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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to All for a Great Year—And a Look to the Future

Happy Holidays to one and all! Hard to believe the year has flown by so swiftly. As I step out of the CFMS President's chair, I'd like to end my term by encouraging others to work their way toward that chair by taking up one of our elected offices. Recording the notes of CFMS meetings as Secretary, editing the Newsletter as 2nd VP, recruiting new committee chairs as 1st VP, reporting on the CFMS at the AFMS Show as President, and sitting on varied committees these past four years has been a wonderful education into all facets of this great organization, as well as an opportunity to get to know some truly gifted people. As has been said, "No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helps you." My thanks to all who helped and encouraged me along the way through thick and thin—and to those who offered patience even when I was not. I encourage *you*, dear reader, to likewise get involved. As Milton Berle once said, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." You'll be rewarded in more ways than you can know. We are fortunate to have many talented, knowledgeable people at all levels throughout the Federation. From my fellow Executive Committee members (Susan, Bud, Jennifer, Tom, Pat), to the 2011 Show Committee and hosts, to all CFMS Committee chairs and members, to each and every member of each and every local society that collectively constitutes this California Federation: thank you so much for all you did in 2011. And of course, I would be remiss not to say, *Thank you, Nancy!*

To help groom that next person out there to "climb the ladder," I encourage people who have held a committee position for years (if not decades) to think of the future and of recruiting, training, and transitioning new people. Which members in your local clubs show special promise, talent, and commitment? Encourage them to consider committee posts at the CFMS level. To keep the CFMS healthy and vibrant, we need to invite new folks in ways that will make them feel welcomed and excited and that will stimulate new ideas. As John Steinbeck said, "Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon, you have a dozen." So, old guards: let down your guard, and allow new guards the opportunity to step forward. If we put energy into people, we'll have a happier, healthier Federation, and it will liven up individual committees. We have so many jewels in

our Federation who do their job so well that when they are gone, it's going to be a huge loss not only in friendships but in the experience they brought with them. Do we have any younger jewels coming along within our individual societies and committees that we can nurture and encourage to safeguard against a vacuum? As we conclude the 75 anniversary of the founding of CFMS, let us be reminded we are but temporary stewards during the time we serve, and someone trusted and gave each of us that opportunity of service. Let's be generous enough in spirit to do the same.

In line with my CFMS Year of the Child theme, I'll conclude by revisiting my own childhood. Perhaps the single biggest lesson I've retained from my Boy Scout days was, "Leave your campsite in better shape than when you arrived." Hopefully we've accomplished that in some small measure this year. Let's all continue that effort as we look to the future.

Jim Brace-Thompson

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CFMS CALENDAR

Nov 12 Fall Business Meeting–Visalia
Apr 1-7, 2012 Zyzxx
Jul 13-15, 2011 CFMS Show and Convention
Riverside

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

ANYTIME

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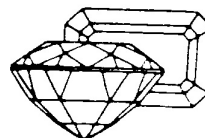
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ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler, Chairman

Since the powers that be have shortened the informational sheet regarding the All American Club Award Program to only the Report Form Instructions, the following information will be important for all clubs contemplating entering a club book this year.

Established in 1967 by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the seven regional federations, the All American Club Award is meant to:

Encourage local club members to share 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, and

Offer an opportunity for national recognition of exceptional clubs.

Just as the award is focused on quality effort that enables members to grow and clubs to flourish, it is also focus on quality that the All American Club Award judges seek in evaluating applications for regional and national honors. Completeness of the report is important, and quality is valued over quantity. Reports must be received by the club's respective regional chairperson by February 28, 2012.

This is not a competition of one club against others. This is an evaluation of quality based on a standard of excellence. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are granted for achievement of points in the appropriate scoring range. Only the top regional and national awards are determined on a high point basis. To allow more equality, separate top awards will be given for large clubs (100 or more members), small clubs (up to 99 members) and organized junior divisions (5 or more members).



SCHOLARSHIP COMITTEE REPORT

by Jo Anna Ritchey, Chairman

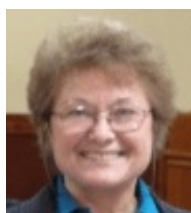
The Fall Meeting of the CFMS will be in Visalia on 11/11 through 11/13/2011. At this meeting we will announce the new Honorees. Louise Carey, as her final action of the year, will submit a listing of clubs and people who have donated to the CFMS Scholarship Fund and the Treasurer will submit a statement of revenue and expenses for the Scholarship Fund. It is this statement balance that determines how many scholarships we can issue along with honorees nominated by clubs. This means that even though we have funds for several scholarships, at this point in time we have only one nominee, so we can have only one scholarship. Why not more? You do not have to wait for November to nominate an honoree.

I have not seen the numbers yet, but I am hoping that the CFMS Scholarship Fund is on your gift giving list. The expenses for students have gone through the roof and they really need all the help they can get. So when you or your club wants to give the results of a Silent Auction, we are available. When you or your club wants to give money in memory of that special person, what better way than a donation in their name to the Scholarship Fund?

Next year Louisa Carey will become the Chairman of the Scholarship Fund and I will become a member. Congratulations Louisa, you may now write articles for the CFMS Newsletter.

SOME SAD NEWS

I recently learned of the passing of Bernie Mauldin, a long time supporter of CFMS. Bernie and his late wife Carol were fixtures at CFMS meetings where Bernie was an outspoken proponent of public land usage and the necessity of staying informed. He was a founding member of Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society and in addition to being a long time newsletter editor, served many years as the CFMS Director. He and his wife Carol were Golden Bear Awardees as well as CFMS Scholarship Honorees. He was 92. Our condolences go to his family.



THE WEB SITE CONTEST IS COMING!

By Merryan O'Neill
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

Webmasters are invited to enter the 2012 Web Site Contest on behalf of their societies.

The annual Web Site Contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of a society's web site in providing information needed to meet certain goals. In general, judging is based on the standard that the web site should: (1) attract new members; (2) provide information to members; (3) aid in the public promotion of society's activities, such as shows; (4) and fulfill the mission of the society. Also, some basic technical features need to be functional on the site.

The Contest Guidelines and Score Sheet forms have been modified for this year's contest to better rate these objectives. The guidelines coupled with the score sheet offer excellent references to help you tune up your society's web site or build one for the first time.

Webmasters wishing to enter their society's web site should download the following files from the CFMS web site: 1. Contest Overview; 2. Score Sheet Guidelines; 3. Entry Form; and 4. Score Sheet.

You can access information and forms in pdf format on the CFMS website (www.cfmsinc.org); click on "Forms." All of the 2012 contest forms are at the top of this page. If you have difficulty accessing the forms, just let me know and I will email you the forms as attachments.

The fill-in feature of the entry and score sheet forms works best using Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 9 or higher. If needed, visit www.adobe.com/products/reader for a free update.

Save the files to your hard drive then fill in the entire Entry Form and the top part of the Score Sheet. Please **rename the files so that your society's name is included**; example:

2012Entry_YourSociety.pdf
2012Score_YourSociety.pdf

Send both of the completed pdf forms as email attachments to: **Merryan O'Neill at mvoneill@comcast.net by January 20, 2012.**

I hope that all interested webmasters will attend the Sunday Editors and Webmasters Breakfast at the 2012 CFMS Show & Convention when contest winners will be announced. The show will be hosted by the Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, July 13–15, at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium.

The CFMS region web site contest continues to have outstanding entries and an impressive record. We had 10 entries for the 2011 contest. The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society web site placed 1st in both CFMS and AFMS under the capable talent of Stephanie Hagiwara, webmaster. Congratulations, Stephanie.

Let's achieve this level of excellence again!



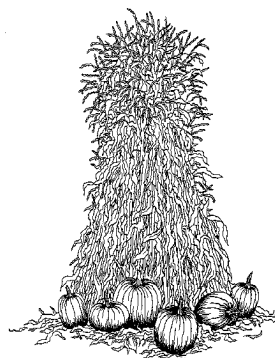
AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Colleen McGann, CFMS Rep

I want to again thank all CFMS members who participated in the 2011 AFMS Endowment Fund raffle, both those who contributed items to the raffle and who bought raffle tickets.

It is time now for the new 2012 raffle at the AFMS / Midwest show on July 26-29 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. The AFMS Chair, Pam Hecht wants to hear from all CFMS members interested in donating items for the 2012 raffle. I will soon have tickets to sell again for 2012. Every year there are CFMS winners, so do not be shy, send your items to Pam Hecht, 25393 Oak Street, Calumet, MI 49913, (906) 337-2274, email: steverox@up.net.

Thanks!



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

In Closing Our CFMS Year of the Child: Honoring Kids & Leaders!

By Jim Brace-Thompson

As our CFMS Year of the Child comes to an end, we'll see holiday parties and dinners, gift exchanges, installation of new officers in many societies, and often an Awards Night to honor members who have given outstanding service to the society. If your society hosts such activities at your December meeting, don't forget the kids! At the very least, have gifts for each child, whether individually tailored to match each child's interest (a fossil for Billy, an amethyst crystal for Melinda, a lapidary finding for Manuel, etc.), or a generic gift such as grab bags of tumbled stones in colorfully festive bags tied by ribbons.

Better yet, have awards for kids who have done special things this year. These might be certificates for best helper at the show earlier in the year, for best kid's exhibit at the show, for best helper during meetings, for perfect attendance at society meetings, for most improved lapidary artist, for most creative newsletter article, and so on. While honoring the adults who make your club go, be sure to involve and honor those kids you'd like to see as the movers-and-shakers of tomorrow. And speaking of adults, have you prepared a Certificate of Appreciation for your society's Junior Leader? Any society that enjoys a vibrant, active kids program knows that it doesn't happen by chance. So here's to having fun honoring kids and their leaders—and to a fun holiday season for all!

REVOCATION OF TAX EXEMPTION

By Mike Kokinos, Tax Advisor

The IRS revoked tax exemptions for a substantial number of organizations for failure to file Form 990N for three consecutive years.

It is time for each society to ensure that more than one individual in each society is responsible to make sure the filing is completed each year. Verify that the Form has been sent to the IRS for prior years and if not file as soon as possible. Filing information is available at the IRS website. Save headaches and money as the process for reinstatement requires much time, effort and a \$100.00 User Fee.

For societies with tax years starting January 1, 2010, they must e-file with the Franchise Tax Board using e-filing of Form 199N. Information for e-filing is available at the Franchise Tax Board website. Both the IRS and Franchise Tax Board, admonish e-filing is only available if gross annual receipts are less than \$25,000.



JUDGES SEMINAR

By Dee Holland

For those of you in the CFMS interested in joining us at the first regional AFMS Judges Seminar, May 10-13, 2012 in RENO, NEVADA, the application for the event is included this month. Note there are deadlines, Last month's information on the Seminar and what it's about has two changes. Mentioned was a second application from the Reno club regarding camping and an application to exhibit. We have decided, because of space to just have the Judges Training Seminar application, if you are interested in camping you must contact the Reno Livestock Events center at the number listed at the bottom of the application. Staying at the hotel? Then you have to contact them yourself and make your reservation, see what to tell them and number on application form. Want to exhibit and have your exhibit evaluated? Mark yes, and I'll contact you for further information.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST

MINUTE. The hotel, the club and I have to know in advance how many we can expect to attend.

beauholland@centurytel.net

THANK YOU

It was a privilege to edit the CFMS Newsletter for the past year. This is the third time that I have performed this particular duty and yes, it does get easier each time you do it. Editing a newsletter whether for your club or your Federation doesn't come without its challenges. I really appreciated all the input from the various chairmen—all within the deadline! Thank you! You made it easy. Please extend the same courtesy to Jennifer Haley as she assumes this responsibility next month.

This is probably the first time (and perhaps the last) a CFMS Newsletter was put together outside the US. I vacationed in South Africa in August and thanks to a wireless network on the farm where we stayed, I could download files and get everything done in a timely manner. Another newsletter was compiled during the July AFMS meetings in Syracuse. Thank goodness for wireless capability and laptop computers. Just as business can be conducted anywhere using the Internet, so can editing a newsletter. Potential editors, don't let little things like travel scare you away—embrace the challenge. Over the years I've edited three club newsletters and the Federation's. The Federation is by far the most fun.



EDUCATION THRU SHARING

By Loretta Ogden, Chair

Since 1998 Charlie & Barbara Brown have worked in many areas to help the Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral

Society maintain an ongoing organization. They were co-show chairmen for three years and they help immensely during our yearly Scout Day. Barbara is on the Board of Directors, a member of the club's Crafty Ladies (who provide articles of the club's show). Charlie has been Vice-President, which put him in charge of the programs and he set-up many interesting programs. He also volunteers to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Charlie & Barbara are also involved in community affairs volunteering for the Salvation Army. Barbara & Charlie Brown are very valuable members of our club and should be recognized for their many years of service.

Carollyn Lutton, President
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society

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The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society is honored to nominate Diane and John Cook as our 2011 Rockhounds of the year. Diane and John are enthusiastic members, helping out with our club in many ways. Having several positions in our club. Always there to volunteer. Both collect rocks, minerals, fossil and are out in the field collecting them. At the Ventura Fair, they are on the staff for the Mineral Building exhibits, helping setting up, take down, winning a trophy and many ribbons for their excellent exhibits. They exhibit at our annual show and other local club shows. John won a CFMS Master Class trophy for his exhibit at a CFMS Show. Diane is our Treasurer and does a great job. At our annual show Diane is our Dealer Chair, John is there every day helping with all the work that needs to set up a show and take down and helping with the silent auction. Diane is the Dealer Director for the CFMS 2013 Show. If it's our picnic, Christmas party, seminars, club house, They are there to help. They have put in much time to get our club house they way it is. Diane and John go above and beyond helping our club, they deserve to be our Club Rock Hound of the Year.

Robert Sankovich, President
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

The Conejo Gem & Mineral Club is honored to nominate Mitty and Sal Scarpato as our 2011 Rockhounds of the year. Mitty and Sal have been members of our club for some time. Sal our Treasurer, Mitty our Secretary, Past Youth Programs Coordinator having a program each month for the pebble pups at our meetings. Mitty is currently on the Earth Science Tri Club committee, where they enhance geology education in Ventura County Schools and Libraries. They have made Rock Boxes, with 9 specimens of each Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary specimens, with educational documents explaining the material. Donated Rock Boxes to 57 schools, working on 61-91 now. Made 3 Ventura County Fossils kits that the schools will be able to check out. Through donations to the Earth Science Tri Club Committee have been able to donate 814 minerals, fossils, books to schools and libraries in Ventura County. Currently ordering 140 "Rock Odyssey" videos for elementary schools. Mitty goes to many schools, girl scouts, boy scouts and has geology programs. They help with our annual show. Mitty, Youth Room Chair, filling many grab bags and many games. Sal has been past Show Chairman, Kitchen Chair. He is now current Treasurer for the CFMS 2013 Show. Each year they go out to Quartzsite getting material and specimens for our local show. If it's our show, picnic, Christmas party, They are there to help. They have put in much time and effort for our club to be the club that it is. Mitty and Sal Scarpato go above and beyond helping our club, they deserve to be our Club Rock Hound of the Year.

Robert Sankovich, President
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club

A NOTE FROM AFMS

As your club elects new officers, please let the AFMS Central Office know who they are so that we can continue to send the AFMS Newsletter each month to them. And, if an officer moves, please notify us of the new address. Returned newsletters cost the AFMS \$\$\$ (50¢ per returned issue).

E-mail or mail the information to Steve Weinberger at:

AFMS Central Office
PO Box 302
Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Or

<central_office@amfed.org>



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Fred Ott, Chair

Membership Applications

It's safe to assume that each Society has an application form that is provided to prospective new members. One issue with which some societies have difficulties pertains to pro-ration of dues. After all, if YOU were to join an organization (that didn't pro-rate dues) in November by paying a full annual dues amount, only to be billed again in January for another year's membership, I'm sure you'd be upset (this assumes that the organization invoices each member once each year – usually January 1st – rather than on the anniversary of each member's original application).

One solution that works very well is to pro-rate membership dues (for new applicants) throughout the year on a quarterly basis. As an example, let's assume that your society's annual dues amount is \$20.00 for a single adult member. If receiving an application in the first three months of the year, the full \$20.00 would be charged. If an application is received in the second quarter of the year, only \$15.00 would be charged.....3rd quarter - \$10.00 and 4th quarter - \$5.00. In this way, some degree of 'fairness' can be achieved and new members wouldn't be alienated from the very beginning of their association with your society.

Additionally, your Board of Directors may find it wise to establish a policy wherein applicants who pay the 'full annual dues amount' in the 4th calendar quarter of the year receive membership for the remainder of the current calendar year as well as the entire following year. It helps reduce the number of new members who join in the Fall only to not pay their renewal dues in January.



2012 CFMS BULLETIN CONTEST

By Cyndy Mandell, 2012 Bulletin Aids Chair

I am the new Bulletin Aids Chair for CFMS. It's going to take awhile to even think of filling Doug Arnold's shoes, but with his help (and yours) we will get there. For Bulletin Editors who are interested in entering this year's Bulletin Contest, here is a brief overview:

The contest is open to all editors of societies in the CFMS. The 2012 contest covers bulletins and articles **published from January 2011 to December 2011. Deadline for all entries is December 15, 2011.**

The Rules and Procedures as well as all forms can be downloaded from the CFMS web site (www.cfmsinc.org). If you need help downloading forms, please contact me and I will make sure that you get copies.

The Rules and Procedures have been updated this year, so please review them carefully. Also, the score sheets have been updated to conform to the AFMS scoring for more uniform judging.

For Bulletin entries, please remember that you must mail in FOUR bulletin copies – two copies of your MAY 2011 issue and two copies of another 2011 issue of your choice. Fill out the top of the Bulletins Score Sheet and attach a copy to each bulletin copy.

Editors should also submit appropriate articles (published in 2011 bulletins) from your individual club members. There are several categories: Adult articles, Junior articles, Adult Advanced articles, Adult or Junior Features (written or drawn) and Adult or Junior Poems. Fill out the tops of applicable score sheets and attach them to all entry copies.

The Special Publication category is judged only by AFMS at this time, but must be submitted to the CFMS Bulletin Aid Chair (only one copy is needed for the Special Publication). There is a link to the AFMS score sheet to be used for this category posted on the CFMS web site in the Contest area. Just fill out the top of the score sheet and send a copy with the Special Publication.

Mail entries to: Cyndy Mandell, 4625 Cashew Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions about entering or filling out the forms, feel free to contact me by email cynmandell@yahoo.com or phone (760) 508-1080

Winners of the contest will be announced at the Sunday Editors and Webmasters Breakfast at the CFMS Show & Convention. The show will be hosted by the Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium on July 13 – 15, 2012. I hope to see you there.



CFMS PLAC-South

By John Martin, Chair
plac-south@antelecom.net

This year California saw the passage of Assembly Bill 628, The Inyo Trails Bill. This bill was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on October 7, 2011. The County of Inyo is the 2nd largest county in the United States in area, yet only 2% of this land is inhabited and 92% of the land in Inyo County is federally administrated public land.

This bill would, until January 1, 2017, authorize the County of Inyo to establish a pilot project that would exempt from this prohibition specified combined-use highways, except as provided, in the unincorporated area in the County of Inyo so that the highways can be used to link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service lands, and to link off-highway motor vehicle recreational-use areas with necessary service and lodging facilities, in order to provide a unified linkage of trail systems for off-highway motor vehicles. This will help to maintain access to some of the best Rock and Mineral collecting areas in Inyo Country.

When the Public Scoping and Planning meetings are scheduled and announced the Rockhound Community needs to jump in with both feet and be part of the process to identify the roads and trails leading to the collecting sites. This pilot program may become the model by which other counties in California may address Rockhounding and other Off Highway Recreational Usages.

Other areas of the State have not been as fortunate as Inyo County to have a legislative representative in support of and for the recreational needs of all groups. Most of the elected legislators are still trying to regulate or eliminate mechanized travel on Public Lands thus making it nearly impossible for the Rockhound Community to have access to collecting sites except by foot or horseback.

There has been an up swing in Rockhound participation by being actively engaged in Public Land Use policy decision making through the attendance at the BLM Scoping and Planning Meetings and the USFS Management Planning meetings through out the state. These public meetings are only the first steps in attempting to keep the collecting sites open and accessible to all Rockhounds. By legislative edict Public Land Usage Management requires input from all

stakeholders in open and public forums. The Rockhound Community needs to be one of these stakeholders if accesses to collecting sites are to remain open for future generations of Rockhounds. By attending and signing in to the meetings, as an individual Rockhound or as a member of a Society or Club, there is strength in numbers and the more that sign in the better. The Land Use Managers are beginning to take notice that there are Rockhounds out there and they do in fact care about the use and management of Public Lands.

When scoping or planning meetings are announced at locations through out the state, Rockhounds need to actively participate in these public meetings. Making Rockhound Voices heard is the only way to keep access to collecting areas open now and for future generations of Rockhounds.



QUARTZSITE ALAA MEETING

By Shirley Leeson, ALAA VP

For many of you the ritual of going to Quartzsite, Arizona is a yearly thing. If you are planning a trip there, please mark your calendar to include the ALAA meeting, Friday evening (for your convenience) January 20th, 2012. Meeting is open to all and starts at 6:30pm. Location: Quartzsite Alliance Church, 720 Desert View. Northwest side of I-8.

This is a MUST while you are in Quartzsite. We will have personnel from the Arizona Desert BLM Office who will address the La Posa Travel Management Area, which includes Quartzsite and the surrounding area. We hope they will also speak to: abandoned mines, closed roads, open areas to collect and answer your questions. If you have something from your area of the country to address, please contact me and we'll try and get you on the agenda. Again, mark your calendar and come and see what's going on.

We have just received word that Jennifer House, Natural Resources Specialist, Colorado River District, Lake Havasu City, AZ will be a keynote speaker at our event. This is huge because the La Posa Management Plan effecting the whole BLM area around Quartzsite is currently being studied. She will speak to this important issue.

If you can attend, please do so, and show how many rockhounds care about our collecting sites.
shirleyleeson@cox.net

CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events
sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

*Please submit your
Show or Event information as
soon as you have a date.
Email or mail to:*

SHOW DATES
Susan Chaisson-Walblom
42122 52nd St. West,
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

2011

November 19 & 20: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
show_info@oxnardgem.com
<http://www.oxnardgem.com>

December 3 & 4: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Barstow Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Gene Haines (760) 447-8068
vhaines@san.rr.com
www.mdgms.org

2012

January 27, 28 & 29: REDLANDS, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Drive
Hours: Fri. 4pm-10pm; Sat. & Sun. 8am-10pm
Dr. Robert Housley (626) 449-6454
rhousley@its.caltech.edu
minsocal.org click micromounters

February 17-26: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg. #1
Arabia Street
Hours: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
bert67@verizon.net

March 2, 3 & 4: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007
info@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 3 & 4: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County Arboretum
301 South Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.moroks.com

March 3 & 4: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
www.vgms.org

March 10 & 11: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Turlock Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
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