



# C.F.M.S. Newsletter

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**CFMS 2012**

**Year of "Education & Communication"**

*Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!*

I'm writing this month's president's message from Quartzsite, Arizona. We've had the opportunity to visit with many of our rockhounding friends, and we look forward to visiting with many, many more.

Although I don't have a geologically educational story for you this month, I do have a story. Our future Generation of Rockhounds is alive and well!

We were lucky enough to have my daughter and her family here with us in Quartzsite for the first week of January. They camped out and went motorcycle riding daily. Each night we would hear about all the exciting things they saw on their ride.

On the third day my granddaughter Ashley (who is 8) was very excited to bring me a gift from her ride that day. She presented me with a beautiful (Big) rock, a piece of Quartz. I understand that she found this particular rock at the farthest part of that day's ride and had to have it for Nana. She was told she would have to carry it if she wanted it. She rode for 5 miles with it inside her shirt, bent over on her bike to bring it to me. Of course, my new rock is proudly displayed in our booth here in Quartzsite.

I thought I would share this little story with you. Not only does it show that there are children who appreciate the beauty in rocks, but also that the beauty of each rock is in the eye of the beholder.

I hope you have the weekend of July 13 & 15, 2012 marked on your calendar for this year's CFMS Show in Riverside. It is sure to be a show you won't want to miss. Visit the CFMS website [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) for up-to-the minute information about CFMS upcoming activities.

*Susan*

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**2012 CFMS Calendar**

Feb 20 ..... Web Site Contest deadline  
Feb 28 ..... All American Club deadline  
Apr 1 ..... Camp Zzyzx student arrival & registration day  
Apr 2-7 ..... Camp Zzyzx student class days  
May 10-13 ..... AFMS Judges Seminar - Reno, NV  
Jul 13-15 ..... CFMS Show & Convention - Riverside, CA  
Jul 26-29 ... AFMS Show & Convention – Minnetonka, MN  
Sep 2 ..... 1<sup>st</sup> week Camp Paradise student arrival  
& registration day  
Sep 3-8 ..... 1st week Camp Paradise student classes  
Sep 9 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> week Camp Paradise student arrival  
& registration day  
Sep 10-15 ..... 2nd week Camp Paradise student classes  
Nov 9-11 ..... Fall Directors Meeting

you currently receive the newsletter and have a recent change of address, please provide that information so the record can be updated. We must pay return postage on each returned newsletter, and although the number returned each month is small, it does add up. Thanks for your help.

- Pat

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

By Pat LaRue

Have you paid the dues/insurance for your club yet? These were due January 1 and any club which is not current as of March 1 will be considered delinquent and subject to possible suspension of your insurance coverage. The amount due per member is the same as last year--\$2 dues plus \$6 for insurance for a total of \$8. **Please make certain you make your check payable to CFMS and mail to the CFMS address at PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377.**

A simple form was included in the Directors information packet distributed at the Fall Business Meeting in Visalia last November. Any club not represented received this material in the mail in early December unless someone living nearby volunteered to deliver it. If unable to locate the form, you can download one from the CFMS website at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org).

This is also the time to provide an updated listing of your club officers and chairmen for publication in the 2012 Society Roster. Please be sure to include the names and mailing addresses of the persons designated to receive the 3 complimentary newsletters. If you prefer to read the newsletter on the website, you can choose to opt out of receiving the mailed version. This will save the Federation some money in reduced printing and mailing costs. If



**CFMS INSURANCE By Bud McMillan**

**Reporting a Claim**

Report claims as soon as possible to Patt McDaniel (800) 400-7288. If no one is immediately available, and/or during non-business or weekend hours, call (800) 252-4670.

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**CFMS GOLD SHOW & CONVENTION**  
**JULY 13 - 15, 2012**  
**RIVERSIDE, CA**



**Hosted by Valley Prospectors**  
Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
3485 Mission Inn Avenue

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### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

**By Jennifer Haley, Editor**  
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**THE NEW DUE DATE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS: 1st OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!**

I think this will work better for everyone so let's give it a try shall we! The holidays were a busy time and Quartzite followed for many of you which made it difficult to get your articles in. Plus, life has a way of throwing a few extras in with a sense humor all of its own like, when my computer crashed during the editing.

The newsletter needs to get into the mail by mid-month. By sending your articles in by the 1st of each month this should give us all some more breathing room. Thank you!

- *Jennifer*



### ALL AMERICAN CLUB

**By Dorothy Bleacher, Chair**

Now that the club book has been completed, judged and returned to your club, what do you do with it?

All clubs are interested in new members to help a club grow. Your book could be a part of every meeting to show to club guests and prospective members. This would easily demonstrate all the club's activities.

When it's time for the club show, be sure the All American book is on full display at the show. Perhaps a special table manned by a club member to talk and to show guests about your club. Members working with youth groups should not forget the club book. This is not only showing club activities but educating our youth about our hobby and creating their interest in joining us.

These are just a few suggestions to talk about, display and show the energy and activity of your club and your enthusiasm for our hobby.

Remember this is our year to Educate and Communicate!

- *Dot*

### CFMS FIELD TRIPS-NORTH

**By Jim Barton**



**Field Trip  
To Topaz Mt. & Dugway  
Geode Beds**

In preparation for the **April 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> CFMS North fieldtrip** described last month, here are some Internet links for more information on the location and mineralogy of the Topaz Mountain – Dugway Geode Beds.

Utah Geological Society

<http://geology.utah.gov/utahgeo/rockmineral/collecting/topaz.htm>

Is it "Rhyolit" or is it Rhyolite?

<http://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/topaz.html>

There are more dirt roads than shown on the close-up of this area map.

<http://www.millardcounty.com/thingstodo/topazmountain.htm>

Nice family oriented personal account.

<http://rockhoundguide.blogspot.com/2007/11/july-2007-dugway-and-thomas-range.html>

The ultimate quick mineral reference guide and more web links.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topaz>

Enjoy!

- *Jim*



### JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

**Diamond Dan's Mini Miners  
Monthly for All CFMS Societies**

**Darryl Powell** of Manchester, New York, is creator of **Diamond Dan Publications** and author of a wide range of fun, educational

## JUNIOR PROGRAM, continued

materials for young mineralogists, ranging from coloring and activity books to “Earth Digger Clubs” activities and patches, mineral note cards and placemats, and more. (See his web site at: <http://www.diamonddanpublications.net>.)

His excellent activities for mineral identification and crystal shapes and models are referenced in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program manual, and I've referenced the terrific resources he provides in a number of my prior CFMS junior's columns and in talks I've given about kids' activities. I especially encourage any CFMS club that hosts a show to look into getting a supply of his coloring/activity book *Minerals of California*, which he put together for the 2011 Tucson Show; these are great to sell at your kid's booth or to donate to teachers visiting your show.

One neat resource Darryl provides is *Mini Miners Monthly*. Now in its fifth year, it's the only periodical about minerals written specifically for young collectors. Throughout the year, it brings kids interesting articles at a level they can appreciate about minerals, crystals, and mineral collecting, along with fun activities like crossword puzzles, word searches, cut-and-fold crystal models, and coloring pages. It features interviews with important mineral collectors of our day and suggestions on how to build and take care of a collection. It also welcomes mineral art, photography, and articles by kids themselves.

For the past two years, CFMS has purchased electronic subscriptions to *Mini Miners Monthly* for all CFMS societies with an active youth program. As announced and approved by the Directors at our November meeting in Visalia, CFMS will be extending the subscription for another two years, but with a bonus. When we started talking about extending the subscription, Darryl made just one demand: that we pay the same amount as before, but that we provide the subscription to *all CFMS societies*. A pretty gracious “demand,” by any standard, and our sincere thanks to Darryl for this generous arrangement!

Darryl is working with Pat LaRue and Merryan O'Neill to compile email addresses from our CFMS directory of local societies so that he can start emailing an electronic copy of *Mini Miners Monthly* each month to each club. Let this serve as a reminder to all clubs to make sure your

CFMS directory info is complete, accurate, and up-to-date! The best person to receive the subscription in a club is either the junior's program leader or the newsletter editor.

With the electronic subscription, clubs receive permission to reproduce a reasonable amount of material from each issue (4 or 5 pages) in their newsletters, on their web sites, and/or as handouts at club meetings with kids. CFMS is underwriting these subscriptions with the goal of encouraging clubs to grow their kids' programs, providing them with good material to use, and encouraging our children in the pursuit of the earth sciences as a hobby and potentially as a career.

If you have questions about the subscription, please contact me (805-659-3577, [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)).

Meanwhile, here's thanking Darryl for enabling us to continue providing this fine service, and here's to having fun with it!

- Jim

### CFMS NEEDS YOU!

If your Society/Club is interested  
in hosting the  
2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017  
\*CFMS Show & Convention\*

Please Contact:

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Show Consultant South  
(530) 243-3024  
or

**Jack Williams**  
Show Consultant North  
(530) 622-3038  
[jwilliams08@comcast.net](mailto:jwilliams08@comcast.net)



## AMERICAN LAND ACCESS

By Dick Pankey

### Rock Samples for the U.S. Forest Service

The last of the promised rock samples from California National Forests were delivered to me at the Directors' meeting in Visalia last November. Our final count was 24 samples, from 13 National Forests donated by 10 people. A **Big Thank You** to the 10 people that took the time to gather up the rocks and donate them to this project. Mike Hunerlach from the USFS stopped by my house in early December to pick up the rocks and thanked us for our contribution to the USFS display. The first time that this display will be used is at the Tucson Club show in mid-February.

We did not get rocks from 6 of the National Forests in California: Inyo NF, Los Padres NF, Lassen NF, Six Rivers NF, San Bernardino NF, and Sierra NF. I would like to complete our collection so that we have specimen rocks from ALL of the California National Forests. Please check your memory and your rock piles for sample rocks from these forests. You can give or send them to me anytime over the next few months or at the CFMS Convention in July.

Now we have to put together the CFMS display of rock samples from the California National Forests.

- **Dick**



## MEMBERSHIP

By Fred Ott, Chair

### Adding Value to Society Membership

Those of us who have attended Camp Paradise and/or Zzyzx fully appreciate the phenomenal value of these Earth Science Studies Camps.

One very popular method of adding value to membership in your society would be to hold an annual drawing for a 1-week attendance at either of these two camps with the cost (excluding travel and incidentals) to be paid entirely by your society.

One society that has done this for several years holds its annual drawing in conjunction with its Christmas Dinner/Installation of Officers – a perfect time for giving! The rules are simple: 1) only adult/non-honorary members are eligible, 2) prior awardees are not again eligible, 3) awardees must continue to be members in good standing in the year of attendance and 4) attendees are required to provide a brief program at a society meeting after attending Camp Paradise/Zzyzx to relate their experiences and display their handiwork.

If your society doesn't already have such a program established, please have your Board of Directors give this serious consideration. It's a great value to your membership!

- **Fred**



## CFMS PLAC-SOUTH

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

As winter comes to an end with spring just around the corner it's time to plan field trips to those favorite collecting sites. As planning activities progress, keep in mind that those who are making plans to restrict access to collecting sites are still very active. The second half of the 112<sup>th</sup> congress has begun its session and there are many bills being considered to restrict or eliminate access to some favorite collecting sites.

These sites are the Rockhounds to lose. Being complacent and not taking an active role in the legislative process can only lead to the closure of access to some of the best Rockhound collecting sites in the CFMS Region.

*How do you become a Rockhound Activist?* Be vigilant, stay informed on the issues and take action by contacting your elected official responsible for making the decisions in both Sacramento and Washington DC.

*How is that accomplished?* There are several ways to stay informed.

1. Contact your local Club or Society's Federation Representative; they will know where to get current information that is available through the Regional Federation.

**CFMS PLAC-SOUTH**, continued

2. Contact either of the CFMS PLAC Chairmen; their contact information is available on the CFMS Website [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org).

3. Visit the American Lands Access Association's dynamic website for the latest information available that has effect on Public Land Access [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org).

4. Attend public meetings of the USFS and BLM when they are in your area and make the voice of the Rockhound be heard. Just by being in attendance and signing in at the meeting shows Rockhounds have interest and concern in the Public Land Management Process.

Currently, the collecting sites are the Rockhounds to loose and voicing opinions and concerns are the only way to keep the collecting sites open and accessible to all.

So, keep active in the pursuit of those elusive agates, jaspers, minerals and fossils and stay informed in what is happening to the Public Lands that are so enjoyable to all of their users.

Be safe, enjoy the Great Outdoors and have a wonderful spring collecting season.

- *John*



**HISTORIAN**

**By Shirley Leeson**

Last month I told you about the two beautiful new cabs for the CFMS Historical Cab Collection. I had an additional cab but needed more information. I have heard from donor Jack Williams, CFMS Past President, who presented me with a grossular garnet from the "Stifle Claim" near Kelsey, El Dorado County.

It's has beautiful shades of green, gray, black and white. Really striking. Wait until you see this and the two from Terry Vasseur who I mentioned last month.

It's never too late to send or bring a cab for the CFMS Historical Cab Collection. It must be from California or Nevada. I need the donor (individual), the club and the city the club is in.

The name of the material and the location it was found. Happy Hunting!

- *Shirley*  
[shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)



**AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND**

**By Colleen McGann**  
**CFMS Representative to AFMS**  
**Endowment Fund**

**DO NOT MISS OUT. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE THERE TO WIN!** The 2012 AFMS Endowment Fund raffle tickets are now available. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the AFMS show, July 26–29 in Wayzata, Minnesota.

There are already many great items donated for the raffle. **You can indicate on your tickets that you want to be in the drawing for item #1-#4** or leave blank and your tickets will be for the random drawing for the rest of the prizes.

- #1 is Hi-Tech Cabking-6V3 cab machine**
- #2 is Hi-Tech 8" Slant cabbing machine**
- #3 is Hi-Tech 6" horizontal flat lap**
- #4 is Hi-Tech 6" trim saw**
- #5 is 3x3" Rainier frogskin agate polished slab**
- #6 is star ruby gold ring size 8 ½.**

All of these can be viewed on [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org).

**Pam would like to have 40 prizes at the show. CFMS members review your creations, minerals, and other assorted items and mail to:**

Pam Hecht  
25393 Oak St,  
Calumet, MI 49913.

**To order tickets, contact:**

Colleen McGann  
PO Box 224  
Santa Clara, CA 95052

**Or, email [colleen.mcgann@hds.com](mailto:colleen.mcgann@hds.com).**

CFMS Directors, you should order a bunch to sell at your club! Order many and order soon.

-*Colleen*



## SAFETY

By Bural LaRue, Chair

### Simple Steps Help Prevent Household Fires

Ever left the house when the clothes dryer was running? Or stepped away from the stove while something was simmering? If so, you're not alone.

In Liberty Mutual's recent fire safety survey, household appliances were among the concerns cited most often and the above were the two most frequent causes of home fires. To prevent those and other common hazard, follow these simple steps:

\*\*Discontinue using any appliance that overheats. Do the same if an appliance shorts out, smokes, sparks or emits odd smells.

\*\*Make sure all appliance cords are in good condition. Don't use an appliance with a worn, damaged or frayed cord.

\*\*Clean your clothes dryer's lint tray with every use.

\*\*Have your gas-powered dryer professionally inspected once a year. This will help prevent fires and contribute to the dryer's energy efficiency.

\*\*Keep flammable items away from the stove. Pay particular attention to potholders and towels.

*Original source not known.*

- **Bural**

## SLIDE & VIDEO LIBRARIAN

By Sharon Rogrow

### New Contact Information

There is a list of slides and videos you can order for your meetings on the CFMS web site under "Manuals."

To order, you can use the E-Form on the web site by going to "Manuals" then "CFMS Slide & Video Program Catalog." Once you know the material you would like to order, click on the "E-

Form" link. The form will come to my email when you complete it.

Here is my contact information if want to contact me directly:

Sharon Rogow  
PO Box 35078  
Las Vegas, NV 89133  
E-mail: [sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net)  
Mobile: 702:499-0272

Call, email, or snail mail at least 30 days in advance, 2 or 3 weeks may work!! So far, requests have been made in a timely manner. You are just terrific!

Include the \$7.50 fee if you mail the application. Otherwise, include a check with the returned program.

Please send back the Critique and Suggestion form with the returned program. We appreciate and need your feedback! I look forward to hearing from lots of the societies requesting our educational programs.

- **Sharon**

## EDUCATION THRU SHARING

By Nancy Bird, Chair

One member or couple from your club can be recognized each year by CFMS. All you need to do is send me a letter with a brief paragraph describing all the wonderful things that they do and have done for your club. Include the name of your club, person or couple and how long they have been a member. A very wonderful example of this is from PGMS who wish to recognize Susan & John Martin this year.

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**John and Susan Martin** epitomize what makes a good club member. They have each served as President, Federation Director, Nominating Chair and Property & Inventory. John has also been Vice President, Newsletter Editor, 2007 CFMS Show Chairman and currently serves the CFMS as PLAC South. He is currently serving the AFMS as Conservation & Legislation Chair and is very active in ALAA serving as Webmaster.

Susan has served as Finance & Audit Officer, Corresponding & Recording Secretary, Scholarship

## EDUCATION THROUGH SHARING, cont.

Chair and Headstart & 4th Grade Geology Education coordinator. She was recently asked to be assistant to Dot Bleacher on the CFMS All American Committee.

Susan was one of the people responsible for having the Beading Rules submitted to the AFMS Rules committee for addition to the rule book in 2010.

John unofficially supplies audio-visual photographer for the Earth Science Programs at both Zzyzx & Camp Paradise, making CD's of those pictures available to attendees as requested, all at no cost to the Federation.

John & Susan Martin are truly two of our greatest assets as Rockhounds. Susan & John have shown their son Chris that being a responsible member is important, he has served our club as Treasurer for several years.

*Submitted by Cheri George,  
PGMS President 2012*



## EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

**By Marion Roberts, Chair**

### Camp Zzyzx

We still have rooms available at Zzyzx, but only singles, so come and join us for a great fun time. We definitely have singles open and there is a no waiting list for couples as of this writing so send your application to Audry Harvey for a single to be on a list.

We could well have a late cancelation and want to have the couple's rooms full. Also, if you have a R.V. we have lots of room for them, with \$100.00 off of the \$375.00 for the week.

There is a copy of the application form in the January 2012 newsletter

Camp starts April 1, 2012, and goes for the whole week. I will have the Camp Paradise information and applications as soon as I get back from Quartzite.

- **Marion**

## A PARADISE SPRINGS THANKSGIVING 2011

**By Marshall Havner**

This 2011 Thanksgiving Week the Tule Gem & Mineral Society celebrated Thanksgiving by sending an open invitation to all CFMS members to join them at Paradise Springs outside of Barstow. The invitations were accepted by clubs throughout California, with at least 18 clubs that shared all or part of the week at Paradise Springs.

The Walker family, owners of Paradise Springs, enjoys sharing their two hundred acres with other Gem & Mineral Societies. The Walkers have a large open area where the participating clubs camped. This area was full of tents, trailers and RV's. The canyon of Paradise Springs also have natural hot springs which are routed into a hot tub and then flows over to a large swimming pool. On Saturday Bud McMillan from the Mother Lode Gem & Mineral Society counted 15 children swimming at the natural hot water springs along with parents, grandparents, and other adults. It was great to soak in the hot water after a day on the dusty trails hunting rocks!

We participated in field trips to collect Petrified Palm Root, Agate, Strawberry Onyx, Butler Onyx, Barstow Onyx, Garnet, Bauxite, and "Walkerite". We also picked up Common Opal while on a day trip to view Indian Petroglyphs. On Thursday we celebrated Thanksgiving with a morning field trip and at noon attended an open house dedication at Paradise Springs. Bill Manser did an Indian Blessing with white sage at the open house ceremony, which was especially appreciated by Cliff Walker. In the afternoon we did a combined Potluck with all the attending clubs, and were invited to join the Walker Family Thanksgiving Celebration at the Walker's family ranch house at Paradise Springs.

This is Tule Gem & Mineral Society's second joint Thanksgiving Celebration at Paradise Springs. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar for 2012. It is always a good time shared with a great bunch of Rockhounds, and also a great opportunity to meet and gets to know other Rockhounds throughout the state.

- **Marshall (& Debbie) Havner**  
TGMS Field Trip Coordinator



## 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.*

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Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
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Or use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

## 2012

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mgscv.org)  
[www.mgscv.org](http://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](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
[www.moroks.com](http://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](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
[www.vqms.org](http://www.vqms.org)

### March 10 & 11: PASADENA, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Masonic Hall  
3130 Huntington Drive  
San Marino, CA 91108  
Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239  
[joenmar1@verizon.net](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net)

### March 9, 10 & 11: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
"36<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Tailgate"  
Stoddard Wells Road (12 miles East of I-15)  
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily  
Info map on website [www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)  
(760) 243-2330

### March 10 & 11: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Turlock Fairgrounds  
900 North Broadway  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
[www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

### March 10 & 11: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
Veteran's Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Robert Braun (831) 771-2089  
[bob1@bobbraun.net](mailto:bob1@bobbraun.net)  
[salinasrockandgem.com](http://salinasrockandgem.com)

### March 17 & 18: SAN BERNADINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Western Regional Little League Ball Park  
6707 Little League Drive  
Hours: 9am to Dusk Daily  
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Riverside, CA

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM – Deadline June 15**

Registration will be recorded under this name—**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHOW ADMISSION FEES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult** tickets @ \$5.00 per day OR \_\_\_\_\_ 3-DAY PASS FOR \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senior** tickets (60+) @ \$4.00 per day OR \_\_\_\_\_ 3-DAY PASS FOR \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

\_\_\_\_\_ **Juniors** 12 - 17 @ \$3.00 per day OR \_\_\_\_\_ 3-DAY PASS FOR \$ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

**Kids under 12** are free, when accompanied with a paid adult.

Demonstrators and Exhibitors will receive complimentary admission for themselves and a guest. Additional admission tickets may be purchased above or at the admission gate during the show.

**TOTAL ADMISSION COST FOR PREREGISTRANTS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET RESERVATIONS:** To be held at the Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom  
Saturday, July 14 - Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m. - dinner at 7 p.m. - awards to follow

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Peppercorn New York Strip or \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Forestiere.

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 Indicate beef or chicken. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does not include alcoholic beverages. A no-host bar will be available.

**EDITORS BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS:** To be held at the Marriott Hotel – Orange Crest Room

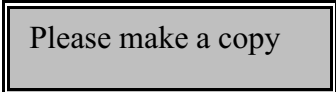
Sunday, July 15 8 a.m. Continental breakfast buffet: fresh pastries, juices, coffee, tea

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** (Make check payable to Valley Prospectors). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this entire form with payment to:

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**3485 Mission Inn Avenue**  
**Riverside, CA 92501**

General Admission: \$5 Adults ♦ \$4 Seniors (60+) ♦ \$3 ages 12 - 17 ♦ Kids Under 12 Free with Paid Adult  
Metered parking on street and city lots on weekdays – Free parking on weekend

Show Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 – 5; Sunday 10 – 4

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