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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CFMS 2012 Year of "Education & Communication"

This month I'm writing to you from Camp Zzyzx. The Happy Family of Fellow Rockhounds has assembled, and the first night of orientation and introductions is behind us. Tomorrow we will begin another awesome CFMS Earth Science session. I wish you could all be here with us. It is going to be GREAT! Applications for Camp Paradise are now available on the CFMS website.

The CFMS 2012 Show & Convention are rapidly approaching! There is still plenty of time for you to register your competitive or non-competitive cases. The form can be found on the CFMS website. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your wonderful talents & collections. The rules for competitive exhibits are available on line, and if you have any questions, our CFMS Rules Committee Members would be happy to help you out.

The forms are also available online for pre-registration for daily gate passes, the Saturday night Banquet and Sunday morning Editors Breakfast. Please print one out and get your reservation in ASAP. Any questions about the pre-registration, please e-mail or call Pat LaRue.

On a personal note this month I would like to share a short story about "Rock Bags". Over the years I have seen many styles of Rock Bags at Shows and Fairs. There are big ones, medium ones and small ones, but it seems no matter what the size, they are one of the most popular items amongst kids of all ages. Well, it seems I thought I had participated in all the important aspects of creating a rock bag until recently. I have helped collect the rocks, broken larger rocks into smaller specimens, written labels for the rocks, helped bag the rocks, and even helped sell the "Rock Bags" at Club Shows and our local fair. However, I never had the opportunity to sew the actual "Rock Bags". Honestly, I never thought sewing the

bags was a big deal. I assumed it was an easy job that anyone could do. Well, I learned a lesson last week. My Dad and I spent five hours making 50 "Rock Bags". I don't mean playing around; I mean seriously working at making them. Although I enjoyed spending time with my Dad and ultimately finishing our task, I was also reminded of a valuable lesson we learn when we are young; the grass is not always greener! I promise I will never underestimate the work that goes into a project again, and I will remember that each part of the process requires a special person to do it. **God bless all of you "Rock Bag" makers!**

This month for Educational I looked up the California State Gem:

Benitoite (ben-EE-toe-ite)



Benitoite is a rare blue barium titanium silicate mineral, found in hydrothermally altered serpentinite. Benitoite fluoresces under short wave ultraviolet light, appearing bright blue to bluish white in color. The more rarely seen clear to white benitoite crystals fluoresce red under long-wave UV light.

It was first described in 1907 by George D. Louderback, who named it *benitoite* for its occurrence near the headwaters of the San Benito River in San Benito County, California. Benitoite occurs in a number of sites, but gemstone quality material has only been found in California. I was lucky enough to go shopping at the AFMS Show in New York with Jim Brace-Thompson and purchased my first specimen of Benitoite. (Thanks Jim)!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – JULY 13, 14 & 15
for RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

~ Susan

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Pat LaRue

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The webmaster is Merryan O'Neill. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this web site.

CFMS NEWSLETTER

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ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE 1ST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!

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ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler, Chair

The books that entered in the program this year are being judged at this time. Then, the books will be sent on to the AFMS for national judging.

Now is the time to start looking at next year's book. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- ❖ What has your club done so far this year?
- ❖ What areas seem to need uplifting?
- ❖ Don't overlook your junior members, individually or as a group.
- ❖ If your club is too, small for a show, how about doing a one day sale? This will help publicity and attract new members.
- ❖ Don't overlook joining ALAA, our lobbying group, to help support our hobby.

By acquainting yourself with the CFMS All American Club application form now, you will find it easier to check off the areas you are doing presently and note the areas that need help.

These are just some suggestions to consider in assembling your club's history book. By starting now it will be easier to record this information.

~ Dot

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES, continued

multiple adults on hand when working with kids, including parental involvement. Always have multiple adults, and as a group, prevent any sort of abuse, whether physical, sexual, mental, emotional, or verbal. Any obvious or even suspected abuse should be reported and dealt with through proper legal authorities.

For further guidance on this issue, I recommend all Federation-affiliated society board members and youth leaders read the excellent and thorough "Youth Protection" section on the web site of the Boy Scouts of America:

<http://scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

This is one aspect of working with kids that can be difficult to discuss, but it's a discussion that absolutely must be held within any club or society endeavoring to start and/or maintain a youth program. The safety of our youth is paramount!

~ Jim

MEMBERSHIP

By Dick Pankey and Fred Ott

The Value of Membership in the CFMS



From time-to-time, some individuals comment that they don't perceive a lot of value by having their society be a member of the CFMS or having their Federation Director attend the Directors' Meetings.

From their perspective, they wonder if they're getting their "money's worth" from the current \$8.00-per-member in annual dues and insurance charge (of which only \$1.25 is retained by the CFMS. 75 cents is forwarded to the AFMS and \$6.00 pays for general liability insurance coverage for each society and its members).

So *who* is the Federation? The Federation is not a distant entity, separated from the individual rock and gem societies. It is not a group of people "out there"...."someplace". The CFMS is a 'federation' of the many member societies and their individual members, working together for our mutual benefit. We often lose sight of this fact.

The Federation is often thought of as those individuals who are 'active' in leadership roles of the CFMS: officers, directors and chairpersons since it is 'they' who are doing the vast majority of Federation work and activities. But these individuals are not the Federation; they are merely the ones who work on behalf of every CFMS member to achieve 'together' those things that cannot be achieved 'alone'. Without the support of each member society and active participation of each society's Federation Director, there would not be a California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

It is often said: "**Price**" is what you pay for something..... "**Value**" is what you receive. So, let's take a moment to see some of the values and benefits that individual societies and their respective members enjoy, either directly or indirectly, as members of the CFMS:

1. **Insurance:**

- Each member of a Federation Society is covered with \$1 million of liability insurance protection for all of their society-sponsored activities such as, field trips, classes, picnics and potlucks, meetings, etc.
- Certificates of Insurance are provided at no additional cost to member societies for events with less than 500 participants.
- Each society can purchase Optional Additional Insurance protection (at a significant savings) for:
 - 1) their owned or rented/leased premises (including claims)
 - 2) their buildings,
 - 3) their equipment and supplies, and
 - 4) their vendors at rock and gem shows.
- Each society can obtain Directors and Officers Liability protection for a VERY affordable cost: \$250.00 per year.
- Special event insurance is available at an additional premium for events of 500-or-more participants.

2. **Earth Sciences:** Members of CFMS societies may attend the annual Earth Science Seminars at Camp Paradise and Zzyzx. For equivalent instruction, the cost would be hundreds of dollars more!

3. **Monthly newsletters.** Each society is mailed three issues of the Monthly CFMS and AFMS Newsletters.

4. **Web Site.** The CFMS Web site provides Federation information, the CFMS Newsletter, forms, manuals and much more.

5. **Field Trips.** There are many Federation Field Trips led by CFMC Field Trips-North and CFMS Field Trips-South committees.

6. **Seminars.** Seminars on various subjects are provided by trained personnel.

7. **Tax Advice.** Tax advice to societies is provided by Mike Kokinos, CFMS Tax Advisor.

8. **Legal Advice.** Legal advice is provided by Jean Klotz, CFMS Legal Advisor.

9. **Juniors.** Support for Junior Activities and the Junior Rockhound of America badge program (which is absolutely free to participating Juniors).

10. **Scholarship Programs.** Member societies are encouraged to participate in the annual CFMS and AFMS Scholarship Programs (selection of awardees).

11. **Demonstrator Committee** provides resources for demonstrators at society functions and shows.

12. **Cabochon Cases.** Three displays of cabochons from CFMS societies are available for society shows.

13. **Program Aids.** Speakers are available through the Podium People program, providing quality speakers for society meetings.

14. **Public Lands Advisory.** This committee monitors legislation and regulations and participates in securing rockhounding rights.

15. **Advertising/Promotion:** The CFMS advertises and promotes society shows via the monthly newsletter and the CFMS website.

16. **Slide and Video Library.** The CFMS Maintains a library of slide, VHS and DVD programs for use by member societies.

17. **Mini Miners Monthly.** As a member society of the Federation, each society with an active Junior Program receives a free electronic copy of the Mini Miners Monthly newsletter (published by Diamond Dan Publications) to help support and expand their society's Junior Program.

There are numerous other services, functions and activities provided by one paid individual (Executive/Secretary/Treasurer/Printer) and dozens of unpaid (i.e. volunteer) officers, directors, and committee chairpersons and committee persons. These (and more) benefits are provided to each member society of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies - all for only \$8.00 per year.

~ Fred & Dick



CFMS PLAC-SOUTH

By John Martin, Chair

Our Elected Legislators, Federal and State Agency Decision Makers need to hear from Rockhounds as to our needs as responsible users of our public lands. Without our inputs the Decision Makers only will have access to less than half of the necessary information needed to make logical decisions on how to manage and maintain our public lands in the best interest of all the users. Without your input, some of our ageing and disabled Rockhounds may no longer enjoy all the collecting sites and recreational areas enjoyed by other groups of recreational users.

The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), partnered with the Sierra Access Coalition, Plumas and Butte Counties filed suit against the Forest Service to stand up for the rights of all who use public land. This class-action suit against the Plumas National Forest, alleges the Forest Service has violated, equal consideration for the disabled and elderly in their land use plans. Because of their unique circumstances and limited mobility, analysis for vehicular use by these members of society must be considered, and motorized access must be allowed. Although this lawsuit is being filed against one forest, the allegations apply to all areas, agencies, and may well change the future of land use decisions for years to come.

Contacting the elected officials and Land Managers during the decision making process could eliminate the need for the legal actions as described above. Please take the time to contact elected representatives and land managers during the decision process to let them know Rockhounds are here and have a need for access to use the public lands held in trust and managed for the good of all users.

Another issue that may have an effect on users of the National Forest land to collect on or just enjoy the mountains and forests is a ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Arizona's Coronado National Forest regarding Adventure Pass. (Angeles, San Bernardino, Cleveland and Los Padres national forests).

The 15-page decision says any member of the public who walks, hikes, rides a horse, picnics on the side of a road, camps at undeveloped sites, even parks in a national forest "without using facilities and services" is allowed to do so without being charged. Charging a fee even for someone

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CFMS PLAC-SOUTH, continued

who visits an area with amenities but doesn't use them, violates the Federal Lands and Recreation Enhancement Act], according to the decision.

For the latest information on these and other issues affecting access to public lands and having an effect on Rockhounding may be found on the American Lands Access Association's (ALAA) website. www.amlands.org

~ John



SHOW TIME 2012!

By Pat LaRue

Sure hope you're making plans to attend the CFMS Convention and Show. All the application forms are on the CFMS web site.

Flood my mailbox with your preregistration forms and applications to exhibit. To date not that many have committed to put in a display. There is plenty of room so there's no reason to hold back.

Looking for rough rock from long lost locations? There will be a silent rock auction featuring material donated by long time collectors Virginia Rotramel and Bill & Izzie Burns. This is good stuff—no "leaverites". If you are looking for that special rock from a location which might be covered by a subdivision, **this might just be your lucky day.**

Working with kids has never been my strongpoint, but Susan convinced us we needed a kid's activity area at the show. She assured me she'll get a couple of CFMS people to handle it with the help of volunteers. One of the demonstrators is a flintknapper who enjoys showing kids what he does. Thanks to Susan the Del Air club offered to bring their volcano and earth science displays which are proven kid pleasers.

One of our featured programs is all about **dinosaurs**. **Richard Wade** will make a presentation on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. His display will be set up both days. I'm told it's quite impressive and his program is a favorite for kids of all ages. He regularly does his presentation at a number of club shows. Another of our speakers is **Jim Bowden** who will speak about the California gold rush with an emphasis on the **Southern**

California gold fields. Jim also does school presentations on a variety of topics including California history and earth science topics.

Did I mention gold panning? **Show visitors will have an opportunity to pan for real gold at the Valley Prospectors panning booth.**

~ Pat



ENDOWMENT FUND - CFMS

By CJ Quitoriano, Chair

Hello everybody! It's me again, begging for donations! **So far, I am the only one selling tickets for the Camp Paradise drawing. If you are interested in selling tickets for the drawing, drop me an email.** No money up front, just turn in the money with the tickets, either by mail or at the show. The drawing will be held during the Saturday Director's meeting at the July show in Riverside.

The Half a Million Nickel Drive seems to be going well, there are some rivalries kicking up between clubs/societies, so it's getting interesting! So far, I only know of 5 clubs/societies that are collecting nickels. *There are over 100 clubs/societies in the federation! Come on, we need your nickels!*

There are going to be PRIZES for the winning club ~ AWESOME prizes!! If your club/society collects the most nickels, your club/society will win some awesome prizes to auction, sell, raffle, etc., for yourselves!

I am still accepting donations for prizes, and will have a list by the Riverside Show, so if you would like to donate something special, let me know!

~ SOME WAYS TO RAISE THE NICKELS ~

- * Put a jar out at your general meetings and board meetings
- * Put a jar out at your show.
- * Collect bottles and cans and turn them in for, you know, nickels! The bigger ones get dimes! *Woohoo!*

PLEASE NOTE: Send the final amount of your nickel donations in the form of a check to Pat LaRue with a note saying the check is for the Nickel Drive. **If you don't do this it won't be counted as such.** (Not in a box full of nickels...☺) The drive ends in November, and the winner will be announced at the Director's meeting in Visalia. *There is still plenty of time to collect!*

I am still collecting **club/show pins** for the Riverside Show display project. If you have some to donate, please send them to me!

The CFMS Endowment Fund is asking for rocks and rock related items, to sell at their booth at the CFMS show. If you have, books, jewelry, beads, stones, ROCKS, let me know. If possible, we'll come pick them up, or make arrangements to get them! I found some pretty cool gem and mineral books at a recent show priced VERY reasonable, and I snatched them up for the Endowment Fund table. Keep those nickels rolling in! See you at the show in Riverside!

~ CJ & Ray



CFMS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AFMS

By Colleen McGann, Chair
**AFMS Endowment Fund
Raffle**

I want to thank all the CFMS folks who have sent Pam donations for the AFMS raffle. **There is still time to send more items to help support this endeavor** and mail them to Pam Hecht, 25393 Oak St., Calumet, MI 49913.

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

This is a wonderful cause. Where are all my ticket buyers? Please contact me. I will have tickets at the CFMS Federation show in July, so find me there. CFMS Directors, you should order a bunch to sell at your club! Order many and order soon.

Some of the great items which have been donated are: #1) Hi-Tech Cabking-6V3 cab machine, #2) Hi-Tech 8" Slant capping machine, #3) Hi-Tech 6" horizontal flat lap, #4) Hi-Tech 6" trim saw, #5) 3x3" Rainier frogskin agate polished slab, #6) star ruby gold ring size 8 ½. The newest item is Prize #11) "Gemstones of North America, Volume III" by John Sinkankas. Sinkankas' name is synonymous with the world of gemology and mineralogy. Donated by Steve Hecht, the volume has an estimated retail value of \$65. These items can be viewed on www.amfed.org.

You can indicate on your tickets that you want to be in the drawing for a particular item, #1-#4 or leaven them blank and your tickets will be for the random drawing for the rest of the prizes.

To order tickets, contact Colleen McGann, PO Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052 or email colleen.mcgann@hds.com. *CFMS Directors*, you should order a bunch to sell at your club! *Order many and order soon.*

~Colleen



AFMS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES ANNOUNCED

Dee Holland, President
**AFMS Scholarship
Foundation**

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the AFMS Scholarship Honorees for 2012. You will know many of these names. This year, except for one regional federation, all the Honorees are rockhounds known throughout the U.S. for their activities within the rockhound community.

California/Jim Brace-Thompson: Known for his successful Junior Program via the AFMS and immediate Past President of CFMS.

Eastern/Carolyn and Steve Weinberger: Known for their work both at the EFMLS and AFMS. Steve is a Past President of EFMLS, and AFMS. Carolyn has been editor of EFMLS and AFMS for centuries.... Both are involved in the famous Wildacres.

Midwest/Judith and John Washburn: Known for the work in the Midwest and John's work as All American Chair. Both are Past Presidents of MWF.

Northwest/Jon Spunaugle: Known for his work for the NFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. John is a Past President of NFMS, AFMS Scholarship and ALAA.

Rocky Mountain/Dr. James Kirkland: Dr. Kirkland is with the Utah Geological Survey, Salt Lake City, UT.

South Central/Paul and Margaret Good: Paul and Margaret have been the duo SCFMS Editor/Assistant Editor, since their move to Texas many years ago. They put educational exhibits in schools and libraries throughout the state.

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AFMS SCHOLARSHIP, continued

As soon as the honorees select their schools and students we will bring this information to you.

Remember: Each Honoree will choose a school and two graduate students in Earth Science, Geo-Science, or Geology, and each student will receive \$4000 for the coming 2012 Fall Semester.

~ Dee

8. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail me with questions and comments.

Remember, when planning your meeting programs, you have a wealth of choices from the Federation Library!

~ Sharon



ORDERING PROGRAM MATERIALS

By Sharon Rogow
Slide and Video Librarian

Happy Spring Everyone! Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who ordered a program, used it and returned it promptly with payment and feedback. We need that feedback! Because of it, we now know that one disk may be scratched and one or two slides may be damaged. Good news is welcome also and we received some of that, too, in the form of compliments on the quality of several of the programs.

Suggestions to Facilitate a Smooth Process of Ordering and Return of Materials:

1. Complete the entire online form being sure to include both mailing address, e-mail and phone number.
2. Submit your request thirty (30) days in advance of your program date.
3. Let me know when you receive the program by e-mail or phone: sharonrr@cox.net, 702-499-0272.
4. Try to establish that the equipment that you will be using is in good working order so that there will be no damage to the materials and you will have a good program.
5. You may want to do a test run to make sure that there are no glitches!
6. Return the program with feedback and payment within ten (10) days or so and write your club name and the program name in the memo line of the check.
7. Feel free to pre-pay especially if you are ordering via snail mail!



COMMUNICATIONS

By CJ Quitoriano

Hi everyone! Please inform your new officers about the CFMS News Group on Yahoo! Groups! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cfmsnews>

As a Director/Officer in your Club/Society, it is your responsibility to pass on CFMS news to your members. What easier way to do that than through emails?

Every month I send the CFMS Newsletter to the group, then, those in the group can send the newsletter to all of their members! Officers and Chair People can also send information via the group to update all members with new information and additions or omissions to the monthly Newsletter.

It is easy to join the group, just go to Yahoo! Groups and search for CFMS news group. If you don't have a Yahoo! Account and user name, you will be prompted to create one. You do NOT have to use this email account that Yahoo gives you, you can opt to have all of the group's emails sent to whatever email address you choose. **It's that simple!** So don't let the fact that you have to create an account with Yahoo scare you away!

Just a reminder: *This is NOT a social network!* It is only for information regarding the CFMS. Please refrain from asking questions about your club's problems or issues, they cannot be answered here.

Thanks for joining if you already have, and if you have not, then get to it! We want to communicate with you!

~ CJ



TAX REMINDER

By Pat LaRue

CFMS Tax Consultant

Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally less than \$50,000 (\$25,000 for tax years ending after December 31, 2007 and before December 31, 2010) are required to electronically submit **Form 990-N**, also known as the **e-postcard**, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

The e-postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For an organization which uses a calendar year, the year ends on December 31 and the due date for filing is May 15. You cannot file until the tax year ends.

How do you do it? Type or paste the following address into your internet browser: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. This is a site maintained by a trusted IRS partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form. You will need eight items of basic information about your organization:

- ❖ employer identification number (EIN)
- ❖ tax year
- ❖ legal name and mailing address
- ❖ any other names the organization uses
- ❖ web site address if the organization has one
- ❖ confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are less than \$50,000 for tax years ending after December 31, 2010.
- ❖ if applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is termination (going out of business)

Any organization which fails to file this required information 3 years in a row will lose their exempt status and must reapply. This is a time consuming and costly process. Don't let it happen—make sure your club treasurer or other designated person files your organization's return in a timely manner. Please contact Mike Kokinos or me if you have questions or concerns.

Source: www.irs.gov

~ Pat



CFMS SCHOLARSHIP

By Lousia Carey, Chair

Our 2011 Scholarship student, Krista F. Myers, will be joining us in Riverside. Last fall she was studying abroad in Granada, Spain. The CFMS scholarship helped her with this winter's tuition at UCSC. There, Krista is taking courses in hydrology, chemistry and Astrology. Upon graduation and landing her first career job, Krista is looking forward to becoming a member of CFMS and becoming a contributor in the earth sciences.

Help give the gift of education! I'm still waiting to hear from all of you about Honorees this year. I believe you all know someone who would fit the bill.

~ Lousia



UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

By Adam Dean, Co-Chair
CFMS Field Trips-South

LAVIC SIDING for JASPER

WHEN: Saturday, May 26, at 9:00 AM

MEET: South Side of I-40 Fwy at Hector Rd Off ramp, 35 miles east of I-15 and I-40 Intersection. Or 25 miles West of Ludlow for orientation and sign-in.

WHAT TO BRING: Collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, spray bottles. This is the heart of the Mojave and the weather can be unpredictable, this time of year so dress accordingly. **We will be collecting the world famous Lavic jasper** which can come in a multitude of colors and can be brecciate, layered or solid with veins of white, black or blue agate.

The jasper has been found in reds, blacks, yellows, gold's, greens, purples, or any combination and range from tumble sized to football sized. Most found as float. This site covers a vast area between the Pisgah Crater lava fields, the railroad tracks and the dry lake. We will explore various spots here. From the meeting spot we will caravan west to a safe crossing over the tracks then make a number of stops. Bring lunch. This widespread field offers no shade. Gas and food available in Ludlow.

A Waiver of Liability will be signed at the meeting spot. High clearance 4X4 trucks and SUVs *highly recommended* as we will be driving in a sandy wash.

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FIELD TRIPS-SOUTH, continued

Other materials at this site may include **agates** and **jaspers** with sections of **multi-shaded pink opal**. Nearby is Pisgah Crater, a young volcano with an extensive lava field. For stopovers this general area also offers the southern Cady's for a wide variety of material, a nearby **obsidian field**, Dish Hill for **peridot**, **trilobites** and the Hector Hills for **chalcedony**, **opal & agate**. Bring your rock collecting guides.

Stayovers may camp at a number of undeveloped sites or at the hotel in Ludlow.

Treat the desert with respect - tread lightly and pack it in/pack it out.

For more info contact CFMS-South Co-chairs:

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(805) 494-7734

ROCKHOUNDING WORLD CLASS SMITHSONITE at CERRO GORDO

WHEN: Sunday, June 24

MEET: Leave from Lee's Frontier Chevron, South end of Lone Pine @ 8:30 a.m.

WHAT TO BRING: High Clearance Vehicles recommended. Graded mountain dirt road, 9 miles. 5000' elevation gain, rock bag or bucket, rock pick, hand rake, squirt bottle, sun screen, hat, gloves, camera? **This is a fee dig @ \$5.00 per person, 2 gallons of drinking water minimum and 6 pieces of firewood.** More of each will be welcome.

Mineral collecting at this site can be quite rewarding. Cerro Gordo is world renown for:

anglesite, anhydrite, argentite, atacamite, aurichalcite, azurite, barite, bindheimite, bouronite, calcite, and caledonite, cermrgyrite, cerussite, ceruantite, chrysocolla, dufrenoyite, dufrenoyite, fluorite, galena, eothite, greenockite, hemimorphite, hollosite, hydrozincite, jamesonite, leadhillite, limonite, linerite, lironite, malachite, mimetite, plumbgumite, pyrite, quartz, silver, smithsonite, spharlerite, tetrahedrite, willemite and wulfenite.

*Of special interest to rockhounds is the **smithsonite**, which is world class.*

Nestled high in the Inyo Mountains east of the Sierra Nevada, at an altitude of 8,500 feet, Cerro Gordo, Fat Hill, was discovered to be rich in silver deposits by a group of Mexican miners led by Pablo Flores. The year was 1865. By 1866, Victor Beaudry, a French Canadian, now a merchant at

Fort Independence in Owens Valley, realized there were opportunities at the Cerro Gordo mining camp, and opened a general store on the mountain. He began acquiring mining properties in lieu of overdue accounts and by January of 1868 arranged with Pierre Desormeaux to build ore furnaces. By April of 1868, Beaudry acquired more properties which included the richest claims on the hill, the Union, the San Lucas, the San Felipe and more.

That same April, Victor Beaudry claimed more and more properties around Cerro Gordo, Mortimer Belshaw came in to town. He became part owner of the Union Mine, as well. June 1868, Belshaw processed ore in one of the Mexican furnaces, then brought the first wagon load of silver into the sleepy pueblo of Los Angeles. He built the Yellow Grade road from Owens dry lake to Cerro Gordo, in July of 1868, so equipment could be taken to the mines, and the ore taken down the mountain. He also built his own smelters to process that ore, in much larger volumes than Victor Beaudry was capable of. By December of 1868, regular shipments of silver bullion were going to Los Angeles. Silver ingots 18 inches long, and weighing 85 pounds, were worth from 20-35 dollars. Cerro Gordo was being hailed as another Comstock.

For more information about the field trip, call Dana @ (760) 876-5020. You may have to leave a message or call Francis @ (760) 876-4319.



2012 EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES - ZZYZX



There was a great turn out at this year's Zzyzx study camp!

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*

*Or use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

2012

April 20, 21 & 22: INDIO, CA
Shadow Mountain Gem & Mineral Society
Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center
46500 Van Buren Street
Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
Darlene Bjork (760) 328-6916
daBjork@dc.rr.com
shadowmountaingemmineral.org

April 20, 21 & 22: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: Fri. 9am-5pm; Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm
(408) 265-1422
info@scvgms.org
www.scvgms.org

April 21 & 22: THOUSAND OAKS, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.)
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
www.cgamc.org

April 28 & 29: LANCASTER, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 – 32nd Street West
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily
CJ Quitoriano (661) 209-9092
cjg_62@yahoo.com
Rodney Skillings (661) 400-5198
rodneyskillings@ymail.com
www.avgem.weebly.com

April 28 & 29: SANTA CRUZ, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
307 Church St. (Corner Church & Center)
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675
www.scmgs.org

May 4, 5 & 6: BISHOP, CA
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri-County Fairgrounds
Corner of Sierra Street & Fair Drive
Fri. 6pm-9pm; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 9:30-3
Francee Graham, (760) 876-4319
franceem@gnet.com

May 5-6: ANAHEIM, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 West Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30
Steve Duncan (714) 724-7102
wsd@iteris.com
www.searchersrocks.org

May 12 & 13: RENO, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 North Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
John Peterson (775) 849-1522
www.renorockhounds.com

May 12 & 13: JACKSON, CA
Fossils For Fun Society
Kennedy Gold Mine
12954 Kennedy Mine Road
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily
Debbie Bunn (916) 929-6665
fossilsforfun@hotmail.com
www.fossilsforfun.org

May 19 - 20: YUCAIPA, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
34900 Oak Glen Road
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731
res09ayd@verizon.net
www.yvgms.org

June 9 & 10: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456
Cell (909) 217-5864
fbriktr1@aol.com
nccgms.com

June 30 & July 1, CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Robert Thirlaway (310) 462-2269
fiestaofgems@gmail.com
www.culvercityrocks.org

August 3, 4 & 5: NIPOMO, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 North Thompson Ave.
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
<http://www.omsinc.org>

Aug. 31 – Sept. 3: FORT BRAGG
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Corner of Main St. & Laurel St
Hours: Fri.-Sun. 10-6; Mon. 10-4
Jerry Sommer (707) 937-1833

September 8 & 9: DOWNEY, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily
Jon Fults, (714) 856-7548
jhfults@verizon.net

September 15 & 16: REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10am - 5pm Daily
Mary Lou Froese, (650) 755-8753
mfroese@sbcglobal.net
<http://sgms.drifmine.com>

September 15 & 16: PASO ROBLES, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily
Dale Conrad (805) 226-0719
www.slrockhounds.org

September 29 & 30: SANTA ROSA
Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Art
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Jolene Coon (707) 849-9551
coons@sonic.net
srmgs.org

September 29 & 30: STOCKTON, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Dorothy Tonnacliff (209) 603-4539
Jan Bredley (209) 629-3878
slmcs@juno.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com/show

October 13 & 14: TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
SLGMS Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30am-5pm; Sun. 7:30am-4pm
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
slgms@iwwisp.com
www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub/

October 13 & 14: GRASS VALLEY, CA
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building)
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Webmaster@ncgms.org
Ncgms.org/ourshow.htm **October 20 & 21:**

PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily
Karen Newlin & Arlene Williams, (530) 676-2472
info@rockandgemshow.org
www.rockandgemshow.org

November 3 & 4: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com
www.indianwell.weebly.com

November 3 & 4: LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
pgmc@antelecom.net
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 3 & 4: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5294 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily
Harry Nichandros, (925) 289-0454
show-cf@ccmgs.org
www.ccmgs.org

November 17 & 18: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Brett Johnson (805) 822-3836
showinfo@oxnardgem.com
www.oxnardgem.com



**2012
FEDERATION SHOWS**

Northwest Federation
**May 18 – 20: Kennewick,
WA**

California Federation
**July 13 – 15: Riverside,
CA**

Midwest Federation
****AFMS Show****
**July 26-29: Minnetonka,
MN**

Eastern Federation
**Sept. 15 & 16: Harrisburg,
PA**

**2013
FEDERATION SHOWS**

California Federation
Ventura, CA

Eastern Federation
**April 5 – 7: Long Island,
NY**

Southeast Federation
****AFMS Show****

**2014
FEDERATION SHOWS**

**Rocky Mountain
Federation**
****AFMS Show****
Sept 13 – 15: Denver,CO

**2012 CFMS
GOLD AND GEM SHOW
&
CONVENTION
JULY 13, 14 & 15**



**Riverside Municipal
Auditorium
3485 Mission Inn Avenue**

**RIVERSIDE
CALIFORNIA**

**Hours:
Friday & Saturday 10 – 5
Sunday 10 – 4**

General Admission

Adult:	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$4
Ages 12-17	\$3
Kids under 12	Free with paid adult

**Hosted by
Valley Prospectors
of
San Bernardino, CA**

Contacts:
Steve Schubert, Show Chair,
(951) 943-0535
meschubert@hotmail.com
Pat LaRue, Asst Show Chair
(909) 874-5664
plarue@earthlink.net

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

GOLD AND GEM SHOW

73rd Annual Convention & Show—July 13 - 15, 2012

Riverside Municipal Auditorium

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 _____

_____ Club _____

_____ Club _____

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

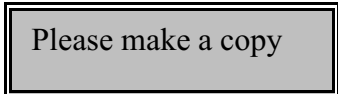
Sunday, July 15 8 a.m. Continental breakfast buffet: fresh pastries, juices, coffee, tea

_____ x \$20 \$ _____

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

Mail this entire form with payment to:

Pat LaRue
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657
(909) 874-5664
bplarue@earthlink.net



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- Silent auction and great prizes
- Gold panning and equipment
- Gold, jewelry and gemstones



Riverside Municipal Auditorium
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

Contact: Steve Schubert, show chairman, (951) 943-0535, email: meschubert@hotmail.com
Pat LaRue, assistant show chairman, (909) 874-5664, email: bplarue@earthlink.net

May Newsletter Addendum SPECIAL NOTICES

GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

The deadline for submitting nominations for the prestigious Golden Bear Award is June 15. This award is given to those individuals who have provided outstanding service to CFMS and are past or current members of a CFMS affiliated society. Service to an individual club or society is not considered for this award. Please provide reasons why your candidate should be considered for this honor.

Nominations can be submitted by any of the following persons: CFMS committee chair, member of the Executive Committee, or a past President of the CFMS. If you are in doubt as to whether the person under consideration has received this honor in a previous year, please contact me and I will provide that information. A listing of prior honorees is also on the CFMS website and is current through 2010.

Nominations will be forwarded to all members of the Golden Bear Committee for consideration.

Please email or snail mail all information by June 15 to:

Pat LaRue, Golden Bear Chair
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377
bplarue@earthlink.net

COMPETITIVE ENTRIES & OTHER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

As it stands on April 17, we have two Competitive entries for the Riverside show. Where is everyone? I am hoping that the months of May & June will bring some more entries so we can make a good showing at the show in Riverside in July. (Competitive application form follows in this addendum; all show forms are linked online from Home and Show pages, www.cfmsinc.org.)

Send Competitive Application by June 15 to:

Cheri George, 2255 W. Avenue O, Palmdale, CA 93551 or lizardwoman3@yahoo.com

If you have questions about entries, contact Cheri at lizardwoman3@yahoo.com or any of the other members of the Rules Committee: Tom Burchard at roxhund@aol.com or Dee Holland at beauholland@centurytel.net. We will be happy to help you in any way.

Cheri George, CFMS Rules Committee Chair

CFMS Show Registration Deadlines

<u>FORM</u>	<u>SEND TO</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Show Preregistration	Pat LaRue (mail with payment) PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377	June 15 June 15
Competitive Display Application	Cheri George (email or mail) 2255 W. Avenue O, Palmdale, CA 93551	
Non-competitive Display Invitation	Pat LaRue (email or mail) PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377	June 1

**CFMS 2012 CONVENTION
GOLD AND GEM SHOW**

COMPETITIVE ENTRY FORM

Fri - Sat 10am – 5pm Sun 10am – 4pm July 13-15, 2012

Riverside Municipal Auditorium

Riverside, California

EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: June 15, 2012

SETUP:

All entries must be set up and ready for judging by the close of set-up time, Thursday, July 12, 2012, from 12 noon to 9:00pm. Or, with the approval of the Rules Chairman – between 7am 9am on Friday, July 13, 2012.

SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED.

TWO GUEST PASSES PER EXHIBITOR WILL BE FURNISHED

Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case, and exhibitor must supply a three prong extension cord to reach the power supply under the tables. (Approximately 10 feet)

Please complete all information on the entry form and this certification form and mail to the Competitive exhibits registration chairman for acceptance and acknowledgement – email is acceptable. CHERI GEORGE, 2255 W. Ave “O”, Palmdale, CA 93551

Refer to the AFMS Rules Update to 2012. Download your copy of the rules from: www.AMFED.org after January 1, 2012. CFMS Supplemental Trophy information may be obtained from Dee Holland at: beauholland@centurytel.net

If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter or for clarification of the rules contact Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468 or email: beauholland@centurytel.net or shirleyleeson@cox.net

LIABILITY: It is mutually agreed that the Californian Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the host society shall not be liable to any exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application/certification form for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

SIGNATURE _____

Print name _____ Date _____

CFMS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

July 13 – 15, 2012

Riverside Municipal Auditorium

Riverside, California

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Society _____

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER ___ ADVANCED ___ NOVICE ___ JUNIOR ___
SOCIETY ___ JUNIOR SOCIETY ___ **If Junior, DATE OF BIRTH HERE** _____

EXHIBIT DIVISION _____ EXHIBIT CLASS _____
Do you have your own case? _____ Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

SUPPLEMENTAL TROPHIES
CHOATE JEWELRY FACETRON FACETING
BEGINNING FACETING
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FACETING TROPHY

CERTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITORS

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. If, Society, all material belongs to members of the Society. All work, except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules, was completed by me. **I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.**

Exhibitor's Signature _____

PRINT NAME _____

Exhibitor's Society _____

I certify, as an officer of the above named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the AFMS Rules.

Signature _____ Title _____

If this is sent email: we need the officer's email _____

Date _____

BOTH PAGES MUST BE SENT BACK
Be sure and make a copy for your files

CFMS GOLD AND GEM SHOW

Hosted by Valley Prospectors
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
Riverside, CA
July 13 - 15, 2012

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT INVITATION

We invite all members of CFMS affiliated members to participate in the CFMS Show in Riverside in 2012. If you have an exhibit you would like to display, please fill out the application form and send by June 1, 2011. All exhibits must be hobby related. Each exhibitor will receive a show pass for himself/herself and one guest.

Lighting: Maximum lighting is 150 watts per 4 foot case. 3-pronged grounded cords are required per building regulations. Bring your own extension cords. **NO HALOGEN LIGHTS PLEASE!**

Set up will be Thursday, July 12, 2012 from noon until 9 p.m. All exhibits must be set up on Thursday unless prior arrangements have been made with the Exhibits Chairman. Exhibits must remain in place until closing time at 4 p.m. on July 15, 2012.

Neither the CFMS nor the Host Society assumes responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitor's property, material or specimens. Exhibitors must provide their own insurance or assume the risk. Security will be provided throughout the show.

Please return the completed form to:

Pat LaRue, Exhibits Chair
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377

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Cut and return bottom portion:

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

SOCIETY _____ E-MAIL _____

DESCRIPTION OF DISPLAY _____

I have my own case _____ Size: H _____ W _____ D _____

I will have to borrow a case _____
Cases are 4 foot upright with lights. Liners and risers are not furnished. Rental cost is \$10. Check payable to Valley Prospectors. A limited number of cases will be available on a first come, first served basis.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____