



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

It's June! Many of the hillsides throughout California that were devastated by the wildfires, are becoming picture perfect with blankets of wildflowers. Even some of nature's own stone work is able to tell more of its story, among the rock formations not ordinarily seen.

I don't know about you, but I love looking through books about the different types of enameling techniques from early history. With less sophisticated tools from which to work with compared to ourselves, the work is exquisitely done, mirroring the enchantment the early artisans had with duplicating nature. I have to admit, I admire the Art Nouveau period the most, although you don't have to speak the language to understand the unique skills involved in the various enamel arts combined with stones. One of these days, I will pick up where I left off and explore my hand at it again.

With most of the rains behind us, I know many of you are eagerly looking forward to discovering what rocks, minerals, fossils and gold, the storms may have stirred up for you to find once the weather is better. Be mindful the terrain and roads may have shifted, not only in ways you can see the changes, but in ways you cannot see. The ground will have softened or still be soft, and the hills, slopes, boulders and trees will most likely have weaker structures beneath them, especially since the wildfires have come through.

When the weather is clear and you plan to travel on Public Lands again, check in with the local BLM district office where you are going to make sure the roads are travelable. Keep an eye out for those baby rattlesnakes. I found my first one this year while moving rocks in my garage. They are cute but deadly. Play smart, Play safe! "When you gamble with safety, you gamble your life." A,B,C's of Safety: Always Be Careful.

Jennifer



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 5. Deadline for July newsletter
July 5. Deadline for August newsletter
Aug 26-Sept 1. Camp Paradise wk 1
Sept 2-8. Camp Paradise wk 2
Sept 15-16. CFMS Convention

CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288
Fax (805) 646-9976; email: mcins@west.net
Web Site: www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com

CFMS Insurance Chairman

This information will be provided as soon as possible

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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:

- 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 acknowledgement. **Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.**

IN MEMORY OF IZZIE BURNS

By Tony and Sandie Fender

Izzie Burns was admitted to hospital on May 8 and on May 10 she was transferred to a hospice facility to keep her as comfortable as possible for what time she had left. On May 15 she quietly fell asleep and passed away. Services will be May 29th at 11 am at Rose Hills Mortuary in Whittier at the Rainbow Chapel at gate 14.

Izzie had a long relationship with the rockhounding community and was President of both CFMS and AFMS. She was instrumental in the establishment of the earth sciences groups at Zzyzx and Camp Paradise and enjoyed attending the events for several years. She also served on the BLM Desert Advisory Committee for several years working to keep the desert open for rockhounding.

The family requests that any donations be made to the CFMS Earth Sciences Fund.

NOMINATIONS WANTED

By Joe Goetz, Nominating Committee Chair

When someone joins a club or society, typically they want to have fun and learn how to do something within the hobby. Rarely do they join to take on all the jobs no one wants to do or even get themselves on the board of directors. There are some who do, whatever, their reasons.

However, the average person who becomes a member often will get the feel of the club or society, before agreeing to take on a job. After a time (this varies) they get themselves on the board, not for power or glory but rather for the good of the club they like.

Those are the ones who become great board members. The ones that roll up the sleeves and get to work on the betterment of a club or society. They're the ones you don't hear about until they take the next step and go to the state level organization. There they really shine and lead. And before you know it you'll be at a show and they are announced as a past President. Then they get the accolades they rightfully have earned.

Is there someone out there who can do the job of treasurer? Only you would know.

Please Contact one of the following:

Joe Goetz (626) 260-7239
Heidi Hall (707) 291-8904
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 406-0143
Nancy Brace-Thompson (805) 659-3577
Frank Mullaney (408) 266-1781

DUES ARE STILL DUE!!

Most members are current as this is written but a few clubs/societies have yet to send payment for dues and insurance coverage under the CFMS general liability policy. A \$50 late payment penalty is now in effect. Any questions or concerns should be directed to me at bpelarue@earthlink.net. Reminder letters will be sent out the week of May 20 to those clubs which are not current. We don't want to lose you.

PROMOTING CAMP PARADISE

Part 7

by Jill Atkins, Attendee

I hope to see you at Camp Paradise. This is the last installment about "The Barn." The types of classes offered are: Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving. PMC3 Clay classes will be held the 1st week of camp. Fused Glass classes will be taught during week two of camp.

The last class to let you know about is casting. Taught by Joy and assisted by Don (Cheri's hubby and a nice guy) is the casting class. In this class you will learn how to create work in wax, put it in an investment mixture where it is baked and then you pour molten metal into the hardened investment for your casting. Once the investment is broken away you can see your casting. A sprue cutter takes the sprues off and your piece can be sanded and polished. Don't worry about what a sprue is. Joy and Don will explain all. They have all the equipment you need, but you may need to bring your own silver or buy some from Joy.

Joy also demonstrates broom casting. This is a process where silver is melted to the molten stage and then poured over a wet broom. Done in silver, copper or brass, you wear your pieces with pride because you will get lots of compliments.

This concludes the tour of Camp Paradise and The Barn. I hope you enjoyed my take on the Camp Paradise experience and that you will join me this year for a week (or two) of creative exploration.





ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Ofelia Warthen, Chair

Received exciting news from AFMS, where they announced the 2017 "All American Club

Awards" Entry winners as follows:

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society won 2nd Bronze Award for small clubs; North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society won 1st Bronze Award for small clubs. Pasadena Lapidary Society won FIRST PLACE GOLD IN THE NATION for large Club. Yes, Pasadena, you are great! Congratulations to all participants. Thank you Chris Ward as Judge this year for reviewing our federation's entries before they were forwarded to the AFMS judges and chairman. All our entries were submitted to AFMS for review, judged and awarded at Raleigh, North Carolina AFMS Convention held on April 6-8.

I want to thank all that submitted their entries given a very short deadline period of 30 days following the first of the year. My feelings about the final deadline was the schedules to work, judge and submit were not reasonable. I visited several Societies that stated the deadline timing was too short. Some Societies indicated no knowledge of the program or it was too hard. Possibly more up-to date easy outlines given to Federation Directors will help inspire their Clubs to form an "All American Club Award" committee.

We need more input from all Societies where we can improve the participation in this great program. In my opinion, it gives our members great pride to see someone who cares for the volunteer work they all do. Please submit your opinions. Love to hear from you!

Hope I have served you well.



Zzyzx Sunset



LAPIDARY ARTS

A Basic Wire Wrap Project For Kids & Adults Alike!

By Jim Brace-Thompson,
AFMS Juniors Advisor

Kids love arts and crafts and making pretty things. Thus, one of the more popular units within our AFMS/FRA Badge Program is Lapidary Arts. I've heard that some clubs have actually banned kids from their workshop facilities, concerned about safety issues or damage to expensive machines like Genies or Pixies. However, as noted in our Badge Manual, there are many basic lapidary arts that don't require any machinery at all. Suggested projects along this line include rock painting, making "rock critters," crafting light-catchers with tumble-polished agates, sand art, beading, crafting wind chimes, or polishing soft stones by hand with wet-or-dry sandpaper. If you're hesitant to have kids use rock saws and grinding units, check out these ideas and more in the Badge Manual at http://amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm.

Dennis Gertenbach and Jacque Mahan of the Flatiron Minerals Society (Colorado) recently contacted me about a project that proved especially popular successful for them. Their Junior Geologists had just concluded a basic wire wrap project that attracted more kids (33 in all!) than have attended any of their past lessons and activities. Using just two small pieces of wire and a tumble-polished stone, each child crafted a beautiful pendant. One of the leaders, Craig Hazelton, led the meeting and even produced a how-to YouTube video that is clear, direct, and easy to follow: <https://youtube/pqOzlsFyXvI>

I encourage junior leaders of all AFMS-affiliated societies to check it out, then give it a try with your club's kids. It looks like any easy project for kids to do while, as always, having fun!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

By Mark Nelson, EMT

As rockhounds, many of our activities involve environmental conditions that are warm. Most workshops don't have refrigerated air conditioning and can heat up during the summer. So do halls where we hold our shows. Field trips are most popular during months when its not cold, snowing or raining. Once the weather warms we are off to the mountains, deserts, forests, streams and beaches in search of unique material. As leaders of our clubs we have an obligation to be aware of the conditions that will enable our members to enjoy our hobby safely. A weak and tired person will get hurt at a workshop or damage equipment and on a field trip they will trip and fall. Fatigue and an altered mental status puts all of us at risk of injury and one of the primary causes of this is dehydration! Water regulates our body's temperature, lubricates joints and helps transport nutrients for energy and health. If we aren't properly hydrated we won't be able to perform at an acceptable level and may become a hazard to ourselves and others.

Two-thirds of the human body is made up of water and the body of a person of 154 pounds contains about 1500 ounces of water. Almost 70% of this water is inside the body's cells, 20% is in the space surrounding cells, and slightly less than 10% is in the bloodstream. The water in the human body is essential to keeping it healthy. We lose water constantly. Humidified air leaves our body when we breathe, we sweat to cool the body and we eliminate water and waste by urinating or having a bowel movement.

How many times at our shops and during field trips have we seen our members seek a chair, rock, or stay in the car to "sit this one out"? One of the first signs that the body needs water is a lack of energy. This is often followed by the reduced volume and darker yellow color of urine, dry or sticky mouth, dry skin, mild headache and slight muscle cramps. Thirst is generally the **last indicator** that the body needs water!

How much water should I be drinking? There are no set guidelines for water intake because everyone is different. Sweat rate, heat, humidity, activity intensity and duration are just some of the factors that must be considered. A simple way to make sure you're staying properly hydrated is to check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated. Dark yellow or amber-colored

urine is a sign of dehydration. When the amount of water you intake matches the water you excrete, the body's water supply will be balanced. A healthy person of about 150 pounds and not sweating excessively should drink at least 65 ounces a day. For a hot workshop or vigorous collecting activity it is recommended to increase this to 100 ounces. As a rule of thumb I advise field trip members to drink one 16 ounce bottle for every hour of a field trip.

A convenient way to carry water is with a 2-liter hydration bladder. These are available at a cost of \$8 to \$26 and come with an attached drinking tube that can be slipped into your back pack. Platypus, CamelBak, Outdoor Products are some of the brands and are conveniently available at places like Dick's and Big Five Sporting Goods, REI and Walmart. Other models are their own back pack or waist pack.

As we enter into the warmer months we need to preach the most basic of safety rules: **DRINK WATER !**

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

Greetings Rockhounds. Now it is time for the 2018 Rockhound of the Year honors to begin. I realize it is easy to put this off since it is "still the beginning of the year". Although, you may think that there is plenty of time, if you wait too long, when all of us get terribly busy, you may not receive the award in a timely manner for your special event where you present it to your member.

So think hard about who will be your recipient this year and get that in to to me so that you may honor your recipient.

Note: if the form isn't available on the website, use the format below (word, pdf, or notepad) to generate required input.

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CFMS MEMBER RECOGNITION

Rockhound of the Year

One member or couple from your society/club can be recognized each year by CFMS. CFMS also recognizes Junior Members. Please use separate form.

Society/Club Name _____

Individual or Couple _____

Members for how long? (approximately) _____

Junior member? _____

Write an article about how (he, she, they) have helped your club. Service to the club could be:

1. being an officer, show chairman, bulletin editor, webmaster, help at the shop,
2. instructor, junior program, educational speaker, hospitality at meetings (greeting new members and making them feel a part of the club), etc. If they have held many positions over the years, list several of them.

Please include the address so that we may mail the certificate to the appropriate recipient/officer.

Email the filled out recognition form to Garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

INSURANCE FOR MEMBER SHOWS

by Mark Nelson

The question was recently raised by the members of the club's Show Committee who would like to have a smaller event anyway. My club's non-profit status lapsed because the annual report was not filed by a previous treasurer. We are correcting this but, because of this, we believe that we won't qualify for insurance and therefore our club has decided not to have a regular show this year. Can we hold a smaller event and still get liability insurance?

We are seeing more clubs which will hold an event smaller than their regular show at which members of their club, other clubs and the public can meet to do things that there may not be a venue for at their regular show. This might include the buying, selling and swapping of rocks, minerals, tools and equipment. Members can reduce their inventory of collected material, liquidate estate items and

sell things that they have created. There may even be displays, vendors, member recruitment and educational booths for children. It's up to the imagination of the event organizers!

As member clubs of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies we are fortunate to have a track record of operating successful and safe shows. This gives us the ability to obtain good insurance at a reasonable rate. The question of a club's non-profit status or the size and number of activities at a club event does not affect the ability to acquire insurance. As long as the activity is sanctioned by the society or club and the organization is a member in good standing with the CFMS they are eligible to obtain insurance through the CFMS insurance agent, McDaniel Insurance Services.

The answers to a lot of common questions can be found on the CFMS web site at http://www.cfmsinc.org/forms10/forms.htm#Insurance_Forms.

A NOTE FROM THE EXEC SEC/TREAS

During the next few days I will begin work on the Society Roster for 2018. Because the CFMS Convention will be held this year in September my plan is to mail the roster to the club address I currently have in my files. The accuracy of the information in this document depends on you. If the information has changed since you sent me your officer change forms earlier in the year please email me the corrected information to bplarue@earthlink.net.

You can update your contact information at anytime by contacting Merryan O'Neill, the CFMS webmaster.

Have you moved recently? If so please send me your new address so the newsletter can be delivered to the correct address. From time to time I get mail returned with the notation "not deliverable as addressed". This means one of two things—either there is something wrong with the address (spelling, wrong number) or there is new route person unfamiliar with the households on his/her route. CFMS uses bulk mail for the newsletter. Forwarding is a service not available with this discounted rate. If mail is returned 2 months in a row, you are removed from the mailing list. Do you prefer to read the newsletter on the CFMS website? Let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list. Thanks for your help.

AND SO IT BEGINS

By Steve Collett, Historian

Kern County Mineral Society starmstr1@bak.rr.com

At the meeting in Visalia this past November, outgoing president Margaret Kolaczyk made a passionate appeal regarding the cache of documents in storage in Lancaster. This resulted from Shirley Leeson stepping down after more than twenty years of serving as the historian committee chairperson. For details, refer to articles by John Martin and by Shirley in the October 2015 issue of the CFMS Newsletter (Vol LII #9).

It seems that the task of dealing with this cache of material has resulted in a three year vacancy for the office of Chairman of the Historian Committee.

Wait a minute. I went to grad school at The Museum at Michigan State University. I have curatorial experience. I worked as a high school science teacher for 28 years. I have a long history of editing newsletters. I even have a lot of experience scanning and archiving documents. So I introduced myself to incoming president Jennifer Haley.

It took several months for Jennifer to arrange for me to meet with her and John Martin in Lancaster so I could see what I was getting myself in for. I had trepidation of spending the rest of my life scanning millions of old CFMS documents. Much to my relief, the cache turns out to be much smaller than I had feared. I estimate that there are at most the equivalent of about forty bankers boxes worth of documents.

Here I am in the storage cubicle with President Jennifer Haley. Photo by John Martin.

After a cursory visit to the storage shed, I retrieved a box of miscellaneous folders mostly dealing with Federation shows, and Jennifer handed me a four-inch-thick package of mystery materials with which to start. Part of the initial process is going to be to identify those items such as very old financial records that can be recommended for discard. Secondly, I will need to comb through and identify those documents most urgently in need of being conserved. Many other items can be downgraded as those needing archiving, but not urgently. Kind of like medical triage?



Back home in Bakersfield, I fired up the scanner and opened up Jennifer's "mystery package". It consists of well-preserved copies of Bulletin of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California from the 1930's, a couple of CFMS Bulletins from the '30's, and a quite good – if incomplete – collection of Mineral Notes and News the original Federation newsletter, from the 1940's and early 1950's. I have already scanned most of this – perhaps 600 pages altogether.

I quickly discovered that the Federation was headquartered here in Bakersfield for most of this time. This is a consequence of one of the founders of the Federation, Paul VanderEike, a chemistry teacher who was the founding dean of Bakersfield College. Mr. VanderEike served for decades as bulletin editor. The Federation was formally incorporated at a meeting in Bakersfield in December of 1945.

I was born in Bakersfield. Other than time away for university studies, I have lived my entire life in Bakersfield. My freshman and sophomore years were spent at Bakersfield College! Small world. I've already contacted Bakersfield College Archives, hoping to learn more about Mr. VanderEike.

I'm really excited about undertaking this work. I have already gotten advice from other members of the Historian Committee as appointed by President Haley. I'll be going to the Lancaster show (April 28 & 29), so I'll pick up some more materials to feed into my scanner!



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Sandy Fuller, AFMS President

As a child I grew up hearing the "Good, Better, Best" adage to encourage me to pursue excellence. As a rockhound, this adage holds special meaning when I look at the AFMS awards programs.

Across the nation, groups of people have come together to study, learn, collect, exchange and support each other around our common love of geology, with a special emphasis on rocks, minerals and fossils. As a group we are able to help each other and grow together into a club that others want to join and enjoy. This is good!

Our club quickly learns the local resources and identifies opportunities to reach out beyond the local community. A successful club starts working with similar clubs from nearby communities, across the state and eventually across the region. Our regional federations provide a forum to help local clubs access resources and strengthen their services. This is even better than the lone club struggling to meet the varied interests of its members.

Within the American Federation, we have established a variety of programs that are administered at both the regional and national level to help clubs and individual members achieve excellence. Using nationwide criteria, local clubs earn scores at the regional level. The best entries from each region are re-evaluated by a panel of national judges. The winners are then recognized as the best of the best from across the nation.

The purpose of the national awards programs, including the All American, Bulletin Editors, Website and Competitive Exhibits, is to help clubs strive toward excellence. There is enough flexibility within these programs to allow and recognize creativity while also rewarding the tried and true methods for making good the BEST.

Excerpts from *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec-Jan 2018

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

Sponsored by

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Please submit your

*Show or Event as soon as possible
to receive maximum advertising value!*

Email to:

SHOW DATES

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!*

2018

June 8-10, La Habra, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Fri. 5-8, Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: Armando Pedroza 909-444-2727
Email: forestandSUN@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 9-10, Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Society
California Center for the Arts Escondido
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Michele Shephard
Email: pgmcshow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org

June 9-10, Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat, 10-5 Sun, 10-4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, 626-963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website: N/A

June 23-24, Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz. 310-850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

August 3-5, Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 -4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, 805- 481-0923
Email: sylviaandon@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 4-5, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)
9th Ave & Lincoln Way , Golden Gate Park
Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Ellen Nott
Email: Ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgms.org

September 15-16, Chico, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc.
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair St.
Hours: Sat 9:30-5, Sun 9:30-4
Contact: John Scott, 530-321-6331
Email: hweazel@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 15-16, Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Contact: Janis Rovetti, 831-372-1311
Email: Janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.rocks

September 15-16, REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Harvest of Gems and Mineral Show
1400 Roosevelt Ave
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: William Spence, 408-398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website:
www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

September 22-23, Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford St.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mike Mathis, 510-301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

October 6-7, Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke; 530-274-2425
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org

October 13-14, Los Altos, CA
Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Steve Jobe 408-834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org

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
Website:
www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 14, Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, 760-728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 20-21, Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Inc
Santa Rose Veterans Hall, 1351 Maple Ave
Hours Sat, 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene, 707-849-9551
Email: coons@sonic.net
Website: srmgs.org/gemshow.php

October 20 Woodland Hills, CA
Woodland Hill Rock Chippers, Inc
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Virginia Rotramel 818-349-2943
Email: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

November 3-4, 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: <http://opalsociety.org>

November 10-11, Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgem&min.org

November 17-18, Oxnard, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, 805-394-8002
Email show_info@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.ornardgem.com

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation

September 15, 16, 2018
Directors Meeting, Awards
Banquet, Endowment Table and
Raffle
Hosted by Feather River Lapidary &
Mineral Society, Inc. Show
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair St.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Chico, CA
Website: www.cfmsinc.org

Midwest Federation

Hosted by Lincoln Orbit Earth
Science Society,
Orr Building, State Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
October 6-7 2018
Springfield, Illinois
Website: www.loess.org/gem-show

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:
northwestfederation.org/FederationShow.asp

***Rocky Mountain
Federation***

Hosted by Western Dakota
Gem and Mineral Society
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Barnett Arena
444 Mount Rushmore Road
July 20, 21, 22, 2018
Hours: Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4
Rapid City, SD
Website: <http://rmfms.org/conventions>

South Central Federation

SCFMS Convention
Hosted by Lubbock G&MS
Lubbock Memorial Civic
Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
May 5-6, 2018
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Lubbock, TX
<http://www.scfms.net/show>

**Advertise your shows in
the Rock & Gem Magazine!**

[www.rockngem.com/
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)
**Send the information in
early so it's published in
the magazine as well as
online.**

**EACH CLUB/SOCIETY
SHOW
SHOULD BE LISTED HERE

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

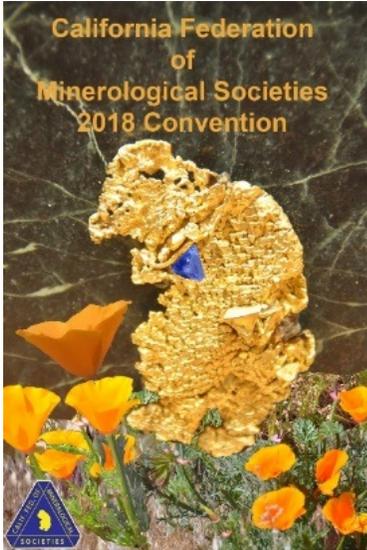
REMINDER

Advertise your Show in as many
Free locations as possible!

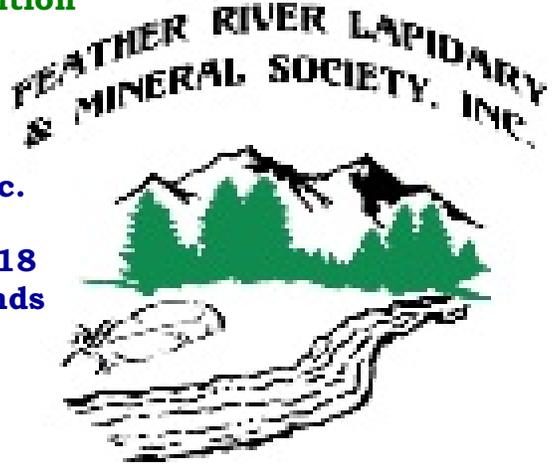
1. Local newspapers
2. Current events sections!
3. Local TV stations,
4. Community calendars!
5. Other Local Shows

Mark your calendars!

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies



2018 Annual Convention
and the
**Feather River
Lapidary
&
Mineral Society, Inc.
Show**
September 15, 16, 2018
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
Chico, California



This society presents the **“Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest.”** They give out 3 cash prizes. See the society’s website for more information and about the deadline to register for the contest.

<http://www.featherriverrocks.org>

Apply early and take your time to tumble!

Cash prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places winners!

Trophy for the 1st place winner!

Winner will be announced in September 2018

CFMS 79th Convention

New Director’s Orientation Meeting

Directors Business Meeting

Awards Banquet

CFMS Endowment Table & Endowment Raffle

Schedule and further information TBA. Yes, we will have RV parking and a special hotel rate for CFMS.

Show Hours

Sat. 10AM-5PM

Gems-Rough Rock-Jewelry-Beads-Opals-Crystals

Sun. 10AM-4PM

Kid’s Activities & much more

The registration form is not available in the electronic version of the newsletter due to formatting issues. It will be available on the CFMS website.

The Camp Paradise application is available on the CFMS website. It is not included in the electronic version of the newsletter due to formatting issues.

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