PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

This month’s newsletter is being written during a time when life being put on hold and I am hoping everyone is staying healthy. Since I am helping Jennifer Rhodes by listing the shows on the CFMS website, it has become painfully alarming how many of our societies have had to cancel their annual shows; it can be heartbreaking to have a year’s planning wind up being cancelled. Even the CFMS Show and Convention is cancelled due to Corona Virus 19 concerns (Pat LaRue has more on this in the newsletter). One consolation is to consider how much we are going to appreciate putting on shows next year and greeting the people who love our shows. In addition to show cancellations there have been meetings, field trips, classes and Zzyzx cancelled.

I have heard from a more than a few members that they are taking the opportunity to deep clean their homes or yards, I guess this is also an opportunity to finally find that favorite rock that got misplaced. Maybe there is a special project you’ve been looking forward to working on. Hmmm, maybe we should have a special case at the next CFMS show dedicated to what we created during the stay-at-home era.

Despite not being able to hold the CFMS show and Convention, the Executive Committee will plan to hold their meeting electronically. If there is anything you want the Executive Committee to place on their agenda, please let me know.

Stay healthy,

Marcia
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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. Articles without a byline are written by the editor.
JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Juniors Activities Chair

For Memorable Kids Fun at Your Club Show, Get Silly!

“Old fossils” have been roaming the exhibit hall at the annual show of my own Ventura Gem & Mineral Society. Yes, I now admit to being an old fossil myself, but that’s not the sort I’m referring to.

For several years, fellow VGMS member Jeff Miller both startled and thrilled kids as he crept through show aisles dressed in a big inflatable *Tyrannosaurus rex* suit. Apparently, Rex sprang a leak and had to be retired. So, taking a cue from Jeff’s example, this year I made an appearance dressed as our California State Fossil, *Smilodon*, the saber-tooth cat. Also known as “Smiley Don,” this cat was observed carrying around his young cub Smiley Dan, and he took time in his roaming to pose for photos with pebble pups in the Kids’ Booth.

While Jeff startled some in his Rex outfit, most looked at Smiley Don with bemused curiosity. Apparently, an extinct cat is not as immediately recognizable as an extinct dino. One person asked, “Hey! What are you? Some kind of ‘Furry’?” Another asked, “What bet did you lose?” Some smiled. Some laughed. Some pulled Smiley Don’s tail. And some just cocked heads in wonder. But watch out for dogs! Rover stared at me, I stared at Rover, and Rover immediately began barking and lunging. And this old cat scampered to the men’s room to change back into civilian clothing…

While reactions to both Rex and Smiley Don have varied among adult visitors at our shows, both old fossils have been uniformly well received by the kids. We hope they learned a memorable thing or two about fossils in the process. So at your next show, for the sake of the kids, get silly!

Where can you get such costumes? Next fall, as those temporary Halloween shops open their doors, check ’em out! The big inflatable ones, like *T. rex* can cost a hefty sum, but I was able to cobble together Smiley Don by purchasing a relatively cheap lion outfit that I modified with a *Smilodon* face mask acquired from the gift shop when our club did an “indoor fieldtrip” to the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. I think the mask may have cost me more than the suit, but it was money well spent in the effort to help kids learn while having fun!
REPORT ON CAMP PARADISE
By Pat LaRue, Show Co-Chairman

The Covid-19 pandemic that is upon us causes us to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. We do not know if CFMS Earth Sciences is going to be able to have Camp Paradise this year. There are many factors involved in the decision; is the camp open? Can they guarantee the camp is clean and safe? How many campers are willing to come? Are the instructors prepared to come? All of these questions must be answered before we can accept any applications.

As soon as we know the answers, we will let CFMS directors know by electronic email and it will be posted on the web site.

We hope that everyone is understanding in this process and we are looking forward to Camp.

Tony and Sandie

TAX FILING REMINDER
By Pat LaRue EA, Tax Advisor

Have you filed your society’s 990 series information return? In a normal year most returns are due May 15 for a society which uses the calendar year. This includes 990, 990EZ and the 990N (sometimes referred to as the postcard). If you have already done it, great! If not you’ll be pleased to know that the IRS recently extended the deadline to file these returns to July 15 due to the impact of COVID-19. Normal deadline is the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of the fiscal or calendar year. For most of us it is May 15.

The Franchise Tax Board has also extended the time to file all forms 199 information returns to July 15. This includes the 199N.

Is this the year your organization is required to file its SI-100 (statement of information for the CA Secretary of State)? No extension is granted to file this form. This is the form filed every two years. The Secretary of State office mails a postcard to the mailing address on file generally 3 months before the deadline.

Refunds have been sent to dealers who signed up to participate at the show. Refunds will be forwarded to those few who had paid in advance for the banquet. If any of you made motel reservations, please contact the motel and cancel your reservation. Ditto for any of you who made camping reservations. Hang onto your Endowment Fund raffle tickets. Don’t know when it will be, but there will be one when Sharon can determine when and where.

CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 SHOW
By Pat LaRue, Show Co-Chairman

Yes, it is true. The 2020 CFMS Convention and Show is one the latest victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just a few weeks ago Margaret and I were hopeful that there was enough time to still have the show since it was still several months away and the safeguards put into place would be eased. Unfortunately that is not the case. As I write this, the fate of Camp Paradise is up in the air as well as countless club shows and other activities planned in the next few months.

At this time there are no plans to attempt to reschedule the event for later in the year. We can all look forward to next year’s show being hosted by a club in late April. You can look for promotional information later in the year as that club’s plans come together.

When Hurricane Ike caused the cancellation of the AFMS meeting in Houston in 2008, CFMS added a clause in the Bylaws that would allow for the cancellation of a Directors Meeting in the event of war or natural disaster. Little did we know that the natural disaster would be a pandemic threatening the health and well-being of the entire world and that anyone of us could fall victim if we let down our guard. Seems social distancing and face masks are now a way of life.

CFMS is not alone in having to cancel its Convention and Show. The Northwest Federation had to cancel their event as well. We feel for all the clubs which have had to cancel their club shows. The annual show is a major revenue source for most clubs and I think all of us will be thinking about how to tighten the belt on club finances. When we are allowed to have shows again, I encourage all of you to support the shows in your local area. Meanwhile stay safe and practice social distancing.
READY TO ROCK, ROCKHOUNDS!
By Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

Woo-hoo! Did anyone else see it? I was sitting on the couch half watching the Oscars on TV, and more interested in my bowl of pistachio ice cream, when a clever Facebook commercial came on the screen catching my attention. The theme of their ad was called, “Ready to Rock.” The creative commercial showcased twelve popular groups who have the word rock, in their description and who use Facebook. It was a high energy advertisement using one second video clips for each group. Examples of the variety of group users were, Moab Rock Climbers, Table Rock Lake, Rock Buggies-Off Roading and Experimental Rocketry, to name a few.

I just about fell off the couch when I saw one of the twelve groups printed in big letters was, ROCKHOUNDS, with a photo of the famous selenite cave in Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico, with people exploring the cave.

I had to look up the cost for these ads because not only was the commercial shown during the Oscars, it was shown during the Super Bowl this year, and the word ROCKHOUNDS was featured in both. The cost of a commercial during the 2020 Super Bowl was 5.6 million for 30 seconds. The cost of an ad during the 2020 Oscars was from 2.6 million and higher for 30 seconds. The part of the Facebook commercial recognizing ROCKHOUNDS was a full 60 seconds!

Do the math folks, we were just gifted with some amazing free advertising. How many people watched the Oscars this year? 23.6 million. How many people watched the Super Bowl this year? 101 million. In case you missed seeing the commercial, you can watch it in full at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0uYOOTz6kk

ROCKHOUNDS, is mentioned at approximately 40 seconds into the ad. The message in big letters at the end of the commercial is, “Whatever you rock, there’s a Facebook Group for you.” I am still on cloud nine this happened for Recreational Rockhounding and that Facebook thought enough to include us in their advertising. The Ready to Rock commercial has continued to air on television intermittently through this month of March as I write this, with another clever Facebook Groups ad.

I hope societies and federations include this information in their bulletins to inspire members. At a time when we sometimes worry about changing times and its impact on our recreational activity, this experience of receiving free national advertising at such widely watched time slots is truly amazing and something to celebrate. As societies, society members and federations, take to heart your value. Anytime your society editor would like to include an AFMS Historian article in your bulletin, I am more than happy to forward you a digital copy to use.

Ready to Rock, Rockhounds, that’s us!

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Photo from Facebook

FIELD TRIPS NORTH

All CFMS Field Trips North are on hold due to the pandemic. The Topaz Mountain (Utah) field trip has been rescheduled for October 1-4, 2020. Look for further updates after June. Stay safe and healthy.

Submitted by Jim Barton, Field Trips North
New~ ALAA Recommendation to All AFMS Federations & Your Societies
By Jennifer Haley, ALAA Director

We know most of America is under “Stay Home,” orders from our city and state officials. While we are all adhering to those orders and trying to make the best of these times, there is a project you can help us work on while you are at home.

ALAA would like to collect the information you have on the rocks, gems, minerals and fossils of the closed collecting sites you or your society are aware of. Take photos of the material along with identifying it and note where the collecting site was. We’d like this information for our database, website, newsletters, and for articles in the AFMS newsletters.

Once we all get the good news from our state and local authorities that it’s safe for our societies to meet again, we encourage your society to create a display case of the rocks, gems, minerals and fossils of the closed collecting sites in your territory, and to display the case(s) at your annual shows and conventions whenever possible. If every federation would show a representation of this, it will make a big impression on your members to become more collectively involved in protecting your current field trip areas now and for the future. Let’s get Rock’N on this project now so we can keep on Rock’N our collecting sites.

Stay well and be safe, and we all hope to be able to see each other soon.

CAUTION WHEN RENTING VEHICLES
By Fred Ott

From time-to-time, a Society may find the need to rent a vehicle such as a car or truck to help in an activity such as moving equipment and supplies. The Federation’s General Liability Insurance policy includes a benefit called Non-Owned and Hired Car Liability coverage which protects the Society and its members against claims and lawsuits because of an at-fault accident as stated in the policy. In order to provide coverage, the vehicle must be rented by the Society and not rented in the name of an individual Society member.

Several years ago, a CFMS society arranged to have a truck rented by a Society member who, unfortunately, did not own his own vehicle. When the truck was involved in an accident, neither the Society nor the individual had any liability insurance coverage to provide a legal defense or pay for the damages caused by the accident involving the truck. Had the Society rented the truck, the CFMS Insurance policy would have covered the accident. Had the individual owned a vehicle that was insured with non-owned auto coverage (as almost all car insurance policies automatically provide), he would have been covered for the accident by his own insurance company.

Bottom line: Accidents do happen. Make sure your Society has property coverage as well as adequate liability limits when vehicles are being used or rented for Society activities.

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CFMS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CFMS is currently seeking scholarship honoree names for the 2020-21 school year. The Executive Committee/Scholarship Committee will review the submissions at a TBD June teleconference meeting. Please review the requirements and contact me by email as soon as possible.

Submitted by Jim Barton, Chairman
geologist1@surewest.net
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CFMS SHOW DATES
Shows and Events
Sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!

Please submit your
Show or Event as soon as possible
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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!

****Special COVID 19 Message
Our shows are cancelling due to the
current mandates of not gathering
people in groups. If I am notified,
we immediately post on line the
cancelled show. Notice the future
shows listed here lined out are
cancelled. If you have your new
dates, get them to me and I will
post them.
2020 Rescheduled Shows are
shown in bold. Stay healthy and
safe where ever you are.
Sincerely, Jennifer Rhodes

2020

May 1-3: Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
YVGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street
Hours: Fri 6-9, Sat 12-9, Sun 12-6
Contact: Lee Peterson;
Email: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 2-3; Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
Off Hwy 49-88, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Cheryl Smith; 209-296-4061
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 2-3; Bakersfield, CA—CANCELLED
Kern County Mineral Society
Kern-Rock and Gem-Festival
Kern County Veteran's Hall
2101-Ridge Rd
Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4
Contact: Cathy Collett
Email: twnklk2@bak.rr.com
Website: NA

May 13-14; Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Society
California Center for the Arts
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Toni Floyd, 425-281-6218
Email: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: www.palomargem.org/annual-gem-mineral-jewelry-show/

June 23-28; Lodi, CA—CANCELLED
84th CFMS Show & Convention
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 E Lockeford Street
Contact: Margaret Kowalsky
Email: markowalsky@email.com
Contact: Pat LaRue
Email: bplarue@earthlink.net

June 27-28; Culver City, CA—CANCELLED
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
59th Annual CCRMC Fiesta of Gems
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz 310-850-4398
Contact: NA
Website: culvercityrocks.org/feria.htm

July 4-5; Roseville, CA SHOW UPDATE**
RESCHEDULED
Roseville Rock Rollers
@the Grounds
700 Event Center Drive
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: James Hutchins; 916-995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

August 15-16; Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Annual Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show
500 East “F” Street
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Ronald Myrick; 661-972-1117
Email: tehachapivgms@outlook.com
Website: www.tvgms.org

September 12-13; Arroyo Grande, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Gems By The Sea
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mary Rafferty 805-458-9350
Email: show@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/show

September 26-27; Lancaster, CA
Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club
Earth Treasures Gems Minerals, & Jewelry Show
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
2551 West Ave H
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Allison McClung; 661-839-7403
Email: alli_cares@aol.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org

September 26-27th; Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club
Earth Treasures Gems Minerals, & Jewelry Show
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
2551 West Ave H
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: NA
Email: NA
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org

October 10-11; Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
Gem-O-Rama
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-3
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild; 760-372-5356
Email: email-slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/

October 11: Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W Alvarado St
Hours: 9-4 Daily
Contact: Michelle Shearer; 760-805-2184
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org
October 17-18; Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Agates Abound-44th Anniversary
1351 Maple Ave
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene Coon; 707-849-9551
Email: santarosarockshow@hotmail.com
Website: www.SRMGS.org

October 31-Nov 1; Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
84th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger, 916-662-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com

November 14-15; Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
29th Annual Festival of Gems & Mineral
442 Franklin Hall
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita; 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgemmin.org

November 21-22; Anaheim, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 20-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Kathleen James; 714-501-9959
Email: aos.editor02@gmail.com
Website: www.opalsociety.org

National/Regional Shows:

CANCELLED SHOW

California Federation
June 25-28, 2020
81st CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
413 E Lockeford Street;
Lodi, California

Eastern Federation

Midwest Federation
Sept 18-20, 2020
Howell, MI
Hosted by Livingston Gem & Mineral Club

CANCELLED SHOW

Northwest Federation
Ogden, UT

Rocky Mountain Federation
Big Piney, WY

South Central Federation
Oct 10-11, 2020
In Conjunction with the 51st Gem and Mineral Show of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society
Mayborn Civic and Convention Center
3303 N 3rd St
Temple, TX
Hours: Sat 9-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: David Farhie; 512-826-2754
Email: dfarhie@gmail.com

Southeast Federation
AFMS
October 16-18, 2020
Knoxville, TN

2021 AFMS Show
Rocky Mountain Federation
So. Jordon, UT
April 21-25, 2021

2022 AFMS Show
South Central Federation
January 29-30, 2022

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/
Send the information in early so it’s published in the magazine as well as online.
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