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President's Message By Bural LaRue



Now that a very successful CFMS Show is behind us, we're ready for Camp Paradise!

We send our kids off to camp for a good time and to further their education. Now it's time for YOU! We have great instructors ready to teach you different aspects of our hobby. Many of our instructors have won awards at CFMS and AFMS shows. If you want to increase your knowledge and skills, you should plan to join us the first or second week of September; you can even come for both weeks. The application is on the CFMS website if you haven't already mailed one to us.

I have taught at Camp Paradise and the previous northern California camps from the beginning. As an instructor I must admit I really enjoy teaching. I might add that I always come home with the feeling that I've learned more than I taught. The fellowship with friends who share common interests is great.

As this is written Pat and I are preparing to leave for South Africa for two weeks. The first 7 days will be a hunting safari for me and the second 7 days will be a camera safari for Pat. I'm sure we'll have a great time seeing new places and learning about another culture.

Life is too short—I hope everyone is enjoying every day. Have a great day and a better tomorrow. Remember—have fun!

- Bural



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CFMS Calendar

November 7, 8 & 9, 2008 - Fall Directors Meeting - Visalia

April 17-19, 2009 - CFMS Show and Convention

May 17th through May 23rd, 2009 - Camp Paradise

November 15th through 22nd, 2009 - Zzyzx



COMPILING A MENU OF KID'S SHOW ACTIVITIES

**By Jim Brace-Thompson
Junior Activities Chair**

One of the side benefits of running the Kids Booth at this year's CFMS Show was being in a position to hear what individual clubs across the state do for kids at their local shows. For instance, I was extremely impressed (actually, blown away) to hear that the Santa Clara Valley club sees as many as 2,000 kids trooping through their show!

Making our shows "kid friendly" helps in several ways. We cultivate interest in our hobby at a young age. We attract not just a child but a whole family when we offer fun things for the kids to do—and still more families when kids show other kids in the neighborhood the neat rock or fossil they got at the show. We attract the attention of schools and youth groups, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. And we stand a better chance of attracting local press attention (and free publicity along with it) if we stress that a big part of our shows will be educational and family-oriented.

With all this in mind, I'd like to solicit and compile a list of kids show activities and displays that have been "kid-tested" and proven to be successful and fun. What does your club

do for kids at your show? Call, write, or email me to let me know! (7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003; 805-659-3577; jbraceth@roadrunner.com). I'd like to draw up a list, organize it into different sorts of categories, and then post it to the CFMS web site as a sort of "menu" of kids activities and displays that individual clubs might consider when planning their next show. So give me a call: what has your club done during your local show to make sure the kids of your community are having fun?

- Jim



**ALL AMERICAN CLUB
REPORT
By Dot Beachler**

Okay, so the show in Ventura is over, all plaques have been awarded and entry books returned to the clubs.

Now is the time to think about next year's entries. The 2009 show will be earlier in the year (April in fact). This means that books entering the All American will have an early due date. We are asking for a JANUARY 31 due date.

With little time following the Christmas and New Year holidays, all clubs should be assembling their information, pictures and reports now.

Entry forms are available on the Federation website (www.cfmsinc.org), or send a request to me.

- Dot



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Frank Mullaney, Chairperson**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for 2009 officers for the positions of: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The deadline is October 1, 2008.

If you wish to nominate a person, please send it to one of the members of the Nominating Committee and include information about the person. Please include the name, home address, phone numbers & email address. Nominations should be submitted by

the Club President or the Federation director.

Nominations can be sent to John Martin, Omer Goeden, Colleen McGann, Ted Magee or me at: 5705 Begonia Drive, San Jose, CA 95124 or email me at: rockyfiv@aol.com or call me at 408-266-1791 or (cell): 408-691-2656

- Frank



**EDUCATION
THROUGH SHARING**

By: Loretta Ogden

Recognize Your Members

We had a great time at the show and it was terrific to give out the certificates honoring your members so far this year. It is my hope that we will have as many (or more) nominations before the end of this year. It's easy, costs the club nothing and earns so much good will!

Just send a 50 to 100-word paragraph describing the accomplishments of your nominee and send it to me (preferably by e-mail to: donogden@aol.com, subject/for Loretta). I will take it from there. That's all there is to it. Your members will love it and the rest of the Federation loves to read about what kinds of things members of other clubs do.

Hope to hear from you soon. I will need to have all nominations for this year by **October 1, 2008**.

Also, the Fresno Gem and Mineral Society has the honor of nominating Dale Reith for Rockhound of the year. Dale was a Scholarship recipient and his first year with F.G.M.S was honorary. Dale's enthusiastic approach and contributions first started with accepting the publisher's position (newsletter-CHIPS); currently he coordinates the Silent Auction held at our monthly meeting, and is always there to answer any questions. A rock collection was donated to the club; Dale saw an opportunity to thank the recipient and provide additional funding to the scholarship fund. He established a format for a Silent Auction to be held in our building at the fair. This involved a lot of hours, cataloging, with pictures, and a very detail display and making sure after the fair each bidder was contacted. He still did this and put in long hours at the fair for club. Dale again volunteered to manage our 3 day spring sale at

the club house this year. Having received another donation just prior to the sale, he and other members scrambled to prepare the collection. He spent many hours in preparing for this event: club lay-out, marking areas for the members to be able to set-up in appropriate areas, making signs, contacting other clubs and the news media of the sale date. Dale, thank you from all the members for jobs well done!
Submitted by: Vickie Morris, FGMS VP

- Loretta

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT **By Jennifer Haley**

On behalf of the CFMS Scholarship Foundation, I would like to thank all of the clubs and members of our rock and gem clubs out there who have graciously contributed to the foundation. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and it is a joy to have you involved in this worthy project. I am happy to announce that the amount of donations we are receiving so far this year is surpassing what we received in whole last year. I am touched by your letters and notes of generosity which Pat LaRue forwards onto me, some celebrating the fruits of your clubs' labor and others honoring a missed club member. From all of us to you, thank you!

- Jennifer



PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SOUTH **John Martin, Chairperson**

For clubs that hold mining claims on
BLM Land.

From News.bytes, Issue 340 **BLM California**

"Mining claims/sites filing instructions for 2009 - due on or before September 1, 2008" (BLM-California website)
What must be paid or filed? Pay the 2009 Maintenance Fee of \$125 per claim, mill site, and/or tunnel site, on or before September 1, 2008, OR File a 2009 Maintenance Fee Payment Waiver Certification, Form 38302,

(commonly referred to as the Small Miner's Waiver) on or before September 1, 2008. Note: Because Sept. 1 is a holiday this year, applications will be accepted until Sept. 2. Follow the link for more information: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/iac/miningfacts.html>

- John



From the desk of **SHIRLEY LEESON,** **AFMS President**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! **PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY!**

You have a five week window to contact your Congressman about this VERY important matter. Please take advantage of it!

On July 29, 2008 I received information from Wendell Mohr (AFMS Commemorative Stamp Project) that U.S. Congressman JOHN CULBERSON, R, from the 7th District (West Houston, Texas) regarding the Paleo Bill H.R. 554. He is trying to either stop the bill or change it. He asked for our help.

I immediately contacted everyone on our email list both in San Diego and Idaho. I forwarded the information Wendell has supplied me. I also talked directly to Assistant to the Congressman, Brittany Hooten.

They asked us to do a "grass roots" movement to help him stop this bill. Helping me was John Martin, CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committeeman from Southern California. We contacted everyone we could think of. The response was abysmal. Only a few responded. **SO NOW WE HAVE A FIVE WEEK WINDOW WHILE CONGRESS IS CAVORTING ON THEIR VACATION ONCE AGAIN.....**

Here are a few things you can mention when you contact your congressman:

1. Tell them you are a rockhound/amateur collector.
2. Tell them that as the bill stands, we can be put in jail for picking up a rock that

might look like a fossil to the "untrained eye" of a BLM or Forestry person. Which will result in the confiscation of your vehicle and all equipment and the burden of proof will be on you IN COURT.

3. Amateur collectors have been responsible for many of the finds of important fossils over the years. All this will now stop.
4. Fossils are not renewable. Once fossils are exposed by wind and rain they will disintegrate. Professional paleontologists usually don't have the time, the money or the staff to check out paleo sites found by amateurs but they don't want us to collect them either.
5. This bill is a disaster for rockhounds, and I urge you to stop it.

One last thing: please contact me with your name, city and state and the name of the congressman you contacted. I'd like to know who responded to this emergency.

- Shirley Leeson, AFMS President



**From the desk of
CHERI GEORGE**

Many of you who have been metalsmiths for many years are familiar with the wonderful book, *Jewelry Concepts and Technology*, by Oppi Untracht. His wonderful encyclopedia of jewelry techniques has been used by many of us as we learn our craft. So it is with great sadness that I must pass along the sad news of Oppi Untracht's death on July 5, at the age of 85, after a long illness. Untracht was a giant in the field of metalsmithing, the author of well-used and well-loved texts that have educated and influenced aspiring and experienced metalsmiths alike for decades. Check any list of essential volumes for jewelry makers, and Untracht's *Jewelry Concepts and Technology* is sure to be on it. Untracht's contribution to the field is immeasurable, and his passing is noted with sincere regret and the highest respect.

- Cheri



**GOLDEN BEAR AWARDS
2008**

By Jeane Stultz

At the recent Awards Banquet held at the CFMS Show in Ventura, the Golden Bear Committee was pleased to present two Golden Bear Awards to deserving members of the California Federation. This Award is intended to honor CFMS members who have given outstanding service to the Federation which goes beyond that which is expected in the usual course of Federation activities.

The first Award was presented to Bob Jones, Senior Consulting Editor of "*ROCK AND GEM MAGAZINE*", who has been a staunch supporter of the CFMS for many years. He was elected as an Honorary Member of the California Federation in 2006 but he has supported the Federation as a guest speaker at CFMS Shows, ZZYZX, and other Federation events for many years.

Our second Honoree was Don Ogden who created and developed a web site for the CFMS about ten years ago. Don has served as the webmaster ever since and has constantly worked to improve and enlarge the web site. He has developed an information site for club shows as well as contact information for local CFMS clubs. He has set up a great photo section and has put most of the CFMS manuals on line. His service to the California Federation is greatly appreciated by all of its members.

Both of these people have done much to help and serve the Federation and certainly deserve the recognition the Golden Bear Committee was able to give them. It was a very rewarding experience for me to be a part of this Committee and I thank those who submitted their names to the Committee.

Jeane Stultz, Chairman
Frank Mullaney
Isabella Burns



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SAFETY

**By Chuck McKie
(Via American Red Cross)**

Choking Emergencies

Choking is a common breathing emergency that accounts for more than 3,000 deaths each year. Would you be able to recognize a choking victim and know what to do?

Choking is often caused by food or other foreign bodies lodged in the throat, blocking the flow of air to the lungs. Typically, choking victims will instinctively grab their throat and may panic, wheeze or gasp for breath.

If a person can cough, speak and has normal skin color, there is a partial blockage of the airway that can most likely be resolved by coughing. It is important to encourage the person to continue coughing, which can help to dislodge the object causing the obstruction.

Even if you see a person coughing, it is important to know that a partial blockage of the airway can quickly turn into a complete blockage where no air is getting through at all. If the person cannot breathe, speak or cough, the windpipe is completely blocked and the person needs emergency help. A person whose airway is blocked can quickly stop breathing and lose consciousness so you must act quickly. If a bystander is available, have that person call EMS personnel while you begin to provide care.

When someone is choking but is still conscious, your goal is to reestablish an open airway as quickly as possible. A combination of five back blows and five abdominal thrusts provides an effective way to clear the airway obstruction.

To give back blows: Firmly position yourself slightly behind the person. Provide support by placing one arm diagonally across the chest and lean the person forward. Firmly strike the person on the back between the shoulder blades with the heel of your other hand.

To give abdominal thrusts: Start by standing or kneeling behind the victim and wrapping

your arms around his or her waist. Make a fist with one hand and place the thumb side against the middle of the victim's abdomen, just above the navel and well below the lower tip of the breastbone. Grab your fist with your other hand and give quick inward and upward thrusts into the abdomen.

Repeat this combination until the object becomes dislodged or the victim becomes unconscious. If the person becomes unconscious or is unresponsive, they will need a modified CPR technique known as first aid for unconscious choking. Unconscious choking requires more in-depth care that involves rescue breathing, chest compressions and checking for a foreign object.

To learn more about caring for a conscious or unconscious choking victim and other life-threatening emergencies, enroll in an American Red Cross first aid and CPR course. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/> for more information.

- Chuck



**GUS MEISTER
AFMS PRESIDENT 1976**

**By Shirley Leeson
CFMS Historian**

....from Dona Leicht, member of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California:

There was an era in mineral collecting when the "club" was the thing. It was where we all gathered together to learn, to laugh, to collect, to sponsor shows and in general be the "goodwill" ambassadors of the mineral hobby. Gus Meister spent a goodly part of his life as one of these "ambassadors".

Gus's story is actually the "American Dream." come true. With only \$20 in his pocket, this young man left his homeland of Germany to come to America. For someone who had finished his apprenticeship as a machinist, washing dishes to make his way in the "big city" of New York was hardly an auspicious beginning to his new life. Several jobs followed including some time with the Waltham Watch Company in Massachusetts. In 1932 a friend suggested a trip across the country and when they landed in

California there was no question in Gus's mind that this is where he would stay, although his love of "road trips" never waned.

And stay he did....to do successful work as a machinist, marry a lovely lady named Edith and raise two daughters. The family moved to his beloved home in Altadena in 1956 and remained there his entire life. He owned Meister Engineering Corporation located in Pasadena, California. He specialized in prototype and short-run machining for many industries including aerospace and specialty cameras. He is a life member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

An announcement in the local paper about meetings of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California prompted Gus to attend and his interest in minerals became a life long hobby from that point in 1954. He studied geology and mineralogy at Pasadena City College and joined "study groups" held in various collectors' houses in the area, names like, Chapman, Hill, VanAmridge, Calvert, Rodekor, Streeter, all movers and shakers of their day.

Gus loved the thumbnail size specimens and assembled quite a collection. It is Gus we can thank for new rules in competitive displays that allow for some "flair." Previously thumbnails were displayed in unflattering wooded boxes with dividers. When Gus was disqualified during a competition for his deviation from the "rules" he took it upon himself to change the rules! As President of the California Federation and finally AFMS President he nudged them into a bit more forward thinking regarding displays. Thanks, Gus.

Ever the machinist, he thought that the current crop of breakers to trim specimens were too imprecise, rough and clumsy, and especially for smaller specimens. Then the "Meister Trimmer" was born in the early 1960's. Wayne and I still have ours as I'm sure many others do as well. Gus also engineered a faceting machine, originally called the Alter Faceter – renamed the Facet-Meister in its later years. I know of people who still use this machine.

Feisty, but always fair, Gus will be missed by his friends. Can you hear the faint sounds of the harmonica? I wonder if we can ever replace the camaraderie of those early mineral societies?

Gus served as President of the CFMS in 1969. He was CFMS Rules Chair in 1966 during the AFMS/CFMS show in Las Vegas. He served as AFMS Rules Chair at the National show in

1972 and was elected during this show for the AFMS Regional VP from California.

In 1976, the year Gus was AFMS President, the AFMS annual show and convention was held in Austin, Texas. It was a huge Texas-style show. The membership for the combined federations was 67,455. The Scholarship Fund had just topped \$200,000. The grand total to run the AFMS for the year 1976 was \$7,981.89. Most chairmen didn't put in their expenses. It's sad that at this time the president did not have a message each month in the AFMS Newsletter. We don't have any words of wisdom from this very special person, but the quiet things he did still linger on....

In his later years, after his beloved wife Edith passed away, Gus traveled to Germany many times getting to know his country of origin. His recent years left him with poor eyesight; it slowed him down, but didn't stop him altogether. He passed away in his beloved home in Altadena, with his daughter Annie by his side, as she has been for many years.

- Shirley



Fall Business Meeting

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2009 Officers will be held November 7- 9, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, 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 at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at (559) 651-5000. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. This rate is not available on the Internet. Cut-off date for this price is October 24. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal Cracker Barrel will be held Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The business meeting will be called to order on Saturday, November 8, at 9 a.m. President-elect C J

Quitoriano will have a brief meeting of her 2009 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu—Night in Tuscany Buffet

Traditional Caesar Salad w/ Garlic Parmesan
 Focaccia Croutons & Fresh Romano
 Served with Homemade Caesar Dressing
 Dry Italian Meats Antipasto and Vegetable Platter
 Caprice Pasta salad
 Sliced Seasonal Fresh Fruit Display
 Slow Roasted Rork Loin with Wild Mushroom Ragout
 Herb Crested Chicken with Thyme Natural Jus
 Wild Rice Pilaf, Basil Pesto Red Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
 Tiramisu, Cappuccino Cheesecake and White Chocolate Hazelnut Mousse.

Meal includes rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea service; price \$35: (includes tax & gratuity)

Make banquet reservations by October 31, 2008. Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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- Pat



**C.F.M.S. SCHOLARSHIP
 HONOREES
 Throughout the years...**

By Jo Anna Ritchey

1979-1980	Claude Schapers
1980-1981	Bob Deidrick
1980-1981	La Docia Ellis
1981-1982	William Allaway
1981-1982	Sharr Choate
1982-1983	Ben Chromy
1982-1983	Les Darling
1984-1985	Francis Marshall
1984-1985	Cleo Adams
1984-1985	Dave Wilbur
1984-1985	Jessie Hardman
1985-1986	Dr. William Wise
1985-1986	Marion Godshaw
1985-1986	Vince Moorgan
1985-1986	Eleanor Learned
1986-1987	Allen Mitchell, MD
1986-1987	Ruth Bailey

1986-1987	Carmelita Swarts
1987-1988	Agnes Hall
1987-1988	Charles Howell
1988-1989	Carl & Ellen Schultze
1988-1989	David Champion
1988-1989	Fred Sellers
1988-1989	David Swartz
1988-1989	Toy Sato
1989-1990	Keesa Stewart
1990-1991	Bill & Isabells Burns
1990-1991	Larry Bidwell
1990-1991	Bob King
1991-1992	Shirley Leeson
1991-1992	Red & Edna Powell
1991-1992	Michael Kokinos
1992-1993	Bob & Jeane Stultz
1992-1993	Margaret Norton
1992-1993	Ray & Florence Meisenheimer
1992-1993	Chuck & Addie David
1992-1993	Charles Leach
1993-1994	Francis & Annelis Nash
1993-1994	Bernie & Carol Mauldin
1993-1994	Jean Hamel
1993-1994	Wes Lingerfeldt
1994-1995	Joe & Beverley Hafeli
1994-1995	Jerry Harr
1994-1995	Richard Knox
1994-1995	Jim Strain
1994-1995	Myron Zents
1995-1996	Juanita & Bob Curtis
1995-1996	Cal Keator
1995-1996	Howard Gray
1995-1996	Dr. Peter Sadler
1996-1997	Debbie Bunn
1996-1997	Grant & Toni Ewers
1996-1997	Ken & Nora Hawkins
1996-1997	Arthur & Rosamond Riggle
1997-1998	Jim Nelson
1997-1998	Sam Borges
1997-1998	Norvie Enns
1997-1998	John & Fern Jenkins
1997-1998	Virginia Grafton
1998-1999	Kathleen Springer
1998-1999	Lillian & Ed Heiss
1998-1999	John Peck
1998-1999	Beth Pinnel, Bob DePue, & Bill DePue
1999-2000	Laura & Tony Meredith
1999-2000	Charles McKie
1999-2000	Pat LaRue
2000-2001	Jock Donahue
2000-2001	George Snyder
2000-2001	Beverly Moreau
2001-2002	Francis Lau

2001-2002	Dr. Walter E. Carr, Jr. MD
2002-2003	Sugar White
2002-2003	Jim Brace-Thompson
2003-2004	Greg Anderson
2003-2004	Keri Dearborn
2003-2004	Dick Flaharty
2003-2004	Jack Williams
2004-2005	Robert Fulton
2004-2005	Peggy Ronning
2004-2005	Debbie & Mark Wartenberg
2005-2006	Lois Allmen
2005-2006	Cal Clason
2005-2006	Thesresa Kokinos
2006-2007	Bonjou Paphatsarang
2006-2007	George A. Wheeldon, Prof. of Geology
2007-2008	Janet Gordon, PhD
2008-2009	Bural LaRue



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By: Marion Roberts

As of this writing, I am in the middle of some major changes for the future scheduling of the Earth Science Studies programs. This is all due to the increasing popularity and use of the Zzyzx facility by more colleges from all over the U.S as well as Europe. As the scheduling is done by the Universities, they have priority. We no longer can get a time slot in the spring months. I was offered only 2 weeks to choose from and decided the only feasible date would be November 15th to 21st, 2009. There will be no March or April program at Zzyzx in the future. This will mean the Camp Paradise program will possibly be moved to the Spring as I am working on a May date. I need serious input from probable participants of Camp Paradise if I am to attempt a May Camp Paradise for 2009 or I may have to lose one year and plan for 2010.

This is one time I need you, as contacts for your club, to get the word to everyone as soon as possible so they can contact me. I need the help of everyone right now. Anyone who knows of a camp that we might be able to explore, be it a church camp, scout camp, or private facility please send as much information as you can in regards to contact source and I will follow up.

If this does not work, we will be forced to work with the Camp Paradise program as it now exists with no program in the south.

What ever happens I will not let the whole project collapse. More information to come after the Camp Paradise session.

As of this time, we have a few more participants than last year for the 2 week sessions and I welcome more.

'Addendum'

As of this writing, some major changes have been made for future scheduling of the two Science Studies programs. This is all due to increasing popularity of the Desert Studies Center on Zzyzx Road by more colleges and Universities from all over the U.S. and Europe. The scheduling is done by the University at Fullerton and "they" take priority.

Next year in 2009, the program at Camp Paradise will take place from May 17th to May 23rd, 2009 and Camp Zzyzx will be moved to November 15th to 22nd, 2009

With major changes such as this, it is imperative that everyone who receives this newsletter be sure to get this information to each and every member of your club or society. Please remember, there are only three copies sent to each club or society.

We will have Camp Paradise applications in the November newsletter and Camp Zzyzx applications will be out by February newsletter.

- Marion



A LONG JOURNEY ENDS

By Shirley Leeson
CFMS Historian and Historical Librarian

It started out with Chuck Boblenz of Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society having a complete set of Lapidary Journals to the present date. He offered them to anyone who would like to have them. Ruth Bailey of the same club contacted me and asked if the CFMS Historical Library, a part of the Historian's files, would like to have them. I answered, well you know me, OF COURSE!!! Ruth told me they were in eleven boxes so we planned to take the extra seats out of the van for transfer. Here's where it got sticky.... Ruth told us just before we left for

Ventura she couldn't get anyone to bring them. So we didn't take the seats out of the van. Did I mention that we had seven exhibits, risers, etc for the show in the van among other things....and the van was packed to the ceiling.

So to my surprise when we got to Ventura there was Ruth and Frank Mullaney who had put the boxes in his truck and there they were in Ventura. Enter two angels: Jo & Doug Quinn of the Palomar Gem & Mineral Club, who live in Cardiff. They offered to bring the boxes to their house and we could pick them up when we got back to San Diego.

All's well that ends well..... Our Historical Library now has a complete collection of Lapidary Journals, which means that the ones I have can be donated to the Endowment Fund at the auction next year. Everyone wins! But then again, that means lots of boxes for the van to haul to guess where, San Jose, where the original boxes came from in the first place. Ain't life grand???

- Shirley

From the desk of SHEP KOSS

Hi, Hounders!

As new co-chair for CFMS Field Trips - South, allow me to introduce myself and Adam Dean. Many of you in Southern California already know me, perhaps, from previous field trips, postings on various e-groups or articles in this newsletter. Many of you know Adam Dean from previous field trips especially to the Cady Mountains and Wiley Wells. He's been closely associated with Bob Fitzpatrick and is known as "the **Agate Hunter**".

Many of you have joined my club, the Sierra Pelona Rock Club, on many of our open trips or as guests. Some of you have not only joined me on rock trips but on fossil hunts for shark teeth near Bakersfield or know about my rare fossil sea lion finds.

While still considering myself a "newbie" at this, having only done this for six years now, I've logged many miles in many states for a wide variety of material and consider myself lucky on many finds. Adam Dean has even more experience in the field than I, having grown up

in a rockhounding family. Together we can offer exciting adventures.

After the heat of summer finally leaves us, Adam and I have discussed future trips to the Cadys (both sides), the Mojave, the Greenhorns and Wiley Wells (to name a few), for specimens ranging from geodes to agates, jaspers, onyx, quartzes, garnets, fluorescents and a wide variety of other materials.

All trips will be posted in the CFMS first, so watch the newsletters and website. If your club wants to sponsor or co-op a trip, please contact us. **Happy Hunting!**

- Shep



BULLETIN AIDS

By Doug Arnold

We had 42 entries in the Bulletin Contest this year. Of that, 16 were forwarded for the AFMS contest which will be held in September. Winners of that contest will be announced at the AFMS/SCFMS show in September. Winners for 2008 CFMS contest were:

New Bulletin Editors:

First Place: Mary Polacek, Rockhound Rambling; Ventura Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place: Jeanne Boone, Rock Writings; Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Small Bulletins:

First Place: Jennifer Haley, Napa Gems; Napa Valley Rock & Gems

Second Place: Debbie Hood, Ore-Cutts; Orcutt Mineral Society

Large Bulletins:

First Place: Anne Schaffer, The Pegmatite; San Diego Mineral & Gem Society Inc.

Second Place: Merryan O'Neill, Petroglyphs; El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

Third Place: Kris Jarusevcius, The Matrix; Sacramento Mineral Society

Fourth Place: Chris Whittier, Ghost Sheet; Mother Lode Mineral Society

Articles -- Advanced:

First Place: Paul Howard, "Visiting Agate Creek, the Home of Queensland Agate"; Orcutt Mineral Society

Second Place: Steve Mulqueen, "Definition of the Month: Heap Leaching"; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Articles -- Adult:

First Place: Jim Hutchings, " Virgin Valley and the Ark"; Roseville Rock Rollers

Second Place: Clay Williams, "Displaying Your Treasures"; El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

Third Place: John Lien, "Travels in Guatemala"; Sacramento Mineral Society

Fourth Place: Romy Mueller, "Post Rock Limestone"; Mother Lode Mineral Society

Fifth Place: Gilbert Gonzales, "Yolo Rock Chronicles - Episode Three - Goodnow Slough Petrified Wood"; Sacramento Mineral Society

Sixth Place: Lowell Foster, "Virtual Fieldtrips XII: Adventures in Afghanistan"; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Seventh Place: Crystal Frederichs, "Petrified Lightning"; Sacramento Mineral Society

Eighth Place: Kevin Beguhl, "The Untold Worldwide Addiction"; Sacramento Mineral Society

Ninth Place: Joy Fergoda, "Black Jack, Poker and Pretty Rocks"; Sacramento Mineral Society

Tenth Place: Lynn Smith, "Antifreeze Poisoning"; Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Articles -- Ages 12-17:

First Place: Amanda Schreiber, Age 13, "Diamond Fever at Crater of Diamonds State Park"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Second Place: Rodney Duncan, Age 12, "Gold"; Motherlode Mineral Society

Third Place: Timothy Wert, Age 15, "More Than Meets The Eye"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Fourth Place: Abigail Schreiber, Age 15, "Funny Money"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Articles -- Ages 5-11:

First Place: Raven Johnson, Age 10, "Simply Sand"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Second Place: Sierra Horwitz, Age 8, "The Mine Adventure"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Third Place: Adrian Howard, Age 10, "Obsidian, The Great Rock"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Fourth Place: Angelina Ponciano. Age 10, "The Golden Rule"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Fifth Place: Emily Gudeman, Age 9, "My First Gem Show"; El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

Sixth Place: Tayler Bradford, Age 11, "Diamonds"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Seventh Place: Joanna Trujillo, Age 9, "My Trip to Crystal Park Mine"; Reno Gem & Mineral Society

Eighth Place: Chase Lanier, Age 7, "The Lost Geode"; Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

Ninth Place: Jarrod Trujillo, Age 9, "Exhibiting at the Fair"; El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

Tenth Place: Paulo Buencamino, Age 11, "Paulo's Report About Cabochons"; Roseville Rock Rollers

- Doug



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PROGRAM AIDS

By Cheri George

"EACH ONE, TEACH ONE"

When I first started learning to make handmade jewelry, I thought "Oh, this is cool, a few pieces of jewelry to wear,...neat-o!" Then people asked me to make them a pair of earrings to go with their favorite dress, and it just went on from there. I remember teaching my 72-year-old mother how to string beads, so she could have a different necklace with each dress to wear to church. She was so excited to learn something new, even at 72. It was curious that teaching the little bit I knew to others, who knew even less, would become so addicting.

Every time I meet someone who is truly interested in learning how to do one of the things I am experienced at, I want to run over to their house and show them. But it often interferes with their schedule. I started offering classes at MY convenience saying, "If you could get four or five people together I could give you a class".

By wearing a pretty necklace to one of our club meetings I ended up teaching the Bead there by 6 classes. In the first few years we grew from one student then two, then four, seven and finally, I think we had ten to thirteen, depending on the project. Many of those people are still making jewelry from the patterns I gave them. We originally made the class for our club members only, but as time passed we decided to allow anyone who wanted to learn to come also.

Now, we only have three people, aside from the instructor, who come to beading. We decided to go on hiatus for the summer, since I live in a cooler climate and it is truly too bloody HOT in the desert in the summer. Our group has expanded for the AV Fair jewelry-making group; they come to help out and that enables us to have a greater inventory to sell during the fair. Our real Bead there by 6 classes will begin again on 10 September, after the fair is over. We will be starting with a stitch sampler.

The whole idea behind demonstrating and teaching beaders in a group setting is to make it easier for them to go on and also teach

another. I always remember what Jerry Harr said to me when he was teaching me to improve my bezels. He said, "I give this lesson to you for free, in hopes that you will pass the things you learn to some other person also for free". I call that PAYING IT FORWARD. Recently I read an article in Rock and Gem about learning at the foot of someone who is a master and taking your knowledge and putting it to good use in the same manner.

Most of the instructors at the Earth Science seminars are this type of teacher. They go for the fun of teaching; any stipend that they receive pays only for their gasoline, but sometimes not completely, and incidentals.

Our hobby has many talented individuals whose combined knowledge is amazing. For them to keep in a basket with a cover on it is a shame, so I urge you to teach someone your craft. Take the saying EACH ONE, TEACH ONE to its furthest. Keep the hobby alive!!

- Cheri



CFMS RULES COMMITTEE By Dee Holland

STOP THE PRESSES! At this time, I recommend you not download or buy AFMS Rules books UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2009. The reason for this is the American Federation Uniform Rules Committee is meeting this month (September) in Humble, Texas and there are a lot of changes on the agenda.

Among those changes are:

- Section 1, of the AFMS Rule Book:
- Division C, cabochons and carvings
- Division D, jewelry

A new division in BEADING is being proposed.

Kudos to CHERI GEORGE who gave us the information we needed to create this beading proposal after we had received a basic proposal from Phyllis George (no relation) and her beading group in Houston, TX.

As YOUR REPRESENTATIVE to the URC committee meeting I will be there to be part of this discussion. I should be able to give you a complete rundown in the CFMS November Newsletter.

I have a confirmation from Jim Brace-Thompson of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society to attend their show on Sunday, March 8th, 2009. We will have a question and answer period on the "dreaded Rules Book, and how to read it" and then we will go on the floor with the club members and evaluate their exhibits with an eye toward making them ready for competition. If other clubs would like to contact either me or Marion Roberts, we will try and fit this into our schedules and will let you know in advance so you can attend, even if it's not your own club. If there is a club meeting and you are willing to put up exhibit cases for judging, let us know the dates – way in advance, please. And one of us will try to attend.

Tom Burchard, our Rules member from Ogden, Utah will be giving the members of the Golden Spike club an option to put in competitive exhibits at their club show in March, 2009.

You can reach us at:

Dee Holland – beauholland@centurytel.net

and shirleyleeson@msn.com

Marion Roberts – mvroberts@bigvalley.net

- Dee



**EXCERPTS FROM AFMS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Shirley Leeson**

We've had some time to rest up from the recent Regional Federation meetings in Northwest and California. But I want to tell you about two events that may interest you.

In the Northwest, Lyle Vogelpohl, NFMS Treasurer announced that for the first time in many years the NFMS has increased its membership instead of decreasing it. This is encouraging to say the least.

And in my home Regional Federation, the CFMS has successfully achieved a growing trend of competitive exhibits. With over thirty exhibits this year, it tops last year by ten. Last year was a banner year because the CFMS members also scored well at the AFMS show in Roswell, New Mexico taking seven AFMS trophies.

This is not due to sitting back and talking about it, it's been done by a number of prominent

current and past officers and chairmen working hard to encourage participation in exhibiting at the Federation level. It's because there are articles of encouragement almost every month in the CFMS Newsletter. It has taken the CFMS Rules Committee making a pledge to help exhibitors by fielding questions regarding rules, entry forms, Group, Division and finally class in the division, to achieve this new interest in competing. In addition, the Rules Committee has offered to attend meetings to talk about "the dreaded Rules Book, and how to read it". At the show they lined up clubs who wanted members of the committee to attend their club shows and evaluate club member exhibits with an eye to competing at the Federation level in the near future. Many exhibitors are looking toward the AFMS/CFMS combined show in 2010 in Riverside, with an expectation of entering. I believe this can be duplicated in other Regional Federations..... Could this be a challenge???

I'd like to share something I think will interest many BEADERS throughout the regions. With the help of Phyllis George, and the group of beaders from Houston Gem & Mineral Society, they gave Dee & me a working plan for putting a beading section in the AFMS Rules. When Dee & I arrived at the CFMS show in Ventura in June we showed the proposal to Cheri George (no relation) and she continued where Phyllis and her group had left off. Then after Cheri got all the suggestions in order, Dee put it in "Rules speak". We hope the Uniform Rules Committee will look favorably on it and pass it so we can begin having a Beading Section in the AFMS Rules Book next year, 2009. Watch for developments.

If you haven't made your reservations for TEXAS, do so. Otherwise you're going to miss something special, "Texas-Style." The Houston Gem & Mineral Society puts on an annual show that is something to behold. They have schools on a waiting list to attend their show on Friday during their regular show; this time, even though it will be a combined AFMS/SCFMS convention and show, it won't be any different. For those of you who need some encouragement in having school children at your show, this event will open your eyes! I have been there personally in the past, and it is wondrous to see.

The events planned for the AFMS/SCFMS convention and show are outstanding. Your only

problem is choosing which one because some overlap. You just can't pack all the things planned into such a short period, but they have certainly tried. My hat is off to: Shiara Tumble who has been a personal go-between for everyone in the AFMS who needed help. And to Scott Singleton, show chair, sincere thanks.

Till next month....your president, Shirley Leeson



LONG RANGE PLANNING

By Dick Pankey, Chairman

The Long Range Planning Committee is composed of all living Past Presidents of CFMS and the current Executive Committee. The immediate Past President serves as the Chairman; that is me. One of the general responsibilities of this committee is to select the CFMS Representative to the AFMS Executive Board. The current CFMS president and all past presidents who live within the boundaries of CFMS are eligible. Because the AFMS fiscal year begins on November 1, 2008 and runs until October 31, 2009, the officers for that time period are elected and installed at the AFMS meeting in September, 2008. The CFMS representative selected this year will join the AFMS Board for 2009 as the 5th vice-president.

In April I sent a letter to all eligible candidates to see if any were interested. Several of our past presidents have already "gone through the chairs" of AFMS and have "served" their time. Of the rest I received one acceptance to serve. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Colleen McGann will be the CFMS representative to the AFMS and the next 5th Vice President. Congratulations, Colleen!

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the CFMS past presidents that have served and are still serving the AFMS.

Another project that I have undertaken is to improve the perception and understanding of the Federation by our member societies. In the January Newsletter I asked for feedback from our member societies. I wanted to find out what you, the clubs, the people of the Federation, know about and how you perceive the CFMS. I asked for feedback from every club

and any member. I asked: please respond to the following questions:

- 1) How has your club benefited by being a member of the Federation?
- 2) What Federation services, programs, activities, etc. has your club received/participated in this year or in recent years?

And what kind of response did I get? Less than 10 clubs responded. Some were very detailed, lengthy replies. Some were short and concise. All were good information. **BUT ONLY LESS THAN 10!!** What do the other 110 societies think about the Federation? What do they know about the Federation?

What does the lack of response mean? To me it means several things: the Federation and the societies are not communicating; that there is a lack of understanding about who is the Federation and the purpose/function of the Federation; that a concerted effort is needed to correct the situation. It won't change overnight. It will take the help of all of us that are involved in the functioning, services and activities of the Federation. It will take the help of all societies that believe in, support, participate and are involved in the Federation.

So what are the next steps? Over the next year I would like every chairman/committee to submit articles to the CFMS Newsletter about their committee – what they do, how they do it and the results of their work. I want to create and improve the dialog with our societies so that they become an active, integral participant of the Federation. I would like more (all) of our societies to answer my first two questions plus two more questions:

- What would your society like the Federation to do?
- What would your society like to do for the Federation?

Most of all I would like to change the thinking of **THEM** the Federation and **US** the societies to **US** the Federation!

Please mail or e-mail (dickpankey@juno.com) me your response today (or at least very soon).

- **Dick**

CFMS SHOWS AND EVENTS

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We will put in all shows and events sponsored by a CFMS Club or Society. Please let me know as soon as you have a date.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE
IN WRITING

Email or mail to:

Susan Chaisson-Walblom,

Show Dates

42122 52nd St. West,

Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

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AUG. 29 – SEPT. 1: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral So.
Town Hall
Main & Laurel, Fort Bragg
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10–6; Mon. 10–4
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116
ejwebb@mcn.org

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14: DOWNEY, CA

Delters Gem & Mineral Society
Downey Women's Club
9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614
E-mail: guynellallen@sbcglobal.net

SEPT. 20 & 21: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Ave.
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily
Mike Doherty (805) 466-4061
mdoherty@tcsn.net
www.santaluciarockhounds.com

SEPT. 20 & 21: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
ccorden@earthlink.net
HTTP://sqms.driftwood.com

SEPT. 25-28: SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
The Western Regional Ball Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 9 am to Dusk all 4 Days
Emma Rose Couveau (951) 288-6182

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Peninsula Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-6 & Sun 10-5
Sky Paxton (831) 262-2492
Webpage: www.cvgms.org

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28: STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Nettie Meissner (209) 858-2263
E-mail: footsey1@yahoo.com
Webpage:
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club

OCTOBER 5: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Soc. Museum
123 W. Alvarado, Fallbrook
Hours: 10 am – 4 pm
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
Diane Tjepkes (760) 468-8028

OCTOBER 11 & 12: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building
13337 Main St.
Hours: Sat. 7:30am-5pm; Sun 7:30am-4pm
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwwisp.com
Webpage:
<http://www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub/>

OCTOBER 11 & 12: Grass Valley, CA

The Nevada Co. Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada Co. Fairgrounds-Main Ex. Hall
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm (daily)
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Email: Kmoore160@comcast.net

OCTOBER 11 & 12: LAKESIDE, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview
Hours: 10am–5pm (daily)
David Newton (619) 390-5054
E-mail: JONTOM@nethere.com
Webpage: ecvgms.com

OCTOBER 11 & 12: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Sante Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073
Lois M. Harr (760) 724-0395

OCTOBER 18: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm
Virginia Rotramel (951) 403-2634
show@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.org

OCTOBER 18 & 19: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Anderson, CA
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Bill Seward (530) 365-8641
E-mail: glseward@sbcglobal.net

OCTOBER 18 & 19: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado Co. Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975
Email: jacobc@directcon.net
Webpage: eldoradomineralandgem.org

OCTOBER 18 & 19: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Tom Dering (707) 546-4537
E-mail: farmarch@sonic.net
Webpage: www.gem-n-i.org

OCTOBER 18 & 19: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Ave., Whittier, CA
Hours: 10 – 5 Both Days
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764
Email: res19pnb@verizon.net

OCTOBER 25 & 26 : LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One San Antonio Road
Hours : Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 9-4
Stan Bogosian (408) 568-2489
E-mail : sbogosian@aol.com

NOVEMBER 1 & 2: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd.
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
Sam Woolsey (935) 837-3287
Email: sdwools@earthlink.net
Webpage: www.ccmgs.org

NOVEMBER 1 & 2: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm both days
John De Rosa (760) 375-7905
Vickie Black (760) 371-4416

November 1 & 2: SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego
Hours: Sat. 9:30 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Alva Whetton (619) 823-6787

NOVEMBER 7, 8 & 9: EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris, Eureka, CA
Hours : Fri. 9-6 ; Sat. 10-6 & Sun. 10-5
Toni Tyson (707) 725-2890
Email: BLUUIS911@msn.com

NOVEMBER 8 & 9: LANCASTER, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 W. Ave. H & Hwy 14, Lancaster
Hours: 9-5 Both Days
Susan Chaisson-Walblom(661)943-1861
E-mail: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Webpage: www.palmdalegems.org

NOVEMBER 8 & 9: YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752
Inez Berg (530) 633-4612

NOVEMBER 22 & 23: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Miriam Tetreault (805) 642-5779
E-mail: miriamtetreault@hotmail.com
Webpage: oxnardgem.com

DECEMBER 6 & 7: BARSTOW, CA
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Both Days
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
E-mail: email@mdgms.org
Website: www.mdgms.org

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JANUARY 17 & 18: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building
420 N. Kaweah, Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Margaret Buchmann (559) 739-0401
E-mail: mab@mindinfo.com
Webpage: tulegem.org

FEBRUARY 13 - 22: INDIO, CA
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair (Date Festival)
46350 Arabia Street, Indio
Hours: 10 am – 10 pm Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
bert67@verizon.net

MARCH 7 & 8: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Ventura
County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
E-mail: vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Webpage: www.vgms.org

MARCH 14 & 15: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway, Turlock
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 – 5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
E-mail: terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com

MARCH 14 & 15: SPRECKELS, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Veteran's Memorial Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Teri Beck (831) 679-2896
E-mail: taitani@centric.net
Webpage: salinasrockandgem.com

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2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14, Lancaster
Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
Susan Chaisson-Walblom(661)943-1861
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Webpage: www.palmdalegems.org

Don't forget to turn your Show information in as soon as it is available!!!