PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE  
By Tony Fender

August 25th through September 7th is the Earth Sciences Seminar at Camp Paradise. This is a two week session of classes in the lapidary arts. You can attend one week if you prefer. Classes are offered in many different disciplines including silver smithing, cabbing, faceting, soft stone carving, lost wax casting, wire art, lampwork bead making, bead weaving, PMC clay, and dichroic glass. You are not limited to one skill; many people will switch through several skills that interest them. The ESS program is intended to introduce the students to skills that they are interested in, and also for the students who wish to hone their skills being mentored by an expert in the field. Applications are available on the CFMS website.

Recently, Sandie and I made a trip to Chico to meet with members of the Paradise Gem and Mineral Society and the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Club. We were able to take them several pieces of equipment, and several buckets of rocks. For those of you who are not familiar with the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Club, they host a tumbling competition in conjunction with their annual show, so much of the tumbling rough was donated to them. I would like to thank all of those who donated equipment and rough to this program. If any of you still have things that you would like to donate, please contact me and we will make arrangements.

As we were in the Sacramento area, it was an excellent excuse to attend the Reno Gem and Mineral Show. It was the first time that I had attended their show, and it was a most enjoyable experience. Attending shows out of your local area exposes you to new dealers, and new displays. It was a great experience to view all the rocks that are in Nevada, I can’t wait to join them on one of their field trips.

Now that we are getting into the summer season, it is time to start thinking about the officers that you want for your Federation for next year. If there are people that you know who would be good for the Federation, please recommend them to Heidi Hall, the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Tony
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- AFMS Endowment Fund
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 5 . . . . . . . . . . . Deadline for July newsletter  
July 5 . . . . . . . . . . . Deadline for August newsletter  
Aug 25–31 . . . . . . . . . . . Camp Paradise wk 1  
Sep 1–7 . . . . . . . . . . . Camp Paradise wk 2  
Nov 8–10 . . . . . . . . . . . Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

FLAG DAY

14 JUNE
Instill a Sense of Wonder before Imparting Knowledge

I recently attended a one-man concert by Noel Paul Stookey (the Paul of “Peter, Paul and Mary”). As he performed a crowd-pleasing rendition of “Puff, the Magic Dragon,” it reaffirmed in me the need to appeal to the imagination and to the sense of endless wonder inherent in young, developing children. Normally, in my experience, when we do school presentations as part of our mandate for educational outreach, we’re talking to kids between second and fifth grade. And we treat them like mature young scientists, eager to soak up imparted knowledge in the form of facts, figures, and such, whether it be about the three rock types, fossils and the tree of life, the Mohs scale and mineral identification or similar topics that we’re often asked to bring to the table when making school presentations.

But I urge you to go back and re-listen to “Puff, the Magic Dragon.” At the time of Stookey’s performance, I was scheduled to give a preschool group of 4- and 5-year-olds a tour of our local Ventura Gem & Mineral Society club museum rooms. Rather than even attempt to talk in dry detail about dinosaurs and fluorescent minerals and other specimens on display, I thought of the song’s message about the innocence and wonder and sense of limitless adventure in very young minds. Thus, instead of “dinosaurs,” we all had fun exploring the time when Earth was ruled by magical dragons. Instead of trying to explain the science behind fluorescence, I used my “sorcerer’s wand” (i.e., a fluorescent flashlight) to magically command bright colors from a dull gray rock. And—except for a couple key moments—rather than demand attention, we simply let the kids roam, explore, touch, and ask spontaneous questions.

Did it work? Will it leave a lasting impression? Well, I don’t know, but I did get a very nice hug from one little girl as the group departed. Especially for kids at such a young age, is it not better to engage their imagination, to spark their enthusiasm, and to key into their sense of wonder? Let’s wait until they hit the jaded old age of, oh, say, ten or eleven before smothering them with knowledge. Meanwhile, let’s keep it fun!

SAFETY-SNAKES!!!
Mel Albright - AFMS Safety Chair (1997)

I. SNAKE BITE!!!!

RULE NUMBER 1: DO NOT PANIC! Medical records indicate that the odds are that you have NOT received a fatal bite. Also, snake venom is a relatively slow acting material. You have two to six hours to get to help. Also, strenuous physical action will make the venom act faster!

RULE NO. 2, DON'T! Our first impulse is to do something - quick - give first aid. You should not. No tourniquets. No compresses. No cuts into the bite. No medicine or stimulants like alcohol. No sucking the venom out - it may actually cause more harm. No elevation of the affected area.

RULE NO. 3. DO! Transport the patient immediately to a medical center for care. Walking is OK if no severe symptoms have appeared and is faster than carrying. Expect swelling and remove anything that constricts the area around the bite - shoes, rings, clothing, whatever. Rinse and disinfect the wound while transporting if over an hour is involved. Apply a cool, moist dressing to slow swelling. If there are signs of shock, elevate the patient's feet about a foot. Try to identify the snake, but don't risk another bite trying to do so.

II. BACKGROUND

The best way to treat snake bite is to prevent it. Almost every bite occurs because the snake feels threatened by the person. Usually snakes are shy and will leave if given a chance. So, leave them alone!

Let the snake know you are coming. Walk "heavy" so they'll feel the vibrations. If you encounter one, (and jumped up instead of away) stay calm, back off, and do NOT threaten it. A stick or a tool or rocks are a BAD idea. Don't go barefoot in your camp area. Don't turn over rocks or brush with your hands - use a tool and look first even then. Remember, snakes often have company (I ran into a nest while plowing that had 17 rattlesnakes come out and more were in the den hole!). Do not put your hands or feet anywhere without looking first - particularly around rocks! Wear boots and long pants while in snake country.

There are 4 poisonous US snake families. Copperheads and cottonmouths are the most dangerous because they are more likely to bite. A copperhead is 2-5 feet long,
copper, orange or pink tinged, has bold reddish brown crossbands on the back midline. The cottonmouth (water moccasin) is 18 inches to 6 feet long, has a broad head, is olive, brown or black, patternless with crossbands, and has a white mouth interior. Coral snakes are not very dangerous and are mild natured. They look similar to a lot of other snakes with bright red, yellow and black bands. Remember "red touch yellow - kill a fellow; red touch black, venom lack."

Rattlesnakes come in several varieties. They are, of course, identified by their rattles. But, they do NOT always rattle before striking. The 3 most dangerous are: 1. Eastern diamondback with dark brown or black diamonds outlined by a row of cream or yellow scales and 2 to 8 feet long. 2. Western diamondback with brown diamonds on the back and sides, peppered with dark spots, and 2 1/2 to 8 feet long. 3. The Mojave rattlesnake has well-defined gray to brown diamonds, ovals or hexagons with light edges down its back and a tail with contrasting light and dark rings. Other rattlesnakes include the speckled, and the timber.

For comparison of the relative risks from bites - remember first that the bigger the snake, the more dangerous the bite. As to venom, here's a list showing relative danger - (snake name, milligrams of venom injected by a typical bite and lethal human dose from the venom) Eastern coral snake, 1-15 mg., 2-4 mg.; copperhead, 40-70 mg., 100 mg.; cottonmouth, 100-150 mg., 125 mg.; Eastern diamondback, 400-700 mg., 100 mg.; Western diamondback, 200-200 mg., 100 mg.; timber rattler, 100-150 mg., 75 mg.; Mojave rattler, 50-90 mg., 15 mg. If you are traveling out of the country or just want more information, check the references.

NON-POISONOUS SNAKES BITE, TOO. If they do, there is danger of infection and tissue damage. Their bites should receive disinfection and professional care if they don't heal rapidly.


From AFMS Newsletter, June 1997

AFMS RECOGNITION AWARD: JOHN MARTIN HONORED

By Sandy Fuller, AFMS Past Presidents Advisory

Want to know the latest information on public lands access for recreational rock hounding? Your best source is the web pages of the American Land Access Association <amlands.org>. Webmaster John Martin continually monitors and identifies proposed and pending rule making and legislation (with the assistance of ALAA members) and posts the most up-to-date information.

As the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Committee Chair since 2008, he also digests and disseminates timely in-formation through newsletter articles and contacts with his regional counterparts. Occasionally, he even travels across the country to meet with congressional members to help them understand the concerns of recreational rockhounds.

Having trouble finding photos of John? That's because he's the guy hiding behind the camera. John has photo-documented many AFMS conventions and can usually be identified as the man with the camera.

At the 2019 AFMS Convention, John Martin was awarded the AFMS Recognition Award for going above and beyond their prescribed duties to make a lasting contribution to the AFMS. The award is not given every year because it is reserved for very special people who are identified by your past AFMS Presidents.

Previous recipients of the AFMS Recognition Award include: June Culp Zeitner, Jim Hurlbut, Dee Holland, Dorothy and Glenn Lee, Marge Collins, Steve and Carolyn Weinberger, Ruth Bailey, Ed Romack, Anne Cook, Shirley Leeson, Pat LaRue, B. Jay Bowman, Dr. Robert Carlson, Jim Brace-Thompson and Richard Jaeger.

From AFMS Newsletter, Apr-May, 2019

Congratulations John!!!
I’ve been hitting the books again, investigating the earliest AFMS Historian files to see what gems of information I could write about for you. 1928 is a year to remember. The first radio and telephone connection between the Netherlands and U.S.A. occurred, American aviator Amelia Earhart became the 1st woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, sliced bread was sold for the first time, and Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin while studying influenza.

And in 1928 an earth science teacher noticed the need to have the earth sciences taught at schools below the college level. Unfortunately, I do not have the gentleman’s name, but what we do know is that he started a club for his students and community. The club was such a big hit, he hoped something similar could go national. Peter Zodac, founder and first editor of Rocks & Minerals Magazine was a big supporter of the idea, and began writing monthly articles which appeared in his magazine about forming earth science clubs. In those articles were ideas for pro-grams and activities, and of course information about minerals. Learning about minerals and collecting minerals was becoming extremely popular, and was the main focus of our hobby in the beginning. Individuals and families were fascinated with what they could learn, and were enchanted by the adventures they were exploring.

Mineral societies slowly but in a big way began to spring up around the country. The first two were in California in 1931 and 1932, and the third in Oregon in 1933 which was called the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society.

The Oregon club got busy promoting themselves and started a bulletin. The club grew by leaps and bounds it’s first year, becoming what was believed to be the largest club of its kind in the world at that time. The monthly bulletin was called the Oregon Mineralogist. By its second year a person you are now familiar with from a recent AFMS Historian article, Dr. Dake, became their editor and renamed the bulletin The Mineralogist Magazine.

Two other publications were born from the excitement of the hobby, Earth Science Digest and Mineral News and Notes. Advertisements for lapidary equipment became a popular aspect of the magazines. Clubs across the country were corresponding with one another, visiting each other’s club meetings and venturing out together to collecting sites for minerals.

With so many clubs forming an idea was sparked to form a Federation. Those first visionaries of our hobby wanted to keep the spirit and the knowledge of the science and the hobby alive instead of seeing it dwindle over time. As a synergy, they felt their combined efforts would be far greater than the sum of what an individual club could do on their own.

Backed by the eagerness and the efforts of the clubs over a course of years, the seven federations one by one were formed. California Federation—1936; Northwest Federation—1938; Midwest Federation—1940; Rocky Mountain Federation—1941; South Central Federation—1943. During the time of WWII efforts to advance the federations was suspended. In 1946 came the inspiration for forming a national federation, and by 1947 the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies was born. Two other federations followed with the formation of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogy and Lapidary—1950, and the Southeast Federation—1976.

When you hear society members asking why we have the federations and the AFMS, you now have a great story to tell them that they can take to heart.

From AFMS Newsletter, Apr-May, 2019
HOST A SHOW
By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Hosting a CFMS Show and Convention can be a very rewarding endeavor for your club/society! Many, many CFMS clubs and societies have taken the opportunity of hosting this event over the past 50+ years and made it their own.

A few of the advantages of hosting a CFMS Show and Convention are:

- Gaining new members.
- Showing your community what your hobby is all about.
- Making money for your club/society.
- Showing all of the other CFMS clubs/societies what you’re all about.

Each show is unique in its own way. Think about the ways hosting a CFMS Show and Convention could benefit your club/society.

The 2020 CFMS Show and Convention will be a self-hosted event taking place in Lodi, CA June 26-28, 2020. The 2021 event is currently open. Two clubs are interested with information still being discussed. The 2022 event has an interested club.

If you would like more information about possibly hosting a future CFMS Show and Convention, please contact me.

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Report given at Directors Meeting, Pomona 2019

THE TIME IS RIGHT TO ENLIVEN RECREATIONAL ROCKHOUNDING
by Jennifer Haley, ALAA Director-California

This year the BLM and the Department of the Interior are on a huge enthusiastic campaign to encourage the public to enjoy their public lands recreationally more than ever. I receive one if not more announcements every week from both agencies which include photographs in support of their efforts regarding this. Why?

After reading the Revenues to Federal Government Programs report, it is very clear Recreational use fees amounts for over half of all the combined revenues collected from Forest Products Permits, Forest Service Maps, Grazing Fees and Recreation Fees. None of the other uses mentioned above comes close to Recreational use revenues, and that is what BLM and the Department of the Interior realize. What used to be common uses, aren’t any more for a variety of reasons. Recreation Fees and Recreation Special Use Permits amounts to $530,851 of the $945,471 received last year. Second to Recreation is Grazing at $265,275. Times have changed and the Public Lands agencies have awakened to this fact by looking at the numbers in dollar signs.

We have a great opportunity here as Recreational Rockhounding Clubs/Societies to enliven our hobby. The timing is right, so get out there and do what you do best while enjoying your public lands. Reintroduce yourselves to BLM and other park agencies where collecting is allowed. You might even think about talking to a local ranger station or park office about bringing your junior members out for a program to help earn a badge from the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program, or offering a field trip or a short earth science program for the day.

If we don’t get involved ourselves and create our own excitement, there isn’t anyone who is going to do it for us. We have to create our own public awareness for our hobby, to get the name, Recreational Rockhounding, in the same sentence as other the other common recreational activities: camping, hunting, boating, fishing, hiking. BLM and the Department of the Interior do have an area on their websites recognizing Rockhounding, but it’s not usually mentioned in the same sentence as the other recognized activities. I think
it is because we are less known as the historical American hobby that we are.

Our favorite Rockhounds who came before us, carried the hobby for many years on our behalf. They were wise enough to see changing times coming for our hobby, and created the American Lands Access Association to help keep public lands open to us. We’ve lost and won some battles along the way. Fieldtrips and various programs had been the highlight of our hobby for close to 83 years when the Recreational Rockhounding community formally began organizing their Clubs and Societies. Please do your part. Finding a way is actually easy.

I want to emphasize as I did in our most recent ALAA newsletter, that every Federation needs the involvement and support of each other when it comes to our collecting sites. The potential closure of roads to any collecting site actually threatens the closure of that site to every society and individual, who is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the public who will become our future club members. We have a future to fulfill for our hobby. Let's stay involved as societies and people working together to accomplish that goal and enjoy the hobby with others as we go about it. Public education is also about doing great public relations for our hobby.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, Apr-May, 2019

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**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).

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 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, 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.

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CFMS SHOW DATES
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Use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)
You should receive a confirmation
within 5 days after submitting your
Show Date information!

June 7, 8, 9: La Habra
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
LaHabra Community Center
100 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Friday 5-8, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Armando Pedroza 909-598-2456
Email: forestandsun@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 8-9, Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, 626-963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website: NA

June 7-9; Culver City
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: culvercityrocks35@gmail.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.html

June 7-9; Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Michele Shephard
Email: pgmcshow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org

August 2-4: Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 N. Thompson Ave.
Hours: Fri –Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Wayne Mills 805-481-3495
Email: wmmills50@hotmail.com
Website: www.omsg.org

August 3-4; San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Ave and 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 7-8; Arroyo Grande, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Email: info@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/show.html

September 21, Long Beach, CA
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Expocenter
4321 Atlantic Ave
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Carol Kron and Karin Alvarez, 562-577-9044
Email: lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com
Website: 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
Website: 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
Website: 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
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org/show

October 5-6; Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
14534 Mumford Drive
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke
530-575-4252
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org/show-info/P

October 12-13, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Trona Gem Building
13337 Main St.
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-3
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, 760-372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/S

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
Website: 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
Website: 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
Email: jolene4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: srmgs.org

October 26-27; Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6251 H Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger 916-205-4441
Email: webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com
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
Website: opalsociety.org/

November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mike Hopkins
Email: mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net
Website: contracostamineralandgemsociety.org

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
Website: sutterbuttesgem&min.org

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 Bringaman; 559-802-6029
Email: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

National/Regional Shows:

Eastern Federation
June 1-2, 2019
Monroe, NY
Hosted by Orange County Mineral Society
Museum Village
1010 ROUTE 17M
Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2, 2019
10 am to 4 pm – Rain or Shine

California Federation
June 26-28, 2020
81st 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: HILLS CANYON GEM CLUB, INC. PO BOX 365
LEWISTON, ID 83501
Email: hcgemclub@yahoo.com
Website:

Rocky Mountain Federation
August 2-4, 2019
Hosted by Prescott Gem and Mineral Club
Findlay Toyota Center
(Event Center)
3201 N Main St
Prescott Valley, AZ
Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4

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

Advertise your shows in the Rock & Gem Magazine!
www.rockngem.com/showdate submissions
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ENDOWMENT FUND

Founded June 28, 1987 by CFMS Directors in Convention, Turlock, California

The CFMS Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. All donations remain as principal and only earnings are available for distribution to the CFMS. The Fund is open to receive most types of assets. (Non-cash items will be converted to cash as is prudent. Donating appreciated assets offers a charitable tax deduction without Capital Gains Tax).

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- **Patron:** A person (may be a couple) having donated $100 or more. Also has name(s) posted on the Patron Honor Plaque and receives a Booster Pin.
- **Booster:** A person having donated $25 to the Fund. The Booster pin, which was designed by Chuck Davis, is given to any person upon donating $25 to the Fund.

The Endowment Fund benefits the now generation and generations to come. Join in and support the Earth Sciences by sending in your check or pledge in support of the CFMS Endowment Fund.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1, 2019 will incur a $25 administration fee
2. No refunds or cancellations after August 1, 2019 unless a substitute is provided.
3. Do not mail your application before April 1, 2019.

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Please note: Sign in will be on Sunday, August 25, 2019 and Sunday, September 1, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd towards Brownsville). Elevation is approximately 3500 feet. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms are equipped with bunk beds in all rooms and cabins. Bathrooms and showers are communal around located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons—bathrooms and showers are communal and located nearby. RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. It is a church camp—no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

**Room assignments will be made by staff.**

Classes – Beginning Faceting, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through advanced Wire Art, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space. **Preference will be given to first time students.**

*****CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY*****

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Registration Form –PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

___Week 1 August 25–August 31, 2019 ___ Week 2 September 1–September 7, 2019

$405 PER PERSON – PER WEEK/DAY TRIPPER IS $255 FOR THE WEEK

Name 1___________________________________________ Name 2___________________________________________

Address ______________________________________City_______________________________CA Zip______________

Phone________________________________________Email__________________________________________________

Accommodations (circle one) Couples dorm Women’s dorm Men’s dorm Cabin RV Space

Would like to room with ___________________________________________________________ if possible.

Special Needs: __________Food _________Diabetic_________Vegetarian_________Other (please explain)

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you. Animals will be allowed in the RV area only and must be kept on a leash at all times and picked up after. Any violations could result in adherence to their NO PETS Rule.

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