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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Grow the Federation!

By Fred Ott

Throughout the year, I've often mentioned the need for a Society to be organized if it hopes to be a vibrant, successful organization. One of the seemingly 'dry' subjects for a Society to address is the matter of its Governing Documents (e.g. Bylaws; Officers, Directors and Chairpersons Manual; Policies and Procedures Manual) which form the foundation of a Society's success. However, without well-written, up-dated documents, a Society will find it difficult to function effectively.

Here is how one Society has addressed this issue: the President appointed a Chairperson of a new **Governance Committee** who, with the help of several volunteers, has met on a regular basis to review and update each of the Society's governing documents. Since it requires a lengthy, formal notification process and a vote of the General Membership to change the Society's bylaws, every effort was made to limit the amount of details included in the bylaws. Conversely, the Officers, Directors and Chairpersons Manual and the Policies and Procedures Manual require only the approval of the Board of Directors so changes to those two documents can be made in a more timely manner.

Of particular value in the Officers, Directors and Chairpersons Manual are the **Duties and Responsibilities** statements for each individual. These statements provide an excellent introduction for those individuals who are accepting those areas of responsibility as well as a review for those who currently occupy those positions.

In addition to having updated governing documents, societies can then benefit immensely by providing each officer, director and/or chairperson with a binder that addresses

the many aspects of their respective position. A common 'theme' that I've heard throughout the years is that in-coming officers, directors and chairpersons are provided with very little guidance when accepting their position. By having a binder which is updated each year, no one has to 're-invent the wheel' at every change in leadership.

Remember: rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

- Fred Ott, President 2010

p.s. The Fall Director's Meeting in Visalia is "just around the corner". If you'd like to add any item(s) to the agendas of the Executive Committee meeting and/or the Directors Meeting, please email me at: fred.ott.b8t5@statefarm.com.

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Nov. 12 - 7:30 p.m.	Visalia Cracker Barrel
Nov. 13 – 9:00 a.m.	Fall Directors' Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia
Nov. 14 – 8:30 a.m.	2011 Organizational Meeting
Nov. 15 –	Camp Zzyzx

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Thank You to everyone submitting articles for this month's newsletter. Articles for the October Newsletter and important dates for the CFMS calendar should be submitted by September 5th.



Executive Secretary/Treasurer

**Fall Meeting
By Pat LaRue**

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2011 Officers will be held November 12 - 14, 2010 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. Cut-off date for this price is **November 11, 2010**. 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 13, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Jim Brace-Thompson will have a brief meeting of his 2011 committee chairpersons on Sunday at 8:30a.m.

Banquet Menu: Miner 49er Barbecue Dinner
Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings & Vinaigrettes; Country Cole Slaw with a Cracked Pepper Sweet Vinaigrette; Country Style Ribs with Home Style Barbecue Sauce; Grilled Honey Glazed Chicken Breasts & Natural Jus; Spicy BBQ Shoulder Tender; Country Baked Beans; Corn on the Cob and Chili con Carne; Cornbread with Honey Butter; Dessert; Coffee and iced tea service; price, **\$36** (includes tax & gratuity).

Make banquet reservations by November 6, 2010. Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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PO Box 1657
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-Pat

GOLDEN BEAR RECIPIENT



MARION ROBERTS
By Isabella Burns

Marion has been an outstanding member of CFMS serving as Officer in nearly every Position.

HE has represented CFMS on the AFMS Board of Directors as Vice President, and has served on several AFMS committees. He helped with the Earth Science Studies every year since we opened classes at the north area and currently has been chairman of both north and South for several years. He continues to be the best person to do a job. Currently seeking a new place for the program South. He gave much of his time to help with this years resent AFMS/CFMS Show. Marion serves on the Judges Committee etc. **I do not know a better person that we could present this honor to than Marion Roberts.**

-Isabella



ALL AMERICAN REPORT

By Dot Beachler

So the club has an All American book with all the history of club events and activities for the past year. Do you file it away with all the other books and papers? Or, do you find a way to use this hard earned information to help your club?

Perhaps a suggestion is in order.

- 1- Display the book at club meetings. New members and prospective members could acquaint themselves with club activities.
- 2- Display the book at club shows. Visitors at the show could see that this is an active and interesting club.
- 3- Display the book at community events.

This book would help educate visitors to our chosen hobby. Many people have never become acquainted with rock clubs or any facet of rockhounding.

Since communication is of prime interest to all, why not try these ideas to see if it could help your club grow and educate at the same time.

-Dot



Bulletin Aids

By Doug Arnold

Every year we have a contest entry that is disqualified because of a copyright violation. If you want to make sure that never happens to you take a look at an article that John Betts wrote.

You'll find the article at:
http://www.amfed.org/a_copyfact.htm

Keep up the good work and don't forget the entry deadline for the bulletin contest will be here before you know it!

-Doug



**Bylaws
Committee**
**By Ruth Bailey
&
Theresa Kokinos**



As a result of the vote at the June, 2010 Directors meeting in LaHabra, the Bylaws committee has added another paragraph to Article III, Section 7, Honorary Membership. The updated version of page 3 of the Bylaws will be distributed at the November Directors Meeting. If you would like a copy of the new page 3 before then, please contact a member of the Bylaw committee.

-Ruth and Theresa

The drawing will take place at the 2010 November Director's meeting, and you don't have to be present to win. The club ticket will be given to the club to do with whatever the club wants, hold your own raffle and earn your club a few extra bucks, or use it as a scholarship/campership to a deserving member! It's up to you!

So, support your CFMS Endowment Fund, and get a chance to go to Paradise for free!!

Thanks!
-Ray & CJ

AFMS Endowment Fund

By Colleen Mcgann

The AFMS Endowment raffle items were awarded at the CFMS banquet in La Habra on Saturday night. There was one item awarded to a CFMS ticket holder and the rest of the items were won by the other regions. Here is a BIG THANK YOU to all CFMS folks who bought tickets. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the Endowment Fund committee. The 2011 AFMS show will be hosted by the Eastern Federation and the Syracuse, NY society on July 7-10. These new tickets will be available later this year for sale.

Colleen Mcgann, your CFMS Rep to AFMS Endowment Fund



CFMS Endowment Fund
**Camp Paradise Raffle
Tickets**
By Ray & CJ Quitoriano



Hi Everybody! It's that time again! The CFMS Endowment Fund is once again raffling off two spots to Camp Paradise for next year!

Each ticket is \$5 or 5 for \$20. Any club that sells \$200 worth of tickets will be entered into a separate drawing for the second spot. Last year we didn't have very many clubs entered in the second drawing, so the odds were very good to win!

To get tickets for your club, just call or email us and we will send you the tickets, no money up front. When you have sold all of your tickets, just send the stubs and money back! It's that simple, no money up front!

To get tickets for yourself, just let us know how many you want and we will send them to you and you can send the money, or give it to us when you turn in the tickets.

The deadline to turn in the tickets and money is November 1st, or you can give them to us at the Director's meeting in Visalia.

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Education Thru Sharing
Rockhound of the Year
By Lorretta Ogden

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

On behalf of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, I'm pleased to award our 2010 Education Through Sharing/**Rockhounds of the Year Award to Luther and Angela Brown.** Whenever strong arms are needed, Luther is there. Once, while we tried to gather a team of 6 people to move a large saw, we returned to the workshop to find Luther had already moved it himself! He also has donated great rock specimens to our club museum. Angela has used her graphic arts skills in updating our club insignia for use on flyers, show posters, letterhead, etc., and in designing club hats, pins, and other Rockhound insignia to generate sales at our show and among club members. She also

helped bring crowds to our last show by moving our show publicity to a whole new level via Internet promotions. Finally, both also helped raise the level of security at our most recent show. They haven't been VGMS members for long, but we don't know where we'd be today without them!

by: Jim Brace-Thompson, VGMS President

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society

In business, there are both 'good' and 'bad' problems. Huh? The example of a 'good' problem is when one has too much business <grin>! How does one satisfy all of their orders?

The Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society has likewise a 'good' problem. Although we are a small club, we have a core of some mighty hard workers. Selecting a single individual as Rockhound of the Year was challenging. But one name stood above all others.

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society proudly selects **Linda Ralph as Rockhound of the Year!** From the moment she joined Rockatomics, she 'hit the ground running'. Shortly after joining, Linda became Bulletin editor. Our bulletin, The Lapidarian, has never looked better!

Linda has covered multiple tasks for our annual show. Whether it be publicity, making flyers, getting sandwiches, setting up a club display case, or?? - You will notice that Linda made it happen!

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society proudly selects Linda Ralph as Rockhound of the Year!

By Gary Levitt

-Loretta



CFMS Historian
**SERPENTINE,
CALIFORNIA STATE
ROCK**

By Shirley Leeson

By the time you read this, it may already be too late. California State Senator Gloria Romero, from the Los Angeles area has introduced SB

624, to strip Serpentine as the California State Rock. The reasoning is that serpentine is really ASBESTOS in disguise and causes mesothelioma. Dan Walters of the Sacramento Bee (Friday July 16, 2010 stated "Romero's office says the language originated with the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, an anti-asbestos group whose major sponsors are law firms specializing in asbestos litigation." These organizations say the bill is a "symbolic measure to correct this historic mistake." It may also give them more ammunition to pursue their lawsuits.

At the time of this writing the California State Senate has passed the bill, 36 – 0. Currently it's in the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the date of the bill (number unknown if it's different from the senate) coming to the floor in the Assembly is unknown.

The really sad thing is there is no organizations who are opposing the bill..... Contact your state Assemblyperson and ask them to vote no on this historical rock. Our serpentine was the first state rock proposed in the U.S. And with it was our state mineral – Gold.

Do something..... Do your homework, google State Rock – Serpentine. Most of the California Newspapers have given it a fair shake. Have you contacted your state senator and assemblyperson? I have.

P.S. They are NOT proposing another rock to take it's place.... It will be left BLANK!

-Shirley



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
**Have Club Kids Voice Their
Feeling About
Their State Rock**
By Jim Brace-Thompson

Most states in our fair nation have a state rock, mineral, and/or fossil. Many of the efforts to get a state rock designated were either started by or supported by letters to state legislatures by school children. It's my understanding that California actually led the nation with the

designation of the first state rock, serpentine, in 1965. In an effort led, I believe, by June Culp Zeitner and the AFMS, states across the country were encouraged to adopt such symbols starting in the 1960s.

As you've no doubt heard by now, our state rock is under siege, with State Senator Gloria Romero of Los Angeles having drafted and passed a bill through our California Senate to remove serpentine as state rock. The campaign has used misleading information, such as overstating the purported dangers of serpentine due to one of its constituent elements, asbestos. However, in its natural state, serpentine does NOT pose the health risk being claimed. In addition, proponents of the bill have manufactured a story that serpentine was named state rock based on lobbying by the asbestos industry. It was not. It was based on lobbying by rock clubs, just like yours, and just like mine.

I encourage you to gather the kids in your club and have them write letters and draw pictures with their feelings about our state rock. Bundle them together in a big envelope; then send it to Senator Romero's office and/or that of your local representative in the legislature. The bill to "de-frock" serpentine has already passed the state senate. Let's let our legislators know what our kids think of their actions.

As a final note, in considering the bill, the state senate deleted a clause that would have required them to roll up their sleeves and come up with a suitable replacement rock. Thus, if it passes: no California state rock at all! Where's the fun in that?!

- Jim

your nominee deserves this award. Please consider service that has been long and reaches beyond the regional level. You may submit your nominations by contacting me by phone at (661-943-1861), mail (42122-52nd Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536), or e-mail (slchaisson@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your nominees!

-Susan



CFMS Nominating Committee
Nominees for 2011
CFMS Officers
By Ted Magee

Nominees for 2011 CFMS Officers

The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following slate for our 2011 CFMS officers:

- President:** Jim Brace-Thompson
1st Vice President/President-elect: Susan Chaisson-Walblom
2nd Vice President: Bud McMillin
Treasurer: Tom Burchard

"Peninsula Gem & Geology would like to nominate Tom Burchard to the position of CFMS Treasurer. He continues to be an active member in good standing in our club, although living out of state. He has been a club member since 1989 and has held the office of Secretary, Treasurer, and President, as well as being our Lapidary Instructor and Shop Boss. He has published our club's newsletter, the Petrograph, since 1996. For CFMS, he has taught lapidary at the Earth Science Seminars since 1998, and has been on the Rules Committee for three years and has served on the Earth Science Seminar Committee for the past two years. His years of activities speak for his continuing qualification."

Submitted by:
Colleen McGann: CFMS Chairperson, Past CFMS President, PGGGS Federation Director & Past President and Jo Burchard PGGGS Editor & Past President

Secretary: Jennifer Haley

-Ted

CFMS JURY OF AWARDS

**Seeking Nominations for AFMS
2011 Scholarship Foundation
Honoree**

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Nominations are still being taken for the 2011 AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree! Don't miss this opportunity to nominate someone you feel is worthy of this HONOR! To make a nomination, send in the name(s) of your nominee(s) along with a brief background explaining why you believe





CFMS PLAC South
New National Monuments
and HR 5580
By John Martin

In February of this year an internal draft proposing the creation of over 19 million acres of new or expanded National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 was leaked from the Department of the Interior. Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, the President of the United States can use his Executive Order Power and By-Pass all of Congress to create National Monuments. The leaking of this Internal Draft has lead to quit a stir among congressional representatives across the entire country. These new or expanded National Monuments are to be located in Utah , Montana , New Mexico , California , Nevada , Arizona , Oregon , Colorado , Washington , Alaska and Wyoming . The estimated cost to taxpayers for the acquisition of private land within the proposed National Monuments is approximately \$2,383,260,000.00 as reported in the Internal Draft. Many of these nationally significant landscapes are worthy of inclusion in a National Monument system. However, the proposed method of creation of these National Monuments has come under fire by many members of congress and has outraged many citizens across the United States . As far as Rockhounds go, many of our collecting area in these states would be included in these National Monuments and there by closed to future collecting. In June of 2010 fourteen members of congress drafted and introduced a House of Representative bill, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906. This new bill will require that congress and the public have an input in the creation of any National Monuments and to limit the power of the president's ability to create National Monuments without concurrence of the congress. This bill ***H.R. 5580: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010***, is only 9 pages long and deserves the support of all Rockhounds across our country. Please write to your elected officials and ask them to support this legislation. Help protect our recreational and collecting areas from arbitrary closures and

special interest politics. A link to the bill and its current status are available on the ALAA Website www.amlands.org on the 'Active Legislative Page'. Your comments and thoughts on this bill or other areas of interest to Rockhounding may be added to the 'Live Forum/Blog Page' also on the ALAA Website.

-John



Safety
Rattlesnakes Friend or
Enemy—or just a primal fear?
By Peter Kilkus
Submitted by Bural LaRue

Rattlers have good vision to at least 15 feet away under moderate illumination. The eyes are set so far to the sides of the head that they have only a limited field of binocular (stereo) vision. This may result in their moving their head from side to side as they try to get a good picture of something. Rattlers are too slow to outrun or dodge even the slowest of their enemies, thus the need for good long-range vision.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service—they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry", meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

Do's and don'ts in snake country

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

- ◆Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.
- ◆When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

◆ Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

◆ Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand—use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, even abandoned buckets and tires.

◆ Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

◆ Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

◆ Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side. When you hear a rattle, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening. Look behind you before you start to walk backwards—you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake.

◆ Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.

Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake.

This usually happens when a snake assumes an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached too closely.

A rattlesnake is a heavy-bodied, blunt-tailed snake with one or more rattles on the tail. It has a triangular-shaped head, much broader at the back than at the front, and a distinct "neck" region. The rattlesnake also has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which is a heat-

sensing pit. The eyes are hooded with elliptical pupils.

Additional identifying characteristics include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles, which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

Encouraging and protecting natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes and racers will reduce the rattlesnake population in the immediate area. An, kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.

What to do if bitten

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water. Remove watches, rings, and etc. which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area.

The balance of Mr. Kilkus's article will appear next month. The entire article including some snake photos can be accessed at <http://www.lakeberryyessanews.com/062310/Rattlesnake%20story.htm>. Permission to reprint in the CFMS Newsletter was given by Mr. Kilkus. Jennifer Haley saw his article and suggested it might be of interest to our readers.

From Lake Berryessa News, 6/23/2010. **-Bural**



CFMS SCHOLARSHIP

By Jennifer Haley

Dear Societies,
Remember you can make a difference in a rockhound's life by recognizing their exceptional dedication to our hobby. Our committee hasn't received any letters this year recommending anyone as an Honoree for 2011 which is unusual. It is up to you to bring someone to our attention. It can be that geologist you know who has treasured his or her life in the field and shares it with your kids program, your club or the community. It could be that member you know that has given their heart and soul to your club. Honoring someone is just that, honoring them and letting all the clubs within our federation know their value. You have until the end of October to get your letters of recommendation to me.

This is a tough economic year financially in America but even a \$5 check sent in by your club will not be mocked. It will join in with this years donations towards the earth science student scholarship fund.

-Jennifer



CFMS Tax Advisor

IRS RELIEF

FOR LATE FILERS

By Mike Kokinos

The IRS has announced that small tax-exempt organizations that have not filed returns for 2007, 2008, and 2009 have until October 15, 2010, to file the delinquent returns. After that, their tax-exempt status will be revoked. The one-time relief program applies only to nonprofits that are required to file either Form 990-N (e-postcard) or Form 990-EZ. Nonprofits required to file Form 990-EZ must pay a compliance fee.

-Mike

ALAA President's Message

By Dick Pankey

We had a well attended meeting of the American Lands Access Association at the AFMS/CFMS Convention held in La Habra, CA on June 20th. This is our annual meeting where the **business** of ALAA is conducted. The **work** of ALAA is conducted day-in and day-out by our involved members, officers, directors, state reps and volunteers. The "official" minutes of the meeting will be published the September issue of the ALAA Newsletter, but I would like to give you a report on the highlights and actions of our meeting. There were 3 officers, 6 directors, several state reps, 24 members and several guests.

The scheduled speaker from the Blue Ribbon Coalition was unable to attend but we filled his time slot with business and discussion. Our directors are elected for a 3 year term and we elect 1/3 of them every year. Evan Day, John Spunaugle and Marshall Havner were elected for a 3 year term by a vote of the members present. The directors then re-elected me as president, Shirley Leeson vice president and Ruth Bailey treasurer for 2011. Our secretary Ann Cook requested to be replaced and Kathy Miller (a current director) volunteered to be secretary and was elected secretary. With the approval of the directors I then appointed Kathy as secretary to fill out the remainder of Ann's 2010 term. With the approval of the directors I then appointed 3 more State Reps - John and Judith Washburn for Illinois and Marshall Havner for Central California. We would like to have a State Rep for every state to monitor legislative and regulatory activity in the state, promote ALAA and our purpose, recruit members and facilitate communication. If you are interested in being a stat rep and want more information contact me or Shirley Leeson

Quartzsite, AZ is a very popular destination for rockhounds every January and is located in the heart of BLM land. Since many ALAA officers, directors and members, and most of the public in attendance are users of our public lands are in Quartzsite in January it was proposed and passed that ALAA hold a meeting in Quartzsite during the time of the QIA Pow Wow. This would not be a business meeting but rather an informational meeting with speakers, presentations and exchanges. We will invite the BLM, other public lands users organizations and

the general public. If you have any ideas and would like to help, please contact me. Watch for more information and details in our September Newsletter.

The directors approved the following

“ALAA POSITION STATEMENT”

ALAA supports sound land management that offers adequate protection for the environment while protecting public access to public lands.

ALAA believes that environmental protection and recreation can co-exist with proper land management and reasoned accountability.

The budget for 2011 was adopted. This budget reflects increase incomes from membership growth and increase in expenses for newsletters and insurance. Our income continues to exceed expenses. ALAA is in sound financial shape.

Our next annual meeting will be held during the AFMS/EFMS Convention in Syracuse, NY in July, 2011. Start planning now to attend this ALAA meeting.

ALAA had an information table for the 3 days of the show. There was a bulletin board with information about ALAA – our purpose and activities. We passed out cards with the AFMS Code of Ethics to everyone who stopped to talk to us. The info table gave us an opportunity to present ourselves to the public and proved to be great for recruiting new members. Marshall Havner manned the table most of the time with some help from other ALAA members and officers. A Big Thank You to all that helped.

A word about membership and dues. ALAA has experienced good growth of individuals and societies in 2009 and 2010. Unfortunately, many who joined in 2008 and 2009 have not renewed nor paid their 2010 dues. We do not want to loose you as members. We need all of you and many more. We have continued to send you the ALAA Newsletter and have kept you on the e-mail alert list in hope that you will soon send in your dues. As with any organization we can not keep you on the ALAA membership list without payment of dues indefinitely. Please send your dues payment to Ruth Bailey soon!

Be an involved member!

-Dick

PLAC/ALAA Joint Meeting

By Norvie Enns, John Martin and Dick Pankey

The PLAC committees and ALAA will hold a joint meeting in Visalia on Saturday, November 13th following the Directors’ meeting. Exact time and location will be announced at the Directors’ meeting. Everyone who is interested in and uses our public lands is welcome and encouraged to attend. Agenda items will include: current PLAC activities and projects; details of the ALAA meeting at La Habra; and some proposed ALAA projects.

We need informed members. We need involved members. Join us at this joint PLAC/ALAA meeting and learn what is going on, how you can become informed and how you can be involved.

-Dick-John-Norvie

**MARK YOUR CLENDARS NOW
FOR THE
2011 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
ANDERSON, CA
MAY 13, 14 & 15**

**Northern California Treasures
2011
C.F.M.S. Show and Convention**

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September 3, 4, 5 & 6: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Corner of Main & Laurel
Fri.-Sun. 10 am - 6 pm; Mon. 10 am - 4 pm
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116
Jane Webb at ejwebb@mcn.org

September 11 & 12: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 4pm
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614
guynellallm@sbcglobal.net

September 18 & 19; REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10am - 5pm Daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
ccorden@comcast.net
<http://sgms.drifmine.com>

September 18 & 19: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
slrockhounds.org

September 18 & 19: STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Nettie Meissner(209) 946-0113
footsey1@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 25 & 26: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 5pm
Susie Harlow
Susie@tghcpa.com
www.cvgms.org

October 2 & 3: OROVILLE, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Meyers Street
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily

Crossetto Rossetto (530) 589-1840
crossetto@aol.com
Oroville.rocks.com

October 3: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook G & M Facility
1123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
ikonmiming@gmail.com

October 9 & 10: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Kmoore160@comcast.net
www.ncgms.org

October 9 & 10: TRONA, CA

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

October 9 & 10: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Sante Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8446
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395

October 16: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10am - 5pm
Loraine Taneja xyz123@linkline.com
info@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.org

October 16 & 17: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm daily
Karen Newlin (530) 676-1643
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 16 & 17: CAYUCOS, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier)
10 Cayucos Drive
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Daily
Mike Lyons (805) 610-0757
jadestar@charter.net
slogem.org

October 16 & 17: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764
Res19pnb@verizon.net

October 16 & 17: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 am-6 pm; Sun. 10 am-5 pm
Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
Erica Tanner srmgs-
membership@comcast.net
santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

October 23 & 24: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
1 North San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Colleen McGann (831) 212-1951
Colleen.Mcgann@hds.com
<http://pggs.org/>

October 30 & 31: LAKESIDE, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Daily
Carolyn Boland (619) 561-7498
carolynboland@juno.com
ecvgms.com

November 6 & 7: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord (Clayton Fair Shopping Center)
5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm daily
Harry Nichandros (925) 289-0454
Show09@ccmgs.org ccmgs.org

November 6 & 7: LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9am - 5pm daily
Susan Chaisson-Walblom(661) 406-0143
slchaisson@yahoo.com
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 6 & 7: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905

November 12, 13 & 14: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Center
6151 H Street
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bob Johnson (916) 339-7007
www.Sacramentomineralsociety.org

November 13 & 14: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours:
Erik Anspaugh (916) 567-9750
inez_brg@yahoo.com

November 13 & 14: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds
14800 - 7th Street
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Cyndy Mandell (760) 508-1080
cynmandell@yahoo.com

November 21 & 21: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Frank Boulch (805) 271-0538
Show_info@oxnardgem.com
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January 15 & 16: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah (Highway 65)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5 ; Sun 10 - 4
Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133
Charles Reed (559) 784-6394

February 18-27: INDIIO, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg, Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
Bert67@verizon.net

March 5 & 6: ARCADIA, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
L. A. Co. Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9 am - 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
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March 5 & 6: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
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www.vgms.org

March 12 & 13: SALINAS, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Veteran's Hall Spreckels, Ca
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
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