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President's Message By Bural LaRue



According to the calendar, we just moved into a new season. Our thermometer on the patio read 102° today so perhaps Fall is not quite here. We must still begin thinking about our Fall Business Meeting on Veteran's Day weekend in Visalia.

This meeting is a "must" for all Directors. I can't over emphasize the importance of this meeting. There is a lot of business to be conducted and we need representation from **all** the clubs to insure that we address your concerns.

The election of next year's officers will take place at this time. This year we will elect new people as Secretary and Treasurer. Fred Ott was nominated to serve as your 1st Vice President/President Elect and Jim Brace-Thompson was nominated to serve as your 2nd Vice President. C J Quitoriano will be installed as your new 2009 President and will begin service on January 1.

The AFMS Directors Meeting was scheduled for Houston, Texas in late September. Unfortunately Hurricane Ike came and messed things up. All meetings were cancelled but email is still alive and the business slated to take place earlier will be decided by email discussion and votes later this month. We'll get the new information to you at the meeting. Remember to send your representative to the Holiday Inn in Visalia. When making your reservation please tell them you are with CFMS to get the special rate.

Camp Paradise was well attended this year; all participants had a good time. Due to a schedul-

ing issue beyond our control, the dates for the Earth Science Studies program are quite different. You can check the website and future newsletters for information as it is made available.

Remember to have fun. Have a **great day** and a **better tomorrow!**

- Bural

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CFMS Calendar

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

**March 20, 21, 22, 2009 - Petrified Wood Seminar -
Rocklin, CA**

**April 17, 18, 19, 2009 - CFMS Show and Convention -
San Jose, CA**

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

November 15th through 22nd, 2009 - Zzyzx

From The Editor

**It's time to update your Club Listing in
*Rock and Gem Magazine!***

**Each club has only until January 1st, 2009
to email your society information to:
editor@rockngem.com (or mail it to Rock &
Gem Club Listing, P.O. Box 6925, Ventura,
CA 93006-9899). Please provide your:**

- Society's Name
- Society's Mailing Address*
- Society's Telephone Number
- Society's Website Address
- The city and state in which your society meets.

***note: you may request that your society's
address not be published.**

- Fred



HIGHLIGHTING EARTH RESOURCES FOR KIDS

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

At this year's CFMS show, one of the more popular displays in the Kids Booth was "The Earth Resources Challenge!" In it, I had 16 rocks and minerals numbered and arranged in 4 rows on the bottom of the case and 16 everyday products, each given a letter of the alphabet, from a to p, arranged in 4 rows pinned to the back of the case. Outside the case, I had a quiz and pencils for folks to match the mineral to the everyday object that was made from it. Kids who completed the quiz were awarded a free tumble-polished stone from our "Pirate's Treasure Chest."

This has proven to be a popular display. After the Federation show, I brought it back to the fairgrounds for our Ventura County Fair, and it won the Director's Choice Award in our Gems & Minerals building, and I've been asked to bring it to a club show this fall. In addition, I'm working with editor Lynn Varon of *Rock & Gem* to prepare a modified version of the quiz to include in the magazine. For any clubs using the AFMS/FRA badge program, a collection or display like this can be prepared to help your club's kids earn their Earth Resources badge. In addition, the collection comes in handy if your club helps Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts earn their earth sciences merit badges.

Thus, I've had a couple of clubs ask me if I could list the "ingredients" I used in the display so that their club might make one of their own. Here goes: kaolinite and a ceramic mug; copper and piping or pennies; several crystals (quartz, aquamarine, tourmaline, peridot) and faceted gemstones; hematite and steel nails; galena and a lead fishing weight; coal and a model of a factory with a smoke stack (purchased at a model train store); talc and talcum powder; sulfur and matches; bauxite and an aluminum can; halite and salt; a borate mineral and laundry detergent; cinnabar and a mercury thermometer; pumice and Lava brand soap; fluorite and fluoride toothpaste; limestone and a photo of a building made from limestone blocks; and garnets and sandpaper.

These are just a few of many possibilities. To get still more, turn to the web site of the Mineral Information Institute (www.mii.org). Hit the "For Teachers" tab at the top of the page, then scroll down to "Packets for Download" and click on "Everyday Uses of Minerals – Our Dig a Little Deeper Series" Teacher Packet #3. To the left will be a series of ready-made packets with info and activities of all sorts to use to illustrate to kids the mineral sources of many everyday objects. One that I especially like, and that I'm considering to use for a future display, is "How Many Minerals Does it Take to Make a Light Bulb?" (Answer: at least 15!) Looks like that has just the right ingredients to craft a display for educating while, as always, having fun!

- Jim



ALL AMERICAN REPORT

By Dot Beachler

Why do we have the All American award? What can it mean to your club?

- 1- Club members working together can share their enthusiasm for their hobby.
- 2- This will be a history of your club's activities.
- 3- Entering the competition can afford the club the opportunity for regional and national recognition.

How does your club work toward entering this competition? Suggestions:

- 1- Work with your publicity committee to coordinate information.
- 2- Collect pictures of club activities, displays and demonstrations.
- 3- Record data at club meetings of community involvement.
- 4- List special interest groups.
- 5- Join ALAA, write letters to congressmen.

Instructions for entering your club book:

Each report is to be submitted as a single document limited to a maximum of 100 sheets (one or two-sided) including text and graphics. A loose-leaf notebook is a suitable binder.

This document should have six section dividers numbered 1 through 6, with the report form in Section 1, and the supporting information for each of the report sections following the

appropriate section divider. There are no restrictions on number of pages in any section.

When filling out the report form, mark all appropriate blanks and enter numbers or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider, and then insert photos or other graphics following the typed information. Remember that all requested information is for the prior year.

The application forms are available on the CFMS website. Due date for entries will be January 31, 2009

- **Dot**



NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Frank Mullaney, Chairperson

The Nominating Committee would like to submit the following individuals for the 2009 officers of the CFMS:

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT:
Fred Ott

Fred has served as CFMS Secretary for two years and is the current CFMS Second Vice President

SECOND VICE PRISIDENT:
Jim Brace-Thompson

Jim is the current CFMS Secretary, has served as the Junior Activities Chair for many years and is the AFMS Future Rockhounds Chair.

TREASURER:
Bud McMillin

Bud has been nominated for this position by the Mother Lode Mineral Society. He has been an active member of the Mother Lode Mineral Society holding the offices of President, Show Chairman (which he has done for the last five years), Membership Chairman & Treasurer. Bud is the current Treasurer of the Mother Lode Mineral Society. He is the current CFMS Insurance Chairman.

SECRETARY (there are 2 nominees):

Tony Fender

Tony has been nominated for this position by the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society. He has served as the Claim Secretary for the past

several years filing the paperwork required for mining claims and record keeping on the claims. He has also served the last several years as the Rock Gabbers Chairman where he organizes classes for members who are interested in lapidary. He has lead field trips into the surrounding area for the WGMS and other clubs. Tony has judged Lapidary cases at the LA & Ventura County fair. Tony is an Instructor at the California Institute of Technology.

Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Susan has been nominated for this position by the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club. She is the current President and past President of the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club. She has served for the past three years as Co-chairman for the club show, and six years as the Dealer Chairman for the club gem & mineral annual show. She also served as Club Vice President for two years, Field Trip Co-Chairman for four years and has also served as Membership Chairman, Recording & Corresponding Secretary. Susan is the current Show Dates Chairman for the CFMS. She is in her first year as Superintendent of the Home Arts Building at the Antelope Valley Fair where she has Volunteered for over twenty years. Susan is an active board member of the Pony League Baseball working with the community youth. Susan has worked with the PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts & AYSO. She has also worked with the Chamber of Commerce as a Board member.

- **Frank**



From the Desk of
Lois Allmen

The Dues of
Member Societies

Due to the deficit budgets that have been run by the AFMS and CFMS for the past several years, an increase in dues of Fifty Cents (\$.50) for each member of each club was discussed at the July, 2008 CFMS Meeting in Ventura. It was recommended by the Executive Committee that the Directors approve the raise at their November, 2008 meeting in Visalia. The proposed change is as follows (note: change in wording is underlined):

ARTICLE IV, Dues

Section 1, the Dues of Membership Societies.

The dues of Membership Societies shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) annually per individual member of the local society, regardless of membership classification, including Junior Members, but excepting CFMS Honorary Members. The dues shall be payable on January 1st of each year based on a membership of December 31st of the previous year, a membership list for which shall accompany the dues payment.

Revised 11/08

Note: Dues are currently \$1.50 per member, of which \$.50 is forwarded to the AFMS. Another \$6.00 per member pays for our basic liability insurance policy for a total of \$7.50 per member. This increase, of \$.50 (\$.25 to AFMS and \$.25 to CFMS) would make the total \$8.00 per member.

- Lois



BULLETIN AIDS

By Doug Arnold

I have two bits of good news for this newsletter. First, I would like to congratulate those who have been honored by the AFMS. The top three in each category in the **CFMS** Bulletin Contest are submitted to the **AFMS** for judging in their annual contest. In the past two days, I received the list of honorees and the CFMS is, once again, well represented this year. I hope this makes sense because I just cut and pasted from the email I received. They honorees are:

Original adult articles

4. **Virgin Valley and the Ark!**

by Jim Hutchings, Roseville Rock Rollers
From: The Rolling Rock

10. **Travels in Guatemala**

by John Lien, Sacramento Mineral Society
From: The Matrix, 5/07

Honorable Mention

Displaying Your Treasures

by Clay Williams, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
From: Petroglyphs, 9/07

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10

6. **Visiting Agate Creek, the Home of Queensland Agate**

by Sir Paul Howard, Orcutt Mineral Society
From: Ore-Cutts, 9/07

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention

Definition of the Month: Heap Leaching

by Steve Mulqueen, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
From: Rockhound Rambling, 1/07

Junior Articles – 12 to 17 (8 entries)

8. **Gold**

by Rodney Duncan, Motherlode Mineral Society
From: MLMS Ghost Sheet, 11/07

Adult Poetry (11 entries)

9. **Bill Hill**

by K.T. Gates-Waldrup, Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Junior Poetry (2 entries)

1. **SMILODON**

by Nick Riebeek, Roseville Rock Rollers
From: The Rollin' Rock, 11/07

New Editors (8 entries)

1. **Rockhound Rambling**, Mary Polacek, Editor
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura, CA (CFMS)

2. **Rock Writings**, Jeanne Boone, Editor
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada City.

Small Bulletins, Top 10

10. **Napa Gems**, Jennifer Haley, Editor
Napa Valley Rock & Gem Club, Napa.

Small Bulletins

Honorable Mention

Ore-Cutts, Debbie Hood, Editor
Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria.

Large Bulletins, Top 10

1. **The Pegmatite**, Anne Schafer, Editor
San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, San Diego.

4. **The Matrix**, Kris Jarusevicius, Editor
Sacramento Mineral Society, Sacramento.

Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Ghost Sheet, Chris Whittier, Editor
Mother Lode Mineral Society of California, Modesto.

Secondly, I would like to remind everyone that the new contest forms are on the website. With Don Ogden's (our webmaster) help, they are updated and the deadline is fast approaching. If anyone has any questions drop me an email at oldjasper@verizon.net

- Doug

Field Trips South

Shep Koss and Adam Dean

Wiley's Well Annual Thanksgiving Rockhound Round-up

Where: **Wiley's Well**

When: November 24th–30th. There will be folks camping all week.

Collecting Trips: November 27th, 28th, and 29th
Open to all C.F.M.S. Affiliated Club Members and their guests. Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our Feast at 2:00 pm. 27th – Pebble Terrace/Fire Agate. 28th – Paisley Agates, Black Agate, and Nodules. 29th – Geode Beds

4wd is not a "must" for this trip, but is highly recommended. No low-clearance vehicles advised. 4wd "is" necessary to get to Fire Agate and Pebble Terrace. We will make arrangements for those without 4wd to ride with those who do. These sites are remote, so bring food, water and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

Directions: From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have O.B.M.S. (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) field trip signs along the way to the campground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

Material: Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old

Stromatolites. Also, we plan to search for the Paisley Agate Beds, Black Agates and nodules.

Tools: Sturdy bags, hard rock tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

Clothing: Wear clothing in layers as it can be very warm during the day and extremely cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets.

Dinner: Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here is the guideline to follow:

- If your last name starts with A, E, I, M, Q or - please bring a main dish.
- If your last name starts with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starch
- If your last name starts with C, G, K, O, S, W or X - please bring a vegetable or salad
- If your last name starts with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a dessert.

Reminder: Please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rockhounds.

All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

For further information, please contact Adam Dean @ (909) 489-4899 or e-mail him: theagatehunter@verizon.net

or
Shep Koss @ (661) 248-0411 or e-mail: freudonetoo@yahoo.com

CALICO FIELDTRIP

Where: Calico Mountains

When: December 13th (Day Trip). Sign-in and 8:00 am; we will depart by 8:30 am sharp!

Meeting Place: Calico Road on the north side of the 15 Freeway.

Road Conditions: This is 4wd only! Some sand and steep canyon grades are expected.

No 2wd or low-clearance vehicles. You may need to get a ride with a friend with a 4wd.

Accommodations: If you choose to stay overnight, there is nice camping in Mule Canyon (dry camping only) or you may stay in Barstow (there are several motels). Motel 6 allows pets. Food, water and gas are also available in Barstow.

Material: Palm wood, Silver Lace Agate and (our primary objective) Sagenite. Sagenite in this area is not overly-abundant, so don't expect to fill your sack. You must dig for the best material. It is great agate and you must work to obtain a small amount; however, when you find a good one, it makes all your hard work worth it! This is a remote area, so please bring extra water, packed lunch and supplies.

Notes: The desert can be very cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets if you plan to camp out. Don't forget your camera. Calico is well-known for it's geological scenery.

Please help protect our deserts and pack-out what you packed-in!

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CFMS Website for 2009 By Don Ogden

I am presently getting information together for the 2009 CFMS web site. It is almost impossible to get all the information correct. Club and federation officers change. Email addresses are the biggest unknown change. The first real input comes at Visalia meeting in November. The next is in April at the show in San Jose. As you can see, I need help.

Review the web site for information that needs to be changed for 2009. Please Email me the changes.

- Don



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Marion Roberts

**Earth Science Studies – Camp Paradise
12725 Laporte, Clipper Mill, CA 95930**

Emergency Phone Number for Camp Paradise:
(530) 675-2689

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE
REGISTERING.**

- 1. Any cancellation prior to April 26th will incur a \$25.00 Administration fee.**
- 2. No refunds or cancellations after this date unless a substitute is provided.**

Make Checks Payable to:

CFMS Earth Sciences

**Send to: John and Anna Christiansen
245 N. 6th Avenue
Oakdale, California 95361
(209) 847-1173**

**Questions? contact: Marion Roberts
1505 Plumas, Modesto, CA 95358
(209) 538-0197**

Camp Paradise is approximately 45 miles east of Marysville, CA on Highway E-21 (Clipper Mills). Elevation is approximately 3500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp; rooms have double beds and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.

Classes: Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax & Silver Casting, Beginning thru Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making and Beading, PMC3 Clay & Glass Fusion (Dichroic).

Please note: there will be some classes with limited space; preference will be given to first-time students.

CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY

A list of items that you might want to bring with you will be sent and a list of supplies the instructors would like you to bring.

Please cut along the dotted line and mail to: John and Anna Christiansen.

(please print clearly)

REGISTRATION FORM

May 17 –23, 2009

\$350 PER PERSON, PER WEEK

NAME1: _____

NAME2: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone (____) _____

E-MAIL _____

CLUB (CFMS):

Accommodations (circle one):

Dorm Couples Dorm

Cabin RV Area

Would like to room (if possible) with:

Special needs: (Explain Briefly) (Food)
____ Diabetic ____ Vegetarian
____ Other _____

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the 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 R. V. area only and must be on a leash and picked-up after. Please note that ordinarily, pets are not allowed and that any violation could result in revocation

of this privilege and a return to their "no pets" rule.

- Marion



SAFETY

By Chuck McKie

General Water Safety Tips

Learn to swim! The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in-and-around the water is to learn to swim. Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross chapter. Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard. Read and obey all rules and posted signs. Children or inexperienced swimmers should take precautions, such as wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device (PFD) when around the water. Watch out for the dangerous "too's" – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity. Set water safety rules for the whole family based on swimming abilities (for example, inexperienced swimmers should stay in water less than chest deep). Be knowledgeable of the water environment you are in and its potential hazards, such as deep and shallow areas, currents, depth changes, obstructions and where the entry and exit points are located. The more informed you are, the more aware you will be of hazards and safe practices. Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather. Use a feet-first entry when entering the water. Enter headfirst only when the area is clearly marked for diving and has no obstructions. Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm. Know how to prevent, recognize, and respond to emergencies. Beach safety: Protect your skin: Sunlight contains two kinds of UV rays -- UVA increases the risk of skin cancer, skin aging, and other skin diseases. UVB causes sunburn and can lead to skin cancer. Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and wear a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15. Drink plenty of water regularly and often even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body

needs water to keep cool. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. They can make you feel good briefly but make the heat's effects on your body worse. This is especially true with beer, which dehydrates the body. Watch for signs of heat stroke: Heat stroke is life-threatening. The person's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. Signals of heat stroke include – hot, red, and usually dry skin, but in some cases such as during athletic activity while wearing a helmet, the skin may be moist. Changes in consciousness: Rapid, weak pulse, and rapid, shallow breathing. Call 9-1-1 or your local EMS number. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body by wrapping wet sheets around the body and fan it. If you have ice packs or cold packs, place them on each of the victim's wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool the large blood vessels. Watch for signals of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down. Wear eye protection. Sunglasses are like sunscreen for your eyes and protect against damage that can occur from UV rays. Be sure to wear sunglasses with labels that indicate that they absorb at least 90 percent of UV sunlight. Wear foot protection. Many times, people's feet can get burned from the sand or cut from glass in the sand.

- Chuck



CFMS RULES COMMITTEE

By Dee Holland

The CFMS Executive Board will be considering authorizing the CFMS Rules Committee on a one year trial basis the new **BEADING section** in CFMS competition. The Beading section will be part of the packet sent out to all directors. Two Master and Two Advanced Trophies will be added for this one year only.

The reason for this is as follows: The CFMS show will be in April, 2009. We have people within the CFMS who (we hope and urge) will enter this competition. We'd like to have CFMS on the cutting edge of this Beading proposal so

we can take the information we learn in April to the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee meeting in July in Billings, MT.

Also included in the packet for the CFMS Fall Business meeting (November) will be the Supplemental Rules usually found in the January issue of the CFMS Newsletter. This is being done in November so that the information is out early enough for the April CFMS show. The only exception in the Supplemental Rules is the suspension of the Ultra-Violet Trophy by Greg Anderson until further notice.

- Dee



From the desk of SHIRLEY LEESON

CFMS Historian

Recently, the AFMS had to cancel the meeting in Houston, TX because of Hurricane Ike. The AFMS Bylaws, cover problems of this magnitude (Article V, Meetings, Section 4) by specifying that, "In the event of...or other great national emergencies, the annual meeting of the Board...shall not be held."

In researching our own CFMS Bylaws, there is no provision for this. Under CFMS Bylaws, (Article, VI, Meetings, Section 1 - 8) it covers regular meetings, fall business meeting, special meetings, quorum, voting body, voting, proxies, voting by mail (this last section states: you can not elect officers nor make amendments to the bylaws). I believe, since we are a "disaster state" because of potential earthquakes of large magnitude, we should immediately have our bylaws updated. I am sending the CFMS Officers the copy of the pages of the AFMS where this is already in place and urge them to make the proper adjustments to the CFMS bylaws as soon as possible. (note: the AFMS bylaws also include "all out war" in this section).

The CFMS bylaws were written in the '30s and this wasn't something they were concerned with. But the AFMS bylaws were written in 1947 - after World War II and other calamities. We need to update the CFMS bylaws.

- Shirley



CLEAR CREEK CLOSURE

By Dave Muster
CFMS Field Trips North

Rock Hounds & Miners Unite!

How many of us have had our favorite collecting areas closed by the BLM? Some of our favorite collecting and mining areas have been closed by the Bureau of Land Management, BLM.

May 1, 2008: after a deceitful study by the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA in corroboration with the BLM, 31,000 acres in the Clear Creek Management Area was closed to human activity by the Hollister Field Office. The **finest mineral collecting area** in the State of California is **closed!**

How did this happen? Let me explain. The Clear Creek Management Area has been the site of mining activity since the 1850's. Asbestos, cinnabar, chromite and benitoite, California's gemstone, have been mined and even refined in the area. Some of the historical archeological sites that refined the ores used industrial asbestos rings or gaskets in their retorts and furnaces. When the BLM destroyed these sites they spread this industrial asbestos around in the exact area where the EPA did their study!

The EPA study was "salted" with industrial asbestos purposely spread around of left by the Hollister BLM. This industrial asbestos is not found naturally in the Clear Creek Management area. Dr. Coleman's thesis on Clear Creek explains the types of asbestos. Instead of cleaning up the industrial asbestos or capping the known source of the industrial asbestos they purposely left it on the surface so that it would show up in the EPA's test study!

Many of the locals witnessed this activity by the BLM. I have pictures of the industrial asbestos purposely left on the surface by the BLM. If you or I created a hazardous material spill, we would be liable. The Hollister BLM is responsible for the industrial asbestos. Conveniently the EPA was invited to do this test study in this exact location.

Is this a blatant "slide of hand" by the Hollister BLM?

- Dave



GENIE LIGHT FIXTURE

By John Martin

For all of you using Diamond Pacific Genie or Titan Machines here is a story you can relate to. Have you ever been grinding away and had your hand slip and hit the rim of the light fixture? Ouch! Hot! That 75 to 100 watt incandescent light bulb is hot and really using up the electricity. Try to put one of the compact fluorescent bulbs (CFB) in and they stick out the bottom of the light fixture causing all that light to go everywhere and not on your work. Then after a few days of use, the bulb breaks at the seams from all that vibration. The bulb is dangling from wires and the rest of the guts still in the fixture with all that water splashing all around. Alas, I have found the best of both worlds. Try one of those small Halogen 35 watt mini flood lamps. It puts a real bright light right on your work, the rim of the light fixture stays cool and you are only using 35 watts to get better light than the 75 – 100 incandescent bulb. When selecting the halogen bulb there are 2 sizes, one has a short neck, which will fit, but requires some creative twisting. The other style has a longer neck and will make the installation of the bulb in the fixture a breeze. So when that inefficient 100 watt bulb finally blows out try a compact Halogen spot lamp as a replacement. Your work area will look brighter and you will be using less energy and running a lot cooler.

- John



PROGRAM AIDS

By Cheri George

I hope each and every one of you has had a wonderful summer. It has been hard for some of our sister Federations, with the weather having the heavy hand over their festivities. We were sure that the HGMS/SCFMS would go on even without the presence of the AFMS. We know that that probably made it less than it would have been, but I understand that the Houston group always has a great show. My cousin attends every year and brags about what

a great time they had and how wonderful the show was. So I am going to assume that, since she lives about 100 miles away, they still enjoyed their trip to Humble.

As you may have seen last month, I added another speaker to the roster: Rick Kennedy. Rick has expressed his interest in giving talks to clubs in the southern portion of our state also, but only when he can fit it in around a show he is doing there. I hope some of the southern clubs can take advantage of his experiences.

I continue to look for new and talented people to give programs and talks to our people; it is a never-ending task. It keeps me on my toes. I thank all of our current speakers for their fine service to our clubs and continued luck in their search for more things to talk about.

- Cheri



CFMS SLIDE AND VIDEO PROGRAM LIBRARY

By Bill Gissler

46 SOCIETIES HAVE NOT USED THE PROGRAM LIBRARY IN SIX YEARS!

Over the last six years (2003 to 2008), I have kept records on which CFMS-affiliated societies have used the slide and video program library and how frequently. I found that each year we had around 80 requests, ranging from 1 to 3 programs per society, with a few societies requesting 4 to 10.

The 2008 CFMS roster lists 110 affiliated societies. By going through this roster, I listed 46 societies that had never once used the program library during my six year study. In terms of percentage, 42% have never used the library.

Why was that? Don't the Federation Directors of these societies tell their officers about the program library? I doubt if every society has a program library of their own. So why not use the CFMS slide and video program library a few times during the year? The 46 affiliated societies who have never used the program library in the last 6 years will be listed in my report at the November 8 meeting.

- Bill



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Mike Kokinos,
CFMS Tax Advisor

Have you ever noticed all the older mineral and gem organizations use the word **Society** in their name?

In those days, societies incorporating were advised by Legal Advisors to the CFMS to use **Society** in their name. The same was true for our Federation. When Francis Marshall, legal advisor, filed for tax exemption for the CFMS, the IRS rejected exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Mr. Marshall filed appeals to the upper levels of the IRS. In 1966, he obtained a ruling giving the CFMS the 501(c)(3) exemption. Part of the ruling provided that individual societies could be exempt under 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(7) depending on their activities.

Why did the legal advisors avoid "Club" in the name? Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7) and the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701g are essentially identical and identify a type of tax exemption for social clubs. The obvious intent of the sections is to provide exemption for organizations primarily serving their members such as a men's golf club. The law requires that 85% of gross receipts be from members. Nonprofit organizations such as our societies do not qualify for this type of exemption. We receive more from the public than from members. Many years ago many societies were misclassified as Social Clubs. In 1994, California tax authorities attempted to revoke the exemptions as gross receipts from non-members exceeded 15% (think shows). We were able to obtain retroactive exemption as charitable and educational or social welfare (501(c)(4) rather than taxed as general corporations.

All of us tend to say club when we are talking about our societies. Actually a few of our member societies do use club in their name. What's the difference whether we say **society** or **club**? We already have our exemption so "who cares"? My concern is using **club** instead of **society** wrongly associates us with true social clubs. Let me pose a question: Two

societies apply for the same grant and provide identical information. The only difference: one refers to club activities and the other to society activities. Which one is more likely to receive the grant?

- Mike

P.S. A follow-up to last month's article: Are you interested in learning more about **tax exemption**? The IRS mentions an independent website "**Stayexempt.org**" that has some free simple courses with tests. You can take the courses and tests as many times as you want.



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By: Marion Roberts

I am proud to say that Camp Paradise was a **great camp** again this year, with 113 participants attending. With the silent auction and the sell-a-rama doing well, we were well in the "black".

The evaluations by the participants were overwhelmingly good, with some workable suggestions.

Sign-up for Camp Paradise is up and running right now and already have 9 applications sent in. Remember: Camp Paradise starts May 17, 2009 (not in September) and only one week for 2009.

If anyone has access to used or real cheap 1 or 2 tube/4 foot florescent shop lights, please contact me as I am working on a different table style and lighting set up for our classes at camp. Looking forward to seeing all of you (70 to 75) at Camp Paradise in 2009!

- Marion



CFMS INSURANCE

By Bud McMillin

My question for **PATT MCDANIEL** this month is: *Patt: I get several calls every year when a club needs a Special Event Endorsement or a Certificate of Insurance and they always tell me that you need them to send in the Insurance*

Coverages and Responsibilities form before you can comply with their request. I tell them how to find the form on the CFMS website and to just fill out the form and either FAX, email or snail mail the form to you and everything will be OK. Why is it so important for you to have that form on file? What is the purpose of the form?

Here is Patt's reply:

Any good broker-client relationship depends on communication. We always invite our clients to discuss their individual needs with us. We give each account our personal attention. Through dialogue we can identify insurable risks, recommend solutions and evaluate priorities.

With an organization such as the CFMS, there are hundreds of individuals that we need to communicate with. At the same time, we have been working closely with the CFMS for 10 years and have an appreciation and understanding of the possible activities and operations of the various clubs and societies. Because our time is your money, we know we need to be very efficient in informing you of what you need to know, finding out what we need to know, and tailoring the coverages to meet the needs of each club and society and the Federation as a whole.

The insurance needs of the CFMS are fairly complex. On this form, we have made every effort to concisely describe what your club insurance officer needs to know and what he or she needs to discuss with us further. Because we have a personal commitment to giving you the very best service and guidance, we require that your club insurance volunteer read this information and sign the form to document his or her awareness of insurance coverage issues and club members' responsibilities. We always welcome your calls to discuss any insurance matter and, as many of you know, I particularly enjoy discussing the **ins** and **outs** of insurance with CFMS representatives.

In addition, this form helps us to maintain an accurate contact list for CFMS clubs. This information is confidential and used only for CFMS insurance necessities. Sometimes, that information can save us, and your federation officers, a lot of time!

You ask: "What are the ramifications of not returning the form?" Most importantly, you run the risk of not having the knowledge you need to be "risk conscious" for your club and the

Federation and run the risk of having a claim that would not have coverage. This could be a severe impact not only for your club and its officers and volunteers but for the Federation, its officers and volunteers, and the pricing of the insurance program. We do not cancel your insurance for not returning the form, but if you do not read it, you may be wearing an untailored 'insurance suit' that does not adequately cover your assets. We hope you can all see that we can only do our job properly if you help us to help you.

These forms are available at mcdanielinsuranceservices.com and on the Federation website (cfmsinc.org). We have a user name and password set up for you on our site. It was mailed out in our recent letter to all clubs but you can also call us for that information. A shortcut to our site is McInsWest.com.

ATTENTION!!! Do not forget we are going to have a **question and answer session** on the afternoon of November 8th at the Federation Directors meeting. Directors: Please check with your society insurance representatives and your club President and bring any questions they might have to the meeting. Let us all take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW about our CFMS insurance policy.

Patt McDaniel, McDaniel Insurance Services
CA DOI #0820481
800-400-7288

The question for **FOR YOU** this month is: **ARE YOU GOING TO BE AT THE INSURANCE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SEMINAR IN VISALIA?!** We are fortunate to have Patt McDaniel take a Saturday afternoon out of her busy schedule to come to Visalia and answer all our questions about the CFMS Liability Insurance, Directors and Officers Insurance, Premises and Property Coverage Insurance and Vendor Insurance. We will start at 1:00 PM or as soon as the Directors meeting is over if it goes past lunch. Give any questions you might have to your Federation Director or join us for the meeting.

- Bud



C.F.M.S. SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

By Jo Anna Ritchey

After a **CFMS Honoree** has been selected, the Honoree is asked to:

- * Determine the 4 year institution which the student will attend.

- * Work with that institution to pick a student (Junior or Senior).

- * Communicate with the Scholarship Committee so that the student and an escort (parent, professor, significant other, etc.) can attend the Awards Banquet. The Scholarship Committee will pay for the student and his/her escort as well as the Honoree and his/her escort (A total of 4 banquet tickets). More tickets are available at the regular banquet ticket rate.

- * The Scholarship recipient will give his/her address information to the CFMS Secretary/Treasurer (Pat Larue).

- * Pat will let the recipient know exactly when she plans to issue the check.

The Scholarship Committee has a list of suggested institutions throughout the state. You are not restricted to these institutions.

Additional things that might play a part in choosing the institution are the **internal policies** of each institution regarding scholarships (example: some institutions charge an administration fee for having that institution help choose a recipient or distribute the monies). Also the institution may determine that the student is eligible for a certain amount of funds (example \$10,000) and, if that student is receives \$2,000 from the CFMS, then \$2,000 would be subtracted from scholarships from other sources. The result is that the student will receive only the previously determined amount (our example of \$10,000).

One other choice would be to give the \$2,000 to a student who is going to school on loans.

Also please be aware the Scholarship Committee has the ability issue multiple scholarships. The only restrictions are nominations for the Honoree. Also, this in an "endowment" fund—which means that the **principal** will remain in the fund and only the **interest** can be disbursed.

- Jo Anna

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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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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) 569-2489
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
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: BLUIIS911@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: LIVERMORE, CA

Livermore Valley Lithophiles G & M Club
The 'BARN'
3131 Pacific Ave. (East of Livermore Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Elizabeth Myers (408) 897-3060
Website: www.lithophiles.org

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

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 8: IMPERIAL

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Mineral Building on Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. Noon – 10 pm
Monday thru Thursday 4 pm – 10 pm
Jim Strain (760) 356-2361

MARCH 6, 7 & 8: HAYWARD, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Centennial Hall
22292 Foothill Blvd.
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
E-mail: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

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: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive, San Marino
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5
Drew Wilson (626) 298-1534
E-mail: todrew@sbcglobal.net

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@cencentric.net
Webpage: salinasrockandgem.com

MARCH 28 & 29: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras "Frog Town USA" fairgrounds
Highway 49 in Angels Camp
Hours: Sat. 10am–5pm; Sun. 10am–4pm
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
Calaverasgemandmineral.org

MARCH 28 & 29: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd., Roseville
Hours: Sat. 10am–5pm; Sun. 10am–4pm
Gloria Marie (530) 367-2262
E-mail:
Gloria.Marie@Conservation.ca.gov
Webpage: www.rockrollers.com

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Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Soc.
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road, San Jose
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422
E-mail: info@scvgms.org
Webpage: www.scvgms.org

MAY 30 & 31: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora GEMS
859 E. Sierra Madre Ave., Glendora
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Ybidwell2@aol.com

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