daily  
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey 626-359-1624  
Email: [joannaritchey@gmail.com](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.moroka.com](http://www.moroka.com)

March 3-4, Torrance, CA  
South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Road (entrance on  
Madrona)  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Nancy Pekarek, 310-257-8152  
Email: [pekareks@hotmail.com](mailto:pekareks@hotmail.com)  
Website:  
[southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com](http://southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com)

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 9, 10, 11, Victorville, CA  
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
Tailgate: 7 miles E of Dale Evans Pkwy  
Stoddard Wells Rd  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Contact: Brett Ward/Sandy Skidmore  
760-617-6001  
Email: [san2744@aol.com](mailto:san2744@aol.com)  
Website: [vvgmc.org](http://vvgmc.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: [info@pasadenalapidary.org](mailto:info@pasadenalapidary.org)  
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.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  
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: [mcmc@sti.net](mailto:mcmc@sti.net)  
Website: [mariposagemclub.org](http://mariposagemclub.org)

April 21-22, Newbury Park, CA  
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Rd & Borchard Rd  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Chuck Borchart, 805-551-9946  
Email: [borchart@gmail.com](mailto:borchart@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.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 Lancaster, CA  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Lancaster High School  
44701 -32<sup>nd</sup> Street West  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom 661-406-0143  
Email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.avgem.weebly.com](http://www.avgem.weebly.com)

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.renrockhounds.com](http://www.renrockhounds.com)

May 5- 6: Jackson, CA  
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society

Kennedy Mine  
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)  
Hours: 10 - 4 daily  
Contact: Cheryl Smith, (209) 296-4061  
Website: [www.amadorgemandmineral.org](http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org)

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

October 13-14, Trona, CA  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Bldg  
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)

Northwest Federation  
Hosted by Yakama Gem and Mineral Club  
“Parade of Gems”  
State Fair Park: Modern Living Building & Pioneer Hall  
1301 S Fair Ave April 27, 28, 29  
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-6 daily; Sun 10-4  
Yakama, WA  
Website: <http://northwestfederation.org/FederationShow.asp>

Rocky Mountain Federation  
Hosted by Western Dakota Gem and Mineral Society  
Rushmore Civic Center  
444 Mount Rushmore Road  
July 20, 21, 22, 2018  
Rapid City, SD  
Website: <http://rmfms.org/conventions>

South Central Federation  
SCFMS Convention  
Hosted by Lubbock G&MS  
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
1501 Mac Davis Drive  
May 5-6, 2018  
Lubbock, TX  
<http://www.scfms.net/show>

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