



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tony Fender

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know that Marion and Vivien Roberts have decided to step down as chairmen of the Earth Sciences Studies. Marion and Vivien have been running the Zzyzx and Paradise Camps for many years, and the federation owes a huge debt of gratitude to them for their time and dedication. Marion talked with Sandie and I in the early part of the year, and Sandie and I agreed to take over the reins. These are huge shoes to fill, and Marion and Vivien have been most helpful in teaching us what to do. Because Sandie and I were at the AFMS show during Zzyzx, Marion and Vivien stepped up to the plate for one last time at Zzyzx. I hope they will continue to be visitors to the camps for many years where they can just enjoy themselves without worrying about things.

As we approach the end of the year, don't forget the Rockhound of the Year Award. This is a way that you can recognize one of your members for all the work they have done. Often the work is done in the background and most people don't even know that its being done, until something happens and the person no longer can do it, then everybody sees it is missing. Give that person the recognition that they deserve. The President or the Federation Director can submit the nomination to the Rockhound of the Year Chairman, Gary Levitt.

I would like to ask that you visit and support other societies at their annual shows. Many societies rely on the revenues from their show to pay their operating expenses, and the more we can help each other the better for all societies. We are all proud when other societies attend our show and admire our cases of work, so please reciprocate. Often you will see new techniques demonstrated, and be inspired with new ideas for your own work.

During the year there are seven Federation Shows scattered around the country. Over the years Sandie and I have been fortunate enough to attend many Federation Shows beyond CFMS. This year we attended the Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Later this year we will attend the

Northwest Federation Show in Lewiston, Idaho. Traveling to Federations beyond your own expands your understanding of the extent of the hobby. The mineral specimens that exist on the East Coast are very different from the minerals in California, which are different from those in the Pacific Northwest. Any chance that you have to attend a Federation Show outside your Federation take the opportunity.

Margaret and Pat are working hard on planning and organizing the CFMS show in Lodi for 2020. Plan on attending, exhibiting, competing, helping etc. I'm sure that there will be plenty of things to do.

*Tony*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sept 5. . . . . Deadline for October newsletter  
Sept 1-7. . . . . Camp Paradise wk 2  
Octt 5. . . . . Deadline for November newsletter  
Nov 8-10. . . . . Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

**CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS**

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PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024  
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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
- Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)

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 meUmo section.

**CFMS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

by Jennifer Haley

A reminder during the lazy days of the hot summer to empty your inboxes, so you are able to receive the important updates from the CFMS and forward them to your society members. The last couple of months I’ve received more than usual returns. If your society has a new Federation Director, please send me their updated information so I can change my roster.

## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2020 Officers will be held November 8-10, 2019 at the Wyndham-Visalia, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$99 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **October 24, 2019**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 9, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Marcia Goetz will have a brief meeting of her 2020 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

### Banquet Menu Beef and Chicken Duo

Marinated Charbroiled Bistro Filet Served with Cabernet Reduction  
Grilled Chicken Breast in Mushroom and Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce  
Chefs Choice of Starch  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Mixed Green Salad  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Chef's Dessert Buffet Extravaganza

\$40 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

**Make banquet reservations by November 3, 2019.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

To make a guest room reservation under the following block: CA FEDERATION MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY on November 8-10, 2019, \$99+ (12.19% tax) room rate on standard rooms--

You can call the following and mention your date, and block name:

Stormy Myers  
Sales Administrative Assistant  
[smyers@altamonthotels.com](mailto:smyers@altamonthotels.com)  
(559) 651-5000

Or go to:

[www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)

1. Enter dates
2. Click on "special rates and codes"
3. Click on "group code"
4. Enter 11077020CA

Please reserve no later than October 24, 2019. Cancel at no penalty by 4 pm one day prior to arrival if needed, to avoid one night's room/tax penalty.

## Nominating Committee

We need to find some awesome candidates for the position of Secretary of the CFMS Board for the year 2020.

I am in the middle of dividing all of the clubs between the members of the committee and I am hopeful that we will have some wonderful nominations to bring to the Fall meeting.

If you are reading this newsletter and you have a thought of someone who would make a great Secretary, please contact the person, ask if he or she would love to come to meetings and take minutes of our CFMS gatherings. Of course, they will be super happy to be considered, and then you can get me their name, club and email asap.

We will be working to do the same and see you at the November conference in Visalia with our wonderful nominations. If you have questions, please email me at [hdafler@yahoo.com](mailto:hdafler@yahoo.com).

Thank you,

Heidi Hall

Nominating Committee Chair



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS &  
AFMS Juniors Chair

### Seeking Suggestions for AFMS/FRA Badge Manual Revisions

When I started the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program fifteen years ago, I stated that my plan was to expand and/or update it every four years. I started in 2004 with a Membership patch, 9 badges and a Rockhound badge that were unveiled at a Fall CFMS Directors Meeting. In 2008, I added 6 badges and a Rock Star pin. Starting 2012, we arrived at our current set of Membership patch, 20 activity badges, Rockhound badge, and Rock Star pin. In 2016, we kept the same badges and awards while replacing and updating website references and adding a number of new optional activities for each badge unit. To see what we currently offer, go to [http://amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm)

2020 is just around the corner, so—if I am to stay true to my long-ago promised plan—it is time to start revisions toward a Fifth Edition of the Badge Manual. With 20 badges, we've pretty much covered the waterfront. Current badges include: Rocks & Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, Leadership, Earth Processes, Earth in Space (meteorites), Gold Panning & Prospecting, Gemstone Lore & Legend, Stone Age Tools & Art, Rocking on the Computer, The World in Miniature (thumbnails & micro-mounts), Special Effects, Fluorescent Minerals, Reaching Across Generations, and Maps.

As I gear up for a Fifth Edition, I welcome your ideas, experience, and creativity. Because of the expense of adding new badges to a program that we provide for free (thanks to the generosity of the AFMS Endowment Fund), I'd like to avoid adding the set-up and manufacturing costs of an entirely new badge unless there's a truly major area of our hobby and avocation I've missed these past 15 years that presents a clear and compelling need for a broad range of kids. Instead, I'd like to focus on adding new activities to the existing badges. For instance, we initially lacked anything on dinosaurs. Rather than add a whole new badge on dinosaurs, this omission was fixed in a later edition by adding activities to the existing Fossils badge thanks to suggestions from local juniors' leaders.

In addition to new activities, I'd like to update basic info. Have you tried any of the web addresses included in the Manual intended to lead to additional sources of information and activities and, if so, do you have suggestions for new websites to incorporate? Have any of the web addresses expired? Are there additional books, videos, or other resources we might recommend to go along with any of our badge units? Are there ways we might use our AFMS and regional Federation websites to support aspects of the Badge Program?

I welcome any and all ideas large and small! Please send your thoughts to me via snail-mail, e-mail, or phone: 7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003, [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com) (805) 659-3577. I welcome *your* ideas to help craft our next edition toward providing kids with yet another four years of having fun!



## ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

With the Endowment Fund being a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services that CFMS provides to its members, it is gratifying that member clubs and individuals consistently donate money, rock related items and jewelry. Donations may be made for many reasons, among those being, "in memory of", "in honor of", "in celebration of" or for any other reason that your creative mind may choose or for no reason at all, just to feel good!

Between now and June of 2020 when the CFMS Show and Convention will take place in Lodi, CA, your donations will be especially appreciated as we will be conducting a high quality raffle and the Endowment Fund will have a table set up where we will be selling a variety of donated items including handmade, natural and commercially produced items. We will have a roulette wheel, as usual, for kids of all ages and where everyone wins!

You can donate using the form that is in the newsletter, delivering a check at a business meeting (there are two per year) or bringing checks or items to the Endowment Fund Table at CFMS Shows. While visiting the table, purchases may be made from the many donated items appropriate for both children and adults. All proceeds go to the Endowment Fund.



## ROCKHOUNDS ALSO COLLECT STAMPS

By Dick Pankey

I have missed the past few Directors Meetings and our stamp donation project sort of fell by the wayside but I am happy to say that Betty and I plan to attend the meeting in Visalia and get things going again. Now is the time for the society directors to get their "stamp snipper" going again.

How does this whole stamp project work for CFMS? It starts at the club member level; it is easy to do - when you get your mail each day just cut the stamps off of the envelopes and stick them in a Ziploc bag or envelope. When the bag is full give it to your Federation Director to take to the Directors' meeting. Many years ago Debbie Bunn assumed the job of taking the CFMS stamps to the Sacramento Philatelic Society (stamp collectors) from CFMS Past President Ellen Schultz, so at the Directors Meeting we would parade up to Debbie to present the stamp donations. The Philatelic Society sells the stamps and the proceeds are donated to the Easter Seals Society. All donations stay in California.

Even though I was unable to attend the Directors' meetings, the Contra Costa M&GS stamp snippers continued their stamp snipping, so I have an abundance of stamps to take to Visalia in November.

I am sure someone will ask, "How does this benefit CFMS? What do we get out of this?" I can think of several benefits: It involves society members in the work of the CFMS, it gives the Federation Director another reason to go to the Directors' meeting, and most of all it is a worthy philanthropic project for a diserving worthwhile charity for very little effort.

How big will the "stamp donation parade" be at our Directors' meeting in Visalia and will you be in the parade? Have your society start snipping stamps now and join the parade at Visalia.

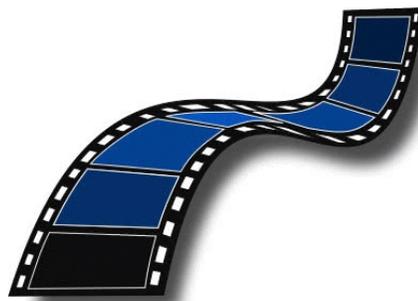


## VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

Here is the procedure for requesting visual programs:

1. Access the listing of programs on the CFMS web site.
2. Choose a program then use the online form and email it to me including your phone number.
3. I will let you know that I have received it.
4. Please do the above two to three weeks in advance of your date of use.
5. You should receive the DVD a week or so prior to the use date as long as you have made the request in advance.
6. Please return the program within 10 days of use with the \$10.00 fee per disc and the completed feedback form.
7. If you need additional information, just call or text Sharon at (702)499-0272.



Because requests for the video format of programs from our lending library have not been made for over two years, I will be raising the possibility that the video collection be retired by either selling, donating or possibly digitizing the programs (or all three)!

Think of the visual programs for general club meetings, kids meetings, at shows as an additional activity or for any other use that your creative minds come up with. There are rockhounding, educational, instructional and mine location with a description of the material there, among many additional programs. These are all available as a service to CFMS member clubs. Hope to hear from you soon, Sharon (702) 499-0272

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Communicate Folks!

By Beverly Moreau, CFMS Past President, 1998

One of the most important aspects of an organization is how its officers and members communicate with each other.

Most people develop a certain style of communicating. This may become their trademark (unbeknown to them), and can be very important to the success of the group.

Beware of the individual who has charge of some important aspect of the show or club who, for weeks and months on end, utters not a word about progress on the task at hand. Of course, everyone is absolutely certain that all is well, sure that "Good ole Bob" is taking care of all the details in his usual, efficient manner.

Surprise! Three weeks before the show, up pops Bob and announces that he hasn't been able to do his job because personal and family problems had to take precedence. At this point, it's almost too late to make the contacts he should have made weeks ago, and someone else, without warning, has to jump in and start making calls or sending letters that should have been done weeks before.

Then, take a look at Joe over there (sometimes considered the club loudmouth), who just can't stop talking about the things he's done to accomplish *his* assignment. It might even sound like bragging, but gee, learn to put up with it—at least you know what he's been up to!

The difference in the two individuals is what is called communication. Bob is probably frustrated beyond words, not being able to take care of his end of the bargain, and too scared to admit the truth to anyone. Intimidated, no doubt, by Joe's constant commentary on *his* progress.

Bob hasn't yet learned to communicate his frustration, and Joe just likes to talk about it because he feels good that his efforts are paying off.

Perhaps we could help both of these persons to communicate in a more positive fashion if, during the club meeting or show meeting, the President or show chairman had a checklist of the various tasks that are pending.

In each of the responsible parties was called upon to give a short progress report, he or she would have an

opportunity to air any difficulties or roadblocks that stand in the way of accomplishing the task, or ask for assistance—in a timely manner. Conversely, it would be an opportunity to report on some of the glowing successes and accomplishments to date, in an appropriate forum.

If you want your club to run efficiently, don't be afraid to ask for intermittent progress reports. It may give the responsible individuals just the chance they're looking for to let off some steam (or prevent a disaster). And as a bonus, communication just may promote peace of mind.

Originally published in the *CFMS Newsletter*, 4/1998

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## TRONA GEM-O-RAMA URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

On August 6 Searles Valley Minerals Inc. notified the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society that the strong earthquakes on July 4 and 5 damaged their facilities to such an extent that SVM will not be able to host any Gem-O-Rama gem show activities on their properties during this year's gem show. The SVM exclusion includes all access to Searles Lake to collect saline minerals, including Searles Lake pink halite, and all tours through their manufacturing facilities. Because these activities form the backbone of the Gem-O-Rama, **we believe that we must cancel the 2019 Gem-O-Rama in Trona, California.**

Please help us by passing this information on to any person or any organization that you think might be interested in attending the Gem-O-Rama in 2019 so that they won't be surprised and disappointed if they try to attend.

For more information and confirmation, visit our website at: [www.1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/](http://www.1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/).

The entire public notice from Searles Valley Minerals Inc. follows.

*"The Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society has sponsored a show for minerals collectors and the general public each year since its inaugural show in 1941. This show features opportunities to collect rare and beautiful minerals, displays and exhibits, field trips and entertainment for the entire family. This is a tradition Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society intends to continue.*

*Searles Valley and the surrounding community of Trona experienced two large earthquakes during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. These earthquakes interrupted minerals production at Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. and damaged neighboring businesses and homes in the Trona community.*

*Restoration of minerals production is underway and repairs are ongoing throughout the community. Because of the demands of this recovery activity, Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. is not allowing access to its property on Searles Lake. We look forward to hosting this popular event next year."*

Jim Fairchild, Publicist, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

## ARE YOU READY FOR TROUBLE?

By Mel Albright, AFMS Safety Chair

Most of us cruise through life expecting no major health problems and getting none. But, fate has a way of surprising us. Accidents happen, strokes come, heart attacks come, sudden changes happen, snakes bite. And then we go or are taken to an emergency room to get help. When you get there, are you ready? Ready? How? Well, there are some things you should carry at all times. Otherwise, the emergency treatment may hurt you rather than help. What should you carry?

1. A list of all the medicines you take. This should include everything. Your regular prescriptions, of course are part. List the medicine, its strength, and the frequency you take it. Over the counter stuff should be listed, too. What vitamins do you take? What herbals? Anything you take regularly should be listed - name, strength and frequency. Then there is the occasional stuff. Over the counter pain killers, cold medicines, cough medicines, allergy pills, etc. should all be listed.
2. A short health summary. List whatever problem you might have. Sinus, heart, diabetes, allergies, asthma - whatever. Remember, you may not be in shape to tell the doctors.
3. A list of who to contact if you are taken ill or hurt. Some hospitals either cannot or are reluctant to treat you without your family being aware of what's going on. Names, addresses, phone numbers, and relationships should be listed.
4. Your identification. Frequently, joggers and the like go out without identification. When they are stricken, no one knows who they are or who to tell.
5. And, of course, your health insurance information. Surprise health problems are a shock to all of us. We all like to pretend they won't happen to us. But they might! Don't make them worse by not being prepared. And don't bet that you can remember all of the above information while worrying about your health.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, May 1999



## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

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

Greetings! Rockhounds. This year has been a bit problematical as far as presenting information on the Rockhound of the Year via our newsletter. As far as a temporary solution suggested last month which was:

Contact me (via email) and I would send you (via email) the appropriate files for you to fill in the required information. If there were any questions/issues, we would converse via email.

You may be surprised by how effective this is! The Rockhound of the Year noted below (John McCabe) had their information sent to me by Mary Caparone.

And at no time did my fingers leave my hands! So for the moment if you want to send me nominations for rockhound of the year, although it is late, let's get it going.

### **John McCabe, Santa Lucia Rockhounds**

John McCabe is a fine, hardworking, intelligent man. He has been Education Director, and Past President of the Santa Lucia Rockhounds.

After his retirement he became involved with helping youth and others. In this capacity he has been on the Board in one position or another for twenty years. He tutors geology at Cuesta College and leads numerous geology related walks for both the Santa Lucia Rockhounds and the Morro Bay Natural History Museum. For the past years he has also made countless presentations on geology, and lapidary arts to schools, libraries, and local organizations such as the Lions Club and Kiwanis. We can always count on him to share his knowledge about geology and the art of being a Rockhound.

He contributes so much to our Club and we are very fortunate to know him and be in his presence. His smile is all we need to keep us listening to his words about what he values, life.

By Mary Caparone, President, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

## PROVIDING PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

From time-to-time, we may be asked to provide someone with a 'proof of liability insurance' for such activities as rockhounding on private property/claim or using a facility (such as a fairgrounds or school for a show).

One of the benefits of the Federation's insurance policy is that the \$1 Million of liability insurance coverage applies to any sanctioned society event at which fewer than 500 people will be in attendance at no additional premium. For events (such as rock-and-gem shows) where 500-or-more people will be in attendance, there is an additional premium (which is determined by providing McDaniel Insurance Services a completed form called a **Special Event Questionnaire** which is found on the Federation's website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)).

For the owners of property who require a 'written document' to confirm the existence of the \$1 Million of coverage, the 'proof' of liability insurance is a document called a 'certificate of insurance' which is issued by the insurance company through its agent/broker (in our situation, by McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.). The form can be found on the Federation's website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) and, when completed, can be emailed or faxed to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.

On occasion, the owner of the property may insist upon being named an "Additional Insured" together with the Certificate of Insurance. In such circumstances, there must be a 'written agreement' between the owner and your society requiring such Additional Insured endorsement and such document needs to be provided to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. when requesting a certificate of insurance.

For further information, please go to the Federation's website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org), and clicking on the various forms that can be found under the home-page tab (left column) entitled: **CFMS INSURANCE & OTHER FORMS**.

Should you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact me at 530-677-5322 or [fred@fredott.net](mailto:fred@fredott.net)

## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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Show or Event as soon as possible  
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*Email 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!*

September 7-8; Arroyo Grande, CA  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
South County Regional Center  
800 West Branch Street  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: N/A  
Email: [info@slogem.org](mailto:info@slogem.org)  
Website: [www.slogem.org/show.html](http://www.slogem.org/show.html)

September 21, Long Beach, CA  
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society  
Expo Arts Center  
4321 Atlantic Ave  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Carol Kron and Karin Alvarez,  
562-577-9044  
Email: [lmineralgemsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lmineralgemsociety@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.facebook.com/LBMGS/](https://www.facebook.com/LBMGS/)

September 21 - 22: CHICO, CA  
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4  
Lori Millard, (530) 533-2968  
Email: [lorimillard58@yahoo.com](mailto:lorimillard58@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

September 21-22: MONTEREY, CA  
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311  
Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [cvgms.rocks](http://cvgms.rocks)

September 28-29; Lodi, CA  
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 E. Lockeford St.  
Contact: Mike Mathis, 510-301-3612  
Email: [mmatis@nwp.org](mailto:mmatis@nwp.org)  
Website:  
[www.stocktonlapidary.org/show](http://www.stocktonlapidary.org/show)

October 5-6; Grass Valley, CA  
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke  
530-575-4252  
Email: [4vanclan5@att.net](mailto:4vanclan5@att.net)  
Website: [www.ncgms.org/show-info](http://www.ncgms.org/show-info)

October 5-6; Vista, CA  
Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N Sante Fe  
Hours: 10-4 Daily  
Contact VGMS, 760-659-6545  
Email: [vistarocksgms@gmail.com](mailto:vistarocksgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.VistaRocks.org](http://www.VistaRocks.org)

October 12-13; Los Altos  
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Alton Youth Center  
1 North San Antonio Rd  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Steve Jobe 408-834-5384  
Email: [steve\\_jobe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [HTTPS://pggs.org/](https://pggs.org/)

October 12-13, Trona, CA  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

SHOW CANCELLED—SEE ARTICLE IN THIS  
NEWSLETTER

October 19; West Hills, CA  
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
Gem Show  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, Phone N/A  
Email: [whrc@rockchippers.org](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)  
Website:  
[www.rockchippers.org/shows.html](http://www.rockchippers.org/shows.html)

October 19 - 20: PLACERVILLE, CA  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Debbie Winterson  
Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
Website: [eldoradorocks.org](http://eldoradorocks.org)

October 19 - 20: SANTA ROSA, CA  
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
The Veterans Memorial  
1351 Maple Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551  
Website: [jolene4srmgs@gmail.com](mailto:jolene4srmgs@gmail.com)  
Website: [srmgs.org](http://srmgs.org) Show Page

October 26-27; Sacramento, CA  
Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Temple  
6251 H Street  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger 916-662-5819  
Email:  
[gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org](mailto:gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org)  
Website:  
[www.ssacramentomineralsociety.org](http://www.ssacramentomineralsociety.org)

November 2 - 3: ANAHEIM, CA  
American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [opalsociety.org/](http://opalsociety.org/) Show Page

November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Mike Hopkins  
Email: [mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net](mailto:mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net)  
Website: [contracostamineralandgemsocty.org](http://contracostamineralandgemsocty.org)

November 2-3; Ridgecrest, CA  
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours 9-5 Daily  
Contact: John DeRosa; 760-375-7905  
Email: [jfrocks@dslextreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextreme.com)  
Website:  
[www.indianwellsgemandmineral.com](http://www.indianwellsgemandmineral.com)

November 9-10, Yuba City, CA  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds  
Franklin Hall, Franklin Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Karen Horita, 916-677-6696  
Email: [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: [sutterbuttesgem&min.org](http://sutterbuttesgem&min.org)

November 23-24, Oxnard  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Laura Driskell 805-394-8002  
Email: [show\\_info@oxnardgem.com](mailto:show_info@oxnardgem.com)  
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com/home/gem-show>

June 1 - 2: CAMBRIA, CA  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cambria Veterans Hall  
1000 Main Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603  
Email: [kim@gmail.com](mailto:kim@gmail.com)

## National/Regional Shows:

### 2020

January 18-19; Exeter, CA  
Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building  
324 N Kaweah Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4  
Contact: Gayle Bingaman; 559-802-6029  
Email: [bandgbing@aol.com](mailto:bandgbing@aol.com)  
Website: [www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)

February 15 - 16: ANTIOCH, CA  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10th Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Brenda Miguel  
Email: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com)  
Website: [antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://antiochlapidaryclub.com)

February 22-23: Vallejo, CA  
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Debra Duhon; 415-254-1506  
Email: [dduhonvvgms@gmail.com](mailto:dduhonvvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.vjgms.org](http://www.vjgms.org)

March 7-8; Ventura, CA  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Richard Slyker; 805-312-8467  
Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

March 21 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: (408) 265-1422  
Email: [info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

*California Federation*  
June 25-28, 2020  
81<sup>st</sup> CFMS Show & Convention  
Lodi, CA  
Hosted by California  
Federation of Mineralogical  
Societies  
Details to Follow

Northwest Federation  
October 18-20, 2019  
Lewiston, ID  
Hosted by Hells Canyon Gem  
and Mineral Society  
NezPerce County Fair Building  
1220 Burrell Ave  
Hours: Fri-Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4  
Contact: HELLS CANYON GEM  
CLUB, INC. PO BOX 365  
LEWISTON, ID 83501  
Email: [hcgemclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hcgemclub@yahoo.com)  
Website:  
<http://www.hellscanyongemclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-FED-SHOW-FLYER.pdf>

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Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair  
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10am – 4pm Sunday

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Demonstrators  
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