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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AFMS Show & Convention Recap

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is one of seven regional Federations affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. All told, AFMS serves as an umbrella organization over some 600-650 local societies like yours and mine. As CFMS President this year, I traveled with my wife Nancy to represent the CFMS at the AFMS Annual Show & Convention during the Fourth of July week in Syracuse, New York. Also there in official capacities to represent us were Susan Chaisson-Walblom (and David), as CFMS 1st Vice President, and Dick Pankey (and Betty), as AFMS 3rd Vice President. Plus, we were well represented in many other AFMS offices and chairs by such fellow CFMS members as Pat LaRue, Shirley Leeson, Dee Holland, Ruth Bailey, Cheri and Don George, and John and Susie Martin. With CFMS so well represented by so many familiar faces, there were times I had to wonder whether I really was a continent away from home—it almost felt like being at a CFMS show. A day-trip to the Herkimer Diamond Mine, though, convinced me I was in New York!

There were meetings, a Bob Jones talk, meetings, field trips, meetings, a boat ride up the Erie Canal, meetings, awards ceremonies, meetings, rocks to buy, and—oh!—did I mention? More meetings... Some of those meetings actually resulted in interesting news to report. CFMS did well in various competitions, including First Place in the website contest, with congratulations going to Stephanie Hagiwara of the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society. ALAA held a business meeting while also discussing land access issues. During the AFMS meeting, approval was granted to expand the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program in 2012. During the show itself, I did a co-presentation on juniors activities with Darryl "Diamond Dan" Powell and was able to interact with a whole roomful of very active junior leaders from around the U.S. At yet another meeting, changes were approved for the Uniform Rules that govern competitive exhibiting. These included making *Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species* the official reference book for mineral displays. The most recent edition, by Malcom Black and Joseph Mandarino, was published in 2008; if you don't have this manual, copies

can be obtained from The Mineralogical Record, www.minrec.org. Knapping was also added as a new category for competitive exhibiting.

If you've never been to an AFMS show sponsored by a regional Federation beyond the CFMS, I encourage you to consider it next year, when it will be held in Minnesota the weekend after the big annual agate festival. The national shows provide an opportunity for field trips and collecting well beyond your usual dig sites and it's interesting to see the different mix of materials in display cases and at dealer stands (a lot of eurypterid fossils, Herkimer diamonds and East Coast minerals were on display in Syracuse). And, most importantly, they provide a great opportunity to expand your network of friends and contacts in this great hobby of ours. See you next year in Minnesota?

Jim Brace-Thompson

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CFMS CALENDAR

Sept 4-10 Camp Paradise Week 1
Sept 11-17 Camp Paradise Week 2
Nov 12 Fall Business Meeting–Visalia

Officers and Committees: send me event dates and due dates to include in this section.

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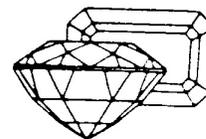
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ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler, Chairman

Since this is the "Year of the Child", it is hoped that Junior Club members would apply for the Junior All American Award.

Established in 1991 by the AFMS, the Junior All American Award is meant to:

- ✓Encourage junior club members to share their expertise and enthusiasm for the hobby within their respective regions.
- ✓Provide a model for organizing an annual historical account for the posterity of each club.
- ✓Offer an opportunity for national recognition of exceptional Junior groups.

Just as the award is focused on quality effort that enables junior members to grow and Junior Clubs to flourish, so too it is **focus and quality** that the All American Club Award judges seek in evaluating applications for the national honor. Quality is valued over quantity.

With extra summertime hours available, encourage your Junior Club members to consider the Junior All American Award.

CFMS JURY OF AWARDS

Seeking Nominations for AFMS 2011 Scholarship Foundation Honoree

By Bud McMillin, 2nd VP

Nominations are still being taken for the 2012 AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree! Do not 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 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 209-524-3494 (home), 209-527-8000 (work), mail (3117 Williamsburg Way, Modesto, CA 95355), or e-mail (bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com).

Thank you in advance for you nominees! Bud

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2012 Officers will be held November 11 - 13, 2011 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 5, 2011**. 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 12, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Susan Chaisson-Walblom will have a brief meeting of her 2012 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu Supreme

Mixed Field of Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings
Breast of Chicken Stuffed With Imported Ham and Swiss Cheese Topped with a Mornay Cream Brandy Sauce Atop Wild Rice Pilaf and Served with a Fresh Vegetable Medley -OR-

Ranch Steak

Mixed Field of Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings
Char Broiled 10 oz Ranch Steak Topped with Chipotle Butter with Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes and Medley Vegetable Medley

New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Drizzle

\$36 tax and gratuity included. Specify chicken or beef.

Make banquet reservations by November 5, 2011.

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Public Lands Advisory Committee – South

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Help Save Our State Parks

A California State Park needs your help. The California State Mining and Mineral Museum http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=588 is on the closure list for California State Parks along with 70 other State Parks. Assembly Bill 42 (AB 42) has the potential to save this and all 70 State Parks slated for closure. See the bill at the link below:

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_42&sess=CUR&house=B&author=huffman

AB 42 would allow the California State Parks Department to enter into an operating agreement for the development, improvement, restoration, care, maintenance, administration, or operation of a unit or units of the state park system, as identified by the director, with a qualified nonprofit organization that exists to provide visitor services in state parks, facilitate public access to park resources, improve park facilities, or provide interpretive and educational services. If AB 42 is enacted it means that a Qualified Nonprofit Organization can operate the park and the park can remain open. AB 42 has passed the Assembly and is currently in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water where it has been approved for vote on the Senate floor. The current status of AB 42 is it has been placed in the senate appropriations suspense file pending further action.

The California State Legislature in summer recess from August 1, 2011 to August 15, 2011. Now is the best time to contact your elected state official and ask them to support the passage AB 42 so some of our states parks can remain open. Your state legislator can be found by going to: http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html and entering your Zip code then to their webpage where you can contact them with an email requesting their support in getting AB 42 out of suspense file and to a vote on the Senate floor and then to the whole legislature for approval. Your action today can help save our California State Mining and Mineral Museum and other State Parks from closure.

More on how you can help, from the Sierra Sun Times: <http://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/mariposa-daily-news-2011/109-july/2913-how-you-can-help-keep-the-mining-a-mineral-museum-in-mariposa-ca-open>

Become Pro-Active and a Rockhound Activist.

The Public Land Use Pendulum may have reached the end of its travel extreme and may be headed in the other direction toward more reasonable Multiple Use Public Land Management. However the environmental activist groups still have plenty of money and lobbying power to buy the congressional support for their agendas. Several pieces of legislation have been introduced during the current session of congress that when enacted will help to create a multiple use road map for America's Public Lands. These new pieces of legislation not only will give direction to the Public Land Managers to manage our Public Lands for Multiple Usage but will provide congressional oversight, restrictions and regulations to the agencies responsible for our public lands management. Most of the current pending legislation restricting the usage or special interest groups usage is stalled in committee and with the greater needs of our country at stake may be left in limbo for some time.

The following proposed bills are worthy of review by rockhounds and multiple use users of our deserts and forest lands where collecting and recreation takes place:

- H.R. 758: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act
- H.R. 1581 and S 1087: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011
- H.R. 1996: Government Litigation Savings Act

The current status and text of these pending bills may be found on the *Active Legislation* page of the ALAA Website www.amands.org and deserve review and consideration by rockhounds and users of our Public Lands. These bills when enacted will help in keeping Public Lands open to all public lands users.

The following pending legislation, if enacted, may put more use restrictions on California's deserts and mountain forest areas:

- H.R. 113: Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act
- H.R. 41: Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011
- H.R. 281: Los Padres National Forest Land Exchange Act
- S. 138: California Desert Protection Act of 2011

The current status on the above bills along with California Renewable Energy projects, which have a direct effect on Public Land Access and usage, can be found on the *Active Legislative – California* page of the ALAA Website www.amands.org and deserve review and consideration by rockhounds and users of our Public Lands.

A CALL TO ACTION

Save our California State Mining & Mineral Museum!

By Jim Brace-Thompson & Darci Moore

Our California State Mining & Mineral Museum is endangered! We've received the following letter from Darci Moore of the Museum, asking your assistance to save the Museum from the knife of budget slashes. We urge all CFMS members reading this article to spread the word far and wide—to your fellow members at your next society meeting and in your next society newsletter and on your society web site. And don't stop there: get the word out via letters-to-the editor in your local newspapers to urge everyone, not just us rockhounds, to make their voices heard in the manner Darci suggests below:

I wanted to let you know that the California State Mining and Mineral Museum which houses and displays the Official California Collection of gems and minerals is on the State Parks closure list. This is the third year we have been on the closure list but unfortunately it is looking very dire for us this year. In an effort to garner grassroots support to keep the museum open we have created a Facebook page. We would like to invite your members to comment or voice their concern over the closure of this museum. This collection was started in 1880 by the State legislature and has been on continuous display for 131 years. The collection contains approximately 14,000 specimens from all over the world and from California. It is anticipated that if we close, it will be by July 1st 2012. If that happens it is very likely that the collection will be put into storage. This is a premier collection on the west coast and spawned collections in many of the other western states. We would appreciate any help you and your members could provide. If you could pass the word in your newsletter as well it would be appreciated. There is a link on our Facebook page to the California State Parks Foundation which provides suggestions about how to help. The link to our Facebook page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Mining-and-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629>

We need your help to spread the word! If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me: Darci Moore, Curator II, California State Mining and Mineral Museum, (209) 742-7625, dmoor@parks.ca.gov

JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

Preparing New Kids Badges for 2012

By Jim Brace-Thompson

When I established the Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies in 2004, my plan was to update and enhance it every four years. Starting with 9 activity badges and the Rockhound badge in 2004, I expanded to 15 activity badges in 2008—and added a Rock Star pin in 2010 for kids who earn all the badges. At this year's AFMS Show and Convention, I'm very grateful to note that the AFMS approved a budget for me to add 5 new badges starting in 2012.

I now have to roll up my sleeves and get moving in developing activities and badge designs for Fluorescent Minerals, Special Effects, The World of Miniatures, Reaching Across Generations, and Maps. If you have ideas for activities in any of these areas, I welcome your suggestions, especially activities you've already successfully tried out with the kids in your society or in visits to schools. The more ideas you can send me, the more opportunities we'll provide for kids to expand their exposure to the varied aspects of our hobby while having fun!



"This map says there's supposed to be geodes around here."

via *Geology Times* 6/02

BULLETIN AIDS

Give a Welcome to Our New Bulletin Aids Chair: Cyndy Mandell

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Earlier this year, our Bulletin Aids Chair Doug Arnold indicated that, for health reasons, he needed to step down as our CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair after all the awards were concluded for this year's newsletter contests at the CFMS and AFMS levels. We put out a couple of calls for volunteers, starting with my April President's Message, and also tried recruiting at our May CFMS Show & Convention. I'm happy to report our search is at an end! **Cyndy Mandell** has stepped forward and will start "training" with Doug right away.



Cyndy has been a member of the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club for ten years. She has served as the Education Chair and is currently in her second year as VVGMC President. A retired elementary school teacher, Cyndy loves teaching and enriching experiences, such as those offered in the lapidary community. She's taken many classes and has enjoyed participating in the CFMS workshops at Zzyzx. She's also attended the William Holland Lapidary School in Georgia for the last five summers. She loves to pass on whatever knowledge she's gained to members of her club. She's looking forward to now becoming more involved at the CFMS level.

My thanks and gratitude to Cyndy for stepping up to the plate, and thanks on behalf of all CFMS to Doug for his fine service!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Ted Magee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for 2012 CFMS officers:

President–Susan Chaisson-Walblom
1st VP/President Elect–Bud McMillingtown Riverside.
2nd VP–Jennifer Haley
Treasurer–Tom Burchard
Secretary–Robert Sankovich



FROM E.S.S.

By Marion Roberts, Chair

As of this writing Camp Paradise is just around the corner and is still adding participants. Currently we are over 40 people per week, and adding, so hope you are one of them.

Applications are now being taken for Zzyzx 2012, which starts on Sunday April 1, 2012.

A program that Vivien and I participated in was with a church camp for 8 to 11 year olds, run by 5 churches. Being a director of Camp Paradise leads to food for thought for individual societies to consider. Vivien and I did the three days representing the Earth Science Studies committee, but any society could do the same thing. We worked for one hour per day with each group of 20 kids at a time with a total of 80 kids per day. Day 1, with Vivien's leadership each kid was given a small piece of soapstone and was shown how to shape, sand, and polish it into a wearable amulet. On day 2, we made bracelets with memory wire and beads, using the same 20 kids per group. The 3rd day was done with all 80 plus councilors and adults as well, where I done a very elementary talk for about 20 minutes on fossils.

Thanks to the Mother Lode Mineral Society Community service committee, we were loaned the use of a portion of their fossil collection that is used in their school programs. We also want to thank the ones that donated some of the beads that we used for the bracelets. It was a good opportunity to showcase our hobby as well. We had a number of parents that asked about societies in their area. This was a multi fold opportunity with a very gratifying affect. Give it lot of thought.

See you at camp.





CFMS Field Trip Jade Cove September 16-18th 2011

By Robert Sankovich, Co-chair FTS

If you're interested in going to Jade Cove in September, reserve a site. I'm not going to be able to grab sites when I'm up there so it's up to you to get your campsite. Half the sites are first come first serve. If you're not able to reserve a site, you can reserve sites 6 months ahead. I will be at camp #35 Thursday-Sunday, September 16-18th 2011.

Here is the link for reservations:

<http://www.recreation.gov/campgroundSearchResult.do?topTabIndex=CampingSpot>

http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Plaskett_Creek_Campground_Ca/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70161&pstate=CA

Field trip: Our September field trip will be to Jade Cove, south of Big Sur. We will be looking for nephrite jade. It can be found along the shoreline. You can come up for the day or join us camping over night. Deb and I will be there Thursday Sept 15th to Sunday 18th. Day use is free by the side of the road, camping \$22.00. No electric hookups. 45 campsites half are assigned on a first come, first served basis. You now can reserve your campsite. See contact information below...8 persons per site. Each site has a picnic table, grill and fire pit. Flush toilet restrooms and water are nearby. **Saturday night 6pm there will be a potluck dinner.**

Directions: From Ventura head north on Freeway 101, at San Luis Obispo, take Highway 1 north, towards the coast, to Morro Bay, continue on Hwy 1 north approximately 60 miles from Morro Bay to **Plaskett Creek campground**. Campground is on right side (east). Once at campground, look for a CFMS sign next to the sign by entrance or by Robert's campsite #035. Approximately 235 miles from Thousand Oaks, 3.5 - 4 hour drive time.

Meeting: Friday/Saturday 9am-4pm. Sunday afternoon. We will meet at Robert's campsite #035. There will be a short briefing of the sites. We will be going to Jade Cove, Sand Dollar Beach, Willow Creek. Please remember to sign a release form to participate in the field trip. From the camp to Jade Cove we will then drive south on Hwy 1 half a mile to a long pull out on right side (west) with a

entrance to Jade cove. Use the stairs to climb over the fence and walk approximately 150 yards across a grass area to a switch back down to the cove, approximately 100 yards. Use sturdy shoes. The bottom of the trail can be washed out so take your time. Walk over the bigger rocks at the basin to the center of the cove where there is a small beach. In the surf and along shore jade can be found amongst the other rocks. Be careful and aware when collecting close to the surf zone.

Minerals to collect: nephrite jade, serpentine, actinolite, soap stone, abalone shells.

Tools: Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, eye protection, trowels, hand rake, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, rubber boots or old tennis shoes, layered clothing, towels, change of clothes/shoes in case you get wet. Drinking water, lunch or snacks, camping gear if you plan on spending the night. (The main tools to use are simple garden tools, a hand trowel and hand rake)

Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip, weather changes. If we don't know your going on the field trip, we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is canceled

If interested in a color aerial photo of Sand Dollar Beach to Jade Cove, e-mail me.

Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734 rmsorca@adelphia.net
Adam Dean 909-489-4899 theagatehunter@verizon.net



SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose EFMLS Safety Chairman

Last month we covered hammers. Now let's look at other hand tools commonly encountered in the field.

Chisels and drills are used with hammers. Flat cold chisels are used to form and cut cold metal, so we should use brick chisels (double beveled point with an included angle of 80 degrees) and brick sets (single beveled point with an included angle of 45 degrees) to split rocks. Star drills have all cutting edges to an included angle of 70 degrees. Hold chisels or drills with a loose fist, keeping the fingers relaxed in order to minimize the chance of being hit by a glancing blow. A sponge rubber pad forced over the chisel or drill above the hand may also protect the hand from a glancing blow. If someone else is holding the chisel or drill, it is best to use a set of tongs or a chisel holder to guide the chisel. Gloves are always recommended for both individuals to protect from glancing blows and flying chips. The following safe practices apply:

- Protect cutting edges by installing protective covers.
- Store in racks where they may not be chipped or broken.
- Regrind broken or chipped chisel edges before using.
- Remember to cool in water often to protect the temper of the metal. Drill cutting edges should be hand filed. Replace chisels and drills with mushroomed heads to prevent shards of metal from breaking off and causing injury.
- Lubricate with light oil before storing.

Crowbars, pinch bars, and wrecking bars are favorite tools of the rock hound. Be sure to use the proper size for the job, with a point or toe that will grip the object to be moved and a heel that will act as a pivot or fulcrum. Use of a block of wood under the heel may also keep the bar from slipping and causing hand injuries. Store bars secured upright so they won't fall or cause tripping hazards. Never hit a bar with another tool and do not try to pry an item that will cause the bar to bend.

Knives are responsible for more disabling injuries than any other hand tool according to the National Safety Council. Use knives only for the purpose intended, not splitting rocks with a hammer. Keep the knives blade sharp and cut away from the body, avoiding jerky motions. Use knives with retractable blades whenever possible. If the item to be cut is held in the other hand, wear cut resistant gloves. Always wear a sheathed knife at the hip towards the back, never on the front part of belt. This prevents severing an artery or vein in a leg in case of a fall. Wipe knives with a separate cloth with the sharp part of the blade turned away, not on clothes or with fingers to prevent cuts. Wash knives separate from other utensils. When not in use keep knives in sheaths or racks and guard their edges to protect people as well as the knives edge. For long term storage apply a rust preventative compound on all metal parts and place in a dry spot. Avoid horseplay such as "fencing" when using knives and have plenty of room so you won't bump into anything. The 18" machete is used to cut tall grass, vines, and small brush and is

heaviest and widest near the pointed end and has a handle shaped to fit the hand. When using a machete, always make sure no one is close enough to be injured before swinging the tool, and always clear the swing path so as not to deflect the blade. Do not use a dull or defective tool and store properly in its sheath when not in use. For prolonged storage coat metal parts with light oil.

Axes are designed for cutting, felling, trimming, notching, and splitting wood and soft material. A narrow blade is for hard wood and a wide blade is for soft wood. A single bit axe may also be used for driving wooden stakes, not chisels and drill bits. Never strike an axe against metal, stone, or concrete. Never strike with the side of an axe. Never use an axe with a worn or damaged handle. Use steel wedges for splitting wood and use a sledge hammer or maul for driving a steel wedge, not a single bit axe. Keep axe blades sharp - a dull blade may glance back and cut the user. Always wear safety shoes, safety glasses, and durable pants. Before swinging an axe, ensure you have a path clear of vines, brush, etc., with no one standing close. During swing, let hand slide down the handle towards the other hand near the end. Have your weight evenly distributed with knees set but not tense. The body should be relaxed and free to swing and bend at the waist. For a right handed person, the left foot should be closer to the work. Protect axe blades with a sheath or metal guard. Carry axes at side-single blades pointed down. Axes, like knives, should be kept sharp by honing.

Double bevel mattocks and pick mattocks are designed for digging and cutting. Their use and safe practices are similar to that for axes. Long handled shovels are used for digging in open areas and D handled shovels are for light digging in confined areas. The spade is for heavy digging in confined areas. The post hole digger is used to bore holes for posts, explosive charges, etc. Shovel blades should be kept well trimmed and the handles in good shape and free of splinters. Wear heavy safety boots with sturdy soles and use the ball of the foot, not the arch, to press the shovel into the ground. If the instep is used and the foot slips off the shovel, the sharp corner of the shovel may cut the shoe and the foot. Keep legs well separated with spring in the knees - the leg muscles should take much of the load while shoveling. Dip the blade in water often or coat the blade with wax or grease to keep the shovel free of sticky material and caking. Treat the wooden handles with linseed oil occasionally to avoid cracking and splinters. Store shovels against or hang on the wall in a rack or shovel box.

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CFMS SHOW DATES
Shows and Events
sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!

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2011

August 5, 6 & 7: NIPOMO, CA

St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall
298 South Thompson Avenue
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Gloria Dana (805) 929-6429
Cell (805) 709-4076
info@onsinc.org
www.onsinc.org

August 6 & 7: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Presidio Golden Gate Club
135 Fisher Loop
Hours: Sat. 10 am -6pm; Sun. 10am – 5pm
Carleen Mont-Eton (415) 564-4230
publicity@shows.sfgms.org
<http://www.sfgms.org>

September 2-5: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
363 N. Main Street (corner of Main & Laurel)
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10-6; Mon. 10-4
Jerry Sommer (707) 917-1833

September 10 & 11: 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

September 17 & 18: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm
Dale Conrad (805) 226-0719
Conrad@att.net
www.sirockhounds.org

September 17 & 18: STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Jan Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff
(209) 629-3837 / (209) 603-4539
slmcsHOW@juno.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com/show

September 23, 24 & 25: SAN BERNARDINO

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Western Regional Little League Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to Dusk Daily
Steve Williams (909) 389-8680
ironelk@ymail.com
<http://www.obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

September 24 & 25: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
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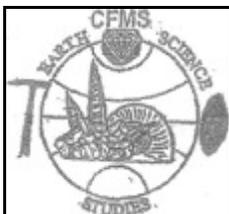
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