



# C.F.M.S. Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Grow the Federation!**

**By Fred Ott**

As this is my last newsletter article as President, I'd like to share some observations that I've made during the year.

**Past:** Our Federation exists today based upon a solid foundation of successes constructed by our predecessors. We owe each of them a debt of gratitude that can **best** be expressed by building upon past efforts and successes and growing our individual Societies and the Federation. Imagine starting your own business and building it up to be a very successful venture, only to have it fail shortly after 'turning the reins' over to someone else; what a disappointment! Conversely, there is no greater satisfaction than to have subsequent owners capitalize on the birth and growth of your business by bringing it to new heights. So, too, is it with our societies and the Federation. Not only should we 'thank' those who came before us; we need to show our sincerest appreciation by continuing their legacy.

**Present:** I've found that members of most (if not all) societies are eager to learn new ideas and tools to make their jobs easier, our passion for rockhounding more fun and the shows more profitable. The challenge has always been to develop a system of 'sharing' this information and I'm proud to say that we are well on our way of using the Internet, modern technology and the Federation meetings and conventions to do just that. The 'key' is constant communications. When gathering email addresses for our new database, I was often surprised to find

societies for which there was no way to contact them except by US postal mail. The information on the Federation's website was either inaccurate or incomplete; all the more reason to capitalize on the new technologies!

**Future:** Looking ahead, I am **very excited** about the future of our Federation! We are indeed fortunate to have incoming officers and directors who are talented, motivated and energized to make their contributions and continue leading us to future successes. Please give them your support at every opportunity.

Thank you for allowing me to be the CFMS President this year.

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

**Fred Ott, President 2010**

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**\*REMEMBER \***

**ARTICLES FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!**

**2010 CFMS Calendar**  
Nov. 25 – 28 Field Trip South - Wiley's Well  
Dec. 10 – Bulletin Contest Entry Deadline  
**2011 CFMS Calendar**  
Feb. 28 - All American Books due in to Dot Beachler  
May 13-15 CFMS Show & Convention (Anderson, CA)

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank You to everyone submitting articles for this month's newsletter.

**I would like to send \*A Big Thank You\* to everyone who submitted articles for the CFMS Newsletter over the past year. Being the CFMS Editor for the past year has been a rewarding learning experience!**

Articles for the January Newsletter and important Dates for the CFMS Calendar should be submitted by December 5<sup>th</sup> to 2011 Editor - Pat LaRue.



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**Bylaws Committee**

**By Ruth Bailey  
&  
Theresa Kokinos**



**“BYLAWS CHANGES”**

The outcome of the vote on amendments to the CFMS By-Laws at the Director's meeting on November 13, 2010, will be published in the 2011 January CFMS Newsletter.

**-Ruth and Theresa**

**CFMS Earth Science  
Studies**

**2011 Camp Zzyzx  
By Marion Roberts**



**Look for a copy of the 2011 Zzyzx application  
in this month's CFMS Newsletter.**

**-Marion**

**ALL AMERICAN REPORT**

**By Dot Beachler**



As most of you know, this program provides recognition and awards to those clubs who extend their interests and activities beyond club functions. Founded by the AFMS in 1976, submissions are first judged in each regional federation for regional awards, then entries in each of three categories (large clubs with 100 or more members, small clubs with less than 100 members, and junior clubs) are sent to the AFMS for national judging.

It is hoped that more clubs will enter this year. It is a little work, but recognition as an "All American" club is not only a prestigious honor, but is an indication that your club has done something extra to increase public awareness and interest in mineral collecting and the lapidary arts.

**-Dot**

**Bulletin Aids  
By Doug Arnold**



We had some great entries in the 2010 Bulletin Contest and I would enjoy seeing more for the 2011 contest whose entry deadline is Dec. 10. The contest is for bulletin editors and writers. Take a look at Forms on the CFMS website for entry details and forms. If anyone has any questions email me at [oldjasper@verizon.net](mailto:oldjasper@verizon.net) or call me at (661) 208-0096.

**-Doug**

**Education through  
Sharing**

**By Loretta Ogden**



This month we have 6 current Honorees and also an Honoree from the past that was never properly recognized.

**Ismael Sanchez**

We are pleased to name Ismael Sanchez the Bakersfield Mineral Mites 2010 Rockhound of the Year. Ismael has been selfless and tireless in his efforts on behalf of kids. He has put together one of the largest youth groups within the Federation, which is now the only independent kids-only club in CFMS. He generously gives out specimens from his own rock pile and sponsors workshops and field trips, including an annual camping trip to San Simeon with rock collecting in the hills and fun on the beach. He has enrolled the club in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program, and many of the kids have earned all 15 badges; in fact, 223 badges have been awarded, including 17 Rockhound badges. He also advises and encourages kids to enter displays in the Kern County Fair, where many earn ribbons for the quality of their collections and lapidary work. In these ways, and so many more, Ismael richly deserves the title, "Rockhound of the Year" for work that will endure through his inspiration and example for our next generation! By Ron & Dolores Millard

**John Holt & Jean Kahn**

The Napa Valley Rock & Gem Club would like to nominate John Holt and Jean Kahn as Rockhounds of the Year. This is their first year in a rock club. Working as a team the two of them have made a

big dream come true for our club while having an impressive impact of promoting the earth sciences in our county. One of our members donated her rare collection of rocks and fossils to the local museum many years ago before she passed away. These specimens were locked in the vault since that time. John and Jean convinced the local museum to exhibit the rare collection. They were allowed to unwrap and display the collection. The exhibit has been on display for six months. Part of the collection will be made into a traveling on loan exhibit so that other museums can share it. They volunteer their time taking trunk shows of geology, fossils, rocks and Indian artifacts which touch the lives of about 2,000 children annually.

By Jennifer Haley

### Mary Hicks

The Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society has selected **Mary Hicks** as its recipient for the Education Through Sharing Award for 2010. Mary epitomizes what a recipient of this award should be and do. She is an involved and active member of our society as an officer/committee person and as a doer. She has many interests and skills that she shares with our society.

Mary graciously opens her home where she has taught a variety of jewelry and bead classes. She regularly presents programs and slide talks at our monthly educational meetings. Mary takes a collection of rocks and minerals and gives "rock talks" at local schools and youth groups providing not only information but makes sure each child gets a rock to take home. She always has a display case at our annual show.

Mary is very active in the life of our society attending field trips as well as our social functions. She has held several offices and committee positions and has just completed three terms as our president. Show time is a busy time for Mary where she runs the raffle, prepares lunch and dinner during set-up, runs the membership table, and serves as show treasurer and a few other odd jobs.  
By Betty Pankey, President

### Donna & Larry Knapton

As president of the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, it is my pleasure to present Donna and Larry Knapton as the 2010 Rockhound couple of the year. This dedicated dream team travels

across America collecting, classifying, and presenting rocks and minerals purely for the education and enjoyment of kids and adults alike. With membership spanning years and each holding numerous offices, it is hard not to be impressed to know that it's just the beginning. Their accomplishments include grant writing for book donations, adding a homemade touch and creative twist to kid's activities, the Rock Box project which touches all schools and libraries in Ventura County, and running both the education and kid booths at our annual show. And don't forget all the displays that they do! Nothing is too big or too small for this tough duo. We are very lucky to have them as part of our club and community.

### Catherine Hutchings

The Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society nominate Catherine Hutchings for the Education through Sharing Award.

In 2006 Cathy restored our "Future Rock Hounds of America" program, and built a group of over eighteen junior members. As a teacher, Cathy brought years of experience in educating children to the "Rookie Rock Rollers". With the assistance of many of the parents of the pioneer "Rookies," the program became very successful.

Cathy obtained the educational materials, created the personal program binders, conducted the monthly meetings, and arranged for presentations and "Rookies" field trips. Cathy volunteers her time showing rocks and minerals for educational displays at various gem and mineral shows. [She is able to identify and explain the origins of most of the mineral display specimens and the great stories that go with them.](#) Cathy cannot resist mentioning the "Rookie Rock Rollers" program to any 12-year old that has questions at the mineral displays. Cathy also assists at the "Kids Junction" feature at our annual show. Cathy's efforts have built a foundation for developing the rarest and most valuable asset any Society can have, Future Rock Hounds.

-Florence Brady

**For some reason this never made it into the newsletter. We are all terribly sorry and putting it in now in its entirety. Congratulations Mr. Barton that your club watches out for you. Sincerely, Loretta Ogden**

**Jim Barton**

**The Roseville Rock Rollers nominates Jim Barton for the 2008 Educational thru Sharing Award.** Jim Barton joined the Roseville Rock Rollers in the year 2000. One year later, Jim volunteered in the absence of any other nominee, to take the position of President and served as president for 2001 and 2002.

Jim served as the Field Trip Leader for 2003 and 2004, and served as the Programs Chair for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show and Convention in 2005, hosted by the Roseville Rock Rollers.

Jim served as Assistant Show Chair for the Roseville Rock Rollers annual Gem and Mineral shows in 2006 and 2007.

Jim served as Vice President of the Roseville Rock Rollers in 2007 and 2008 during the greatest growth period in the history of the Society.

Jim served as the Show Chair for the 2008 Roseville Rock Rollers annual Gem and Mineral Show and currently serves as the Show Chair for the 2009 show.

The Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society is an active member of the Northern California CO-OP. This organization serves to organize and provide for field trips for the 13 member societies. Jim Barton, concurrent with his position as Field Trip Leader for the Roseville Rock Rollers in 2003 and 2004, also served as the Field Trip Director Representative to the CO-OP.

In March of 2004, Jim accepted a position on the Board of the CO-OP as an Associate Director. Again, for lack of willing volunteers, Jim accepted the position of President of the CO-OP and served as President in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and was again sustained as President of the CO-OP for 2009!

As a working Geologist, Jim is willing to lend his knowledge on minerals and geology to anybody who presents a question. Jim has provided presentations to scout groups and other public groups on geology and mineralogy when requested.

Jim Barton was the first to stand up and jump in when the Roseville Rock Rollers developed the lapidary shop. Jim headed up the project to erect a saw shed to house our large saws and casting equipment. To this day, Jim is still standing as a regular volunteer repairing equipment and training members on the use of the lapidary saws.

On Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim Barton received a call at his home for a request to assist some visitors at the shop with a large piece of rock that needed to be cut. Jim left his home and gave of his time and talents to promote the lapidary arts in the finest tradition of a true "Rock Hound".  
Jim Hutching



**CFMS FIELD TRIP SOUTH  
Wiley's Well Annual  
Thanksgiving  
Rockhound Round-up  
By Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich**

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

**TRIP LOCATION:** The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

**WHEN:** Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25-28, 2010. There will be folks camping all week.

**SPONSORS:** CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs, and OBMS.

**LEADERS:** Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

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**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:** 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 Rd. 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 OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the camp ground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

**For more information refer to the CFMS Website, November 2010 Newsletter!**

**- Robert & Adam**



**JUNIORS ACTIVITIES**  
**Menu of Kids' Show Ideas**  
**Now on the CFMS**  
**Website!**  
**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

At the past several Directors' Meetings, I've been talking about how your Juniors Activities Committee has been compiling a "**Menu of Kids' Show Activities and Display Ideas.**" At long last, I'm happy to report this is done, and Don Ogden has posted it to the CFMS web site! To check it out, go to [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) and click on "Manuals" at the top of the screen. That will take you to a list of CFMS manuals, and the Menu is item 14 on that list. My thanks especially to Terry McMillin and Susan Chaisson-Walblom for giving suggestions on how to organize the menu and to June Harris, Ismael Sanchez, and youth leaders across the Federation for providing suggestions by example. The goal is to provide a list of ready-made, club-tested suggestions for displays and activities for any clubs wishing to increase the variety and number of activities for kids at their next annual show.

The menu is divided into six broad categories:

1. **Educational Displays** has ideas tied to scout badges and school curricula.
2. **Activities** suggests hands-on fun, including simple activities kids can do on their own as well as more involved activities requiring supervision.
3. **Prizes for Selling or Giving Away** describes prizes you can use to motivate and award kids and where you can get them or how you can make them, from time-honored grab bags to spinning wheel prizes to badges and ribbons.
4. **Lectures & Special Programs** gives ideas on providing extra educational value for kids at your show.
5. **Resource Suggestions** tells where to turn to get further ideas, ready-made lesson plans and handouts, rock specimens, posters, etc. The list includes mailing addresses and web sites.
6. **Tips on Running a Kids Booth** provides thoughts on what to consider in putting together and running a Kids Booth smoothly and effectively.

In addition to posting this on the CFMS web site, I'll make a limited number of printed copies to bring to Visalia in November as a handout.

The suggestions in this menu came from the experiences of the members on the Juniors Activities Committee and from observing the many great kids' activities CFMS clubs are already pursuing. We felt it was time to "share the wealth" and collect together the best of what we've observed. We see this as just the first step of a growing menu. If you and your club have been doing a terrific kids' activity at your show, we'd love to add it to the list, so email ([jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)) or call me (805-659-3577) and let me know how you're educating kids, while having fun!

-Jim

**The Many Facets of Rockhounding:**  
**A Special Exhibit at the California Oil**  
**Museum**

**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

I encourage all rockhounds making a visit to southern California within the next few months to swing by Santa Paula and visit the California Oil Museum. This summer, Museum Coordinator Jeanne Orcutt asked if the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society might be interested in assembling a special exhibit on "The Many Facets of Rockhounding." In a terrific team effort, two dozen members of the society came together and outdid themselves. They assembled such displays as: field trips & collecting; southern California agates, nodules & geodes; Midwest geodes; Morgan Hill poppy jasper; gemstones of the Pala tourmaline district; silverwork, bead stringing, & jewelry-making; gemstone cabochons set in belt buckles; carved gemstone bowls; free-form sculptures; rough & polished stones; knapped arrowheads & knives; fossil whalebone; trilobites from the California desert & around the world; a collection of the many forms of feldspar & quartz; a petrified wood collection; a huge Arkansas quartz cluster as well as vugs of Brazilian amethyst; mining artifacts; and meteorites. Several exhibits are based on displays that won trophies at the Ventura County Fair and annual shows of the CFMS and AFMS. Thus, the exhibits truly shine with professional polish.

The exhibit runs through February 14, 2011, at the California Oil Museum, 1001 E. Main St., Santa Paula (exit 10<sup>th</sup> St. from the 126 freeway).

Museum hours are 10AM-4PM Wednesdays through Sundays. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 youth. Check their web site for further details ([www.oilmuseum.net](http://www.oilmuseum.net)) or call (805) 933-0076.

By the way, the museum building itself is a display piece, a National Register Historic Site. It contained the original 1890 corporate headquarters of Union Oil Company, and its permanent exhibits highlight the history of the "black gold" that brought untold wealth and prosperity to California long after the original gold rush days of the 19th century had receded into history. Displays about oil and oil wells include fossils from the oil fields and a full-size operating iron-and-timber drilling rig from 1900, as well as vintage gas pumps and antique gasoline station memorabilia.

The overarching goal of the special exhibit on rockhounding is to show the public the broad spectrum our avocation has to offer by highlighting the varied interests and expertise of individual club members—and thereby, just maybe, tempt more people into this great hobby of ours. The experience proved to be a fun, educational, community-oriented project, and members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society encourage all clubs with a local museum nearby to explore similar possibilities for bringing an appreciation of rockhounding to our general public and friends. We thank Jeanne Orcutt and the California Oil Museum for giving us that very opportunity!

-Jim

## **CFMS NEEDS YOU!**

**If your Society/Club is interested in hosting the 2012, 2013 or 2014 \*CFMS Show & Convention\***

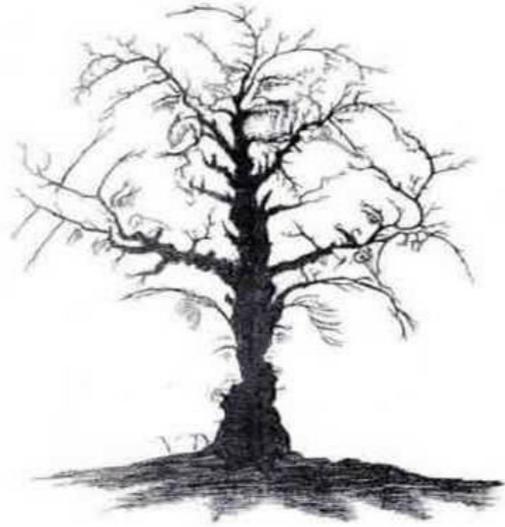
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**Can you see the ten hidden faces???**



### **Safety Practice Safety with Electricity By Bural LaRue**

Each year faulty electrical wiring and appliances cause fires and electrocutions in homes and shops throughout the country. As in our daily lives, we use electricity in many ways in our hobby. It powers our cutting, grinding and polishing equipment. It lights our shops and showcases. And much of what we have is not always new and in compliance with the latest technology and current safety codes.

Included with a homeowner's insurance bill was a flier that had articles on safety, financing and home maintenance. (See safety information can be found in unexpected places.) Here are some of their electrical safety tips.

**Always use extension cords properly to avoid a fire hazard.**

- ◆ Use extension cords only as a temporary solution—never as permanent wiring.
- ◆ Grasp the plug when removing cords from an outlet. Pulling or jerking the cord can damage wires, causing both a fire and electrical shock hazard.

- ◆Use the proper size cord for the load it will carry. Undersized cords or long runs of cord may cause overheating.
- ◆Check cords regularly for damage. Never repair a cord by splicing it.
- ◆Running a cord under rugs or rolling them into a bundle may cause overheating.

**Be careful with electrical appliances and tools.**

- ◆All electrical appliances and power tools should be listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or other recognized testing organizations.
- ◆Never use a light bulb with a higher wattage than what the fixture recommends. Doing so could lead to overheating.
- ◆Always keep appliances and their power cords away from any water or dampness.
- ◆Keep electrical heaters away from combustible materials. Also, keep the electrical cord away from any heater to prevent it from burning or melting.
- ◆If any appliance or tool gives even the slightest shock or tingling sensation, unplug it and ask a qualified electrician to inspect it.

The next time you work in your shop, or set up your showcase, or use an extension cord, power tool or appliance, take some time to be sure that these tips are being followed. Treat electrical equipment with respect and keep it working properly to reduce the chance of injury and damage to property.

PRACTICE SAFETY with electricity in your shop, around your home, and at shows.

*From Dick Pankey - CFMS Newsletter, 3/99*  
-Bural



**CFMS SCHOLARSHIP**

**By Jennifer Haley**

Our committee received one response during the last few months for Honoree 2011 nominations which is wonderful and at the same time I am wondering why we only had one this whole year. It doesn't mean you all don't know someone

worthy who would make a great candidate but perhaps you don't understand how the CFMS Scholarship Honoree and Fund actually work. Since your society keeps the nominee name secret until we notify you it doesn't matter how many candidates letters we receive from all the societies because we will go through all of them to decide which few according to our available funds for scholarship students we can accommodate as Honorees each year. I have written many articles about our work with little response so I am wanting to understand why. Please email me with your questions or suggestions so we can make the future of our committee even better.

**-Jennifer**

**2011 AFMS Web Site Contest—Webmasters,  
Be Sure To Enter!  
By Phyllis George  
Web Site Contest Chair**

You will be receiving this newsletter around December 1, 2010, and all club webmasters still have plenty of time to enter their club's Web site into the contest! The due date for your federation is listed in the chart below. Please encourage your club's webmaster to enter the contest if he or she hasn't already done so. Your club's Web site will be better for having gone through the process of being judged.

So how does a club Web site enter the contest? The webmaster needs to download a copy of the following three documents: 2011 Entry Form, the 2011 Score Sheet, and the 2011 Score Sheet Guidelines. These forms are all PDF files, and they can be filled out on your computer and saved to your hard drive. Fill out the one-page Entry Form completely, and fill out the top part of the Score Sheet on both pages. When finished, e-mail both forms to your regional federation Contest Committee Chair no later than that federation's due date.

The Score Sheet Guidelines document goes through every item on the score sheet and explains what it is and why it's important to your Web site. EVERY club webmaster (and every contest judge!) should read the Guidelines document closely. These guidelines can help all webmasters tune up their Web site.

These contest files are available on the AFMS Web site [http://www.amfed.org/web/website\\_contest.htm](http://www.amfed.org/web/website_contest.htm). Make sure you're downloading the 2011 version of these files. Also make sure that you have installed a free copy of Adobe Reader 9 so you can change some of your filled-in answers later if necessary. Adobe Reader 9 is available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/>.

**Members of the Web Site Contest Committee** and the due dates for entries to their regional federation contests are as follows:

Regional Federation	Contest Chair	E-mail Address	Entry Due Date
California Federation (CFMS)	Merryan O'Neill	<a href="mailto:mvoneill@comcast.net">mvoneill@comcast.net</a>	01/17/2011
Eastern Federation (EFMLS)	Dan Imel	<a href="mailto:lapidry@aol.com">lapidry@aol.com</a>	02/01/2011
Midwest Federation (MWFMS)	Cindy Root	<a href="mailto:d-root@sbcglobal.net">d-root@sbcglobal.net</a>	01/15/2011
Northwest Federation (NFMS)	Cheri George	<a href="mailto:lizardwoman3@yahoo.com">lizardwoman3@yahoo.com</a>	01/31/2011
Rocky Mountain Federation (RMFMS)	Phyllis George	<a href="mailto:pgeorge4@comcast.net">pgeorge4@comcast.net</a>	01/15/2011
South Central Federation (SCFMS)	Don Shurtz	<a href="mailto:don.shurtz@gmail.com">don.shurtz@gmail.com</a>	01/15/2011 before 6 p.m.
Southeast Federation (SFMS)	Jim Flora	<a href="mailto:jimflora@windstream.net">jimflora@windstream.net</a>	01/15/2011

The regional federation judges will give each entrant valuable insight into how to improve his or her club Web site, and they will also tell them what they're doing right. This year all entrants will receive a certificate, and the first place regional federation winners also will receive a plaque awarded by their federation. Federation first and second places will also receive animated gifs signifying the excellence of their sites for placement on their Web site's home page.

The first place entries will be forwarded to the AFMS level and judged as a finalist. Wes Lingerfelt, our AFMS-level judge for 2011, will give the regional first place winners the benefit of his wisdom, his extensive Web experience, and his knowledge of what works on a Web site

and what doesn't. He will analyze each of the sites forwarded to him, and he will give useful feedback on what is being done well and how each site can be improved.

All the contestants participating at the AFMS level will receive a certificate signifying their rank, and the first place winner will also receive an AFMS first place plaque. The top three will also receive animated .gifs for placement on their sites as a symbol of their sites' excellence.

The results of the various regional Web Site Contests will be announced at the annual meetings of the regional federations during their Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. The results of the AFMS and EFMLS Web Site Contests will be announced at the AFMS/EFMLS/GMSS joint Show & Convention (July 7–10, 2011) in Syracuse, NY during the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. Hope to see you all there!



**ALAA**  
**Our Partner in Saving Our Public Lands**  
**By Dick Pankey**

The Blue Ribbon Coalition just issued an 8 page Insider Report. The main thrust of the BRC is to affect legislation and regulations that effect off highway vehicle use. But most of the legislation and regulations that affect off highway use and access also affects access and use by rockhounds and the general public that use our public lands for recreation. The Insider Report listed the pending and proposed bills that would create more wilderness land and national monuments that greatly restricts our use and collecting rights. The BRC is concerned there will be a "lame duck" session and that these bills will be rolled into another all-or-nothing omnibus bill rather than each bill being considered on its own merits. Their call to action is for all concerned citizen to contact their senators and representation to oppose this ill-conceived legislative tactic.

The current administration is pushing 2 two public lands initiatives: The Treasured Landscape Initiative and The America's Great Outdoors Initiative. The Treasured Landscape Initiative includes plans for new Wilderness areas, expand National Parks and add 14 National Monuments

across 9 states affecting over 35 million acres. A leaked document proposes the abandonment of the BLM public lands management principles of Multiple Use and Sustained Yield. The new agency's new management guidance will be about "ecosystem-service value of BLM land" and makes no reference to recreation or multiple use

The America's Great Outdoors Initiative has 3 components: outreach, coordination and reports. Outreach is primarily about pushing a legislative agenda. It has already been used to push several Wilderness bills. The second goal directs EPA, CEQ and Departments of Agriculture and Interior to "identify existing resources and align policies and programs to achieve goals."

The U.S. Forest Service is beginning the process of revising how the agency prepares Forest Plans known as Planning Rules. These rules will guide management plans for 155 national forests and 20 grasslands. We are still waiting for the draft proposal.

The way to affect the future use of our public lands is to become informed and to get involved. Write letters and e-mails to your elected representatives; attend meetings and becoming involved in the legislative and regulatory process. Would you like to be more informed about these issues and become more involved? Please contact me for details and more information.

The BRC has a great and informative web site - [www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org). This site is easy to read and easy to use and navigate. The BRC magazine is available on line as are the Alerts and the Insider Reports. You can sign-up to receive all Alerts directly to your e-mail inbox. The main thrust of the BRC is for Off Highway Vehicle users, but what affects them also directly affects us rockhounds and all people who recreate and use our public lands.

And while you are at it be sure to check out the American Lands Access Association web site – [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org).

**Be an involved member!**

-Dick

**ALAA MEETING**  
**QUARTZSITE, ARIZONIA**

**By Shirley Leeson, ALAA VP**



If you happen to be in the southwest during January, please stop by....

ALAA, American Lands Access Assn. is having a meeting in beautiful down town Quartzsite, **Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 9am** (Mountain Time, an hour earlier than CaliforniaTime) This will be at the Senior Center on Moon Mountain Road. ALL are welcome.

The desert will be changing and not for the good of the public, no matter what you enjoy in the desert, large tracts of land will be taken for solar projects and we will loose a number of collecting areas. For additional information contact [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net).

**YOU can help, please attend!**

**-Shirley**

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## 2011

### 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

### January 28,29 &30: REDLANDS, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California  
Micromounters Symposium  
San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree  
Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm  
Sun. Field trip time to be set  
Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435  
[rhousley@its.caltech.edu](mailto:rhousley@its.caltech.edu)  
[mineralsocal.org](http://mineralsocal.org) (click on micromounters)

### February 18-27: INDIO, 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](mailto:Bert67@verizon.net)

### February 25, 26 & 27: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Ave.  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007  
[showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
[www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

### February 25 & 26: NORTHRIDGE, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds  
Northridge United Methodist Church  
9650 Reseda Boulevard  
Hours: Fri. 3 pm-9 pm; Sat. 10 am-5 pm  
Chris Ward  
[Chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:Chris_ward678@yahoo.com)  
[Delairrockhounds.blogspot.com](http://Delairrockhounds.blogspot.com)

### 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  
[joannaritchey@gmail.com](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
[www.Moroks.com](http://www.Moroks.com)

### 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  
[lilliananderson@juno.com](mailto:lilliananderson@juno.com)  
[www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

### March 11, 12 & 13: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Tailgate at Verde Antique Marble Quarry  
Stoddard Wells Road, 12 miles East of I-15  
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Daily  
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323  
[Bretts88@verizon.net](mailto:Bretts88@verizon.net)  
[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

### March 12 & 13: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Turlock Fairgrounds  
900 N. Broadway  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494  
[Bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com](mailto:Bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com)  
<http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

### March 12 & 13: SAN MARINO, CA

San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Drive  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239  
[joenmar1@verizon.net](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net)

### March 12 & 13: SALINAS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
Veteran's Hall Spreckels, Ca  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily  
Karen Jones (831) 678-0337  
[KenKAren0337@att.net](mailto:KenKAren0337@att.net)

### March 19 & 20: BAKERSFIELD, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society  
Kern County Shrine's  
700 South P Street  
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Daily  
Lew Helfrich (661) 323-2663  
[lewsrocks@bak.rr.com](mailto:lewsrocks@bak.rr.com)

### March 26 & 27: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579  
[Tak2me@msn.com](mailto:Tak2me@msn.com)  
[www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

### March 26 & 27: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds  
800 All America City Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10am - 5pm; Sun. 10am - 4pm  
Gloria Marie (530) 367-2262  
[gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
[www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

### April 8, 9 & 10: VISTA, CA

San Diego Co Council of G & M Societies  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.  
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Daily  
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570  
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987  
Simon King (619) 991-2226  
[raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

### April 9 & 10: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm  
Diane (209) 742-7625  
[mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

### April 15, 16 & 17: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
Hours: Fri. 9am-5pm; Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm  
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422  
[info@scvqms.org](mailto:info@scvqms.org)  
[www.scvqms.org](http://www.scvqms.org)

### May 14 &15: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall  
1350 N. Wells Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10 am-4pm  
Ann Johnson (775) 544-4937  
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DeRidder, Louisiana

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Rocky Mountain  
June 24-26  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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July 7 -10, 2011  
Syracuse, New York

Midwest  
September 8-11  
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