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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CFMS 2012 Year of "Education & Communication"

The 2012 CFMS & AFMS Shows & Conventions have come and gone. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one or both of this year's Shows!

I would like to say thank you to the Valley Prospectors and all those who helped put on this year's CFMS Show and Convention in Riverside! Despite the short amount of time this Club had to put together the Show, they did a GREAT job!

The Riverside Community Auditorium was buzzing with activities all weekend long. Richard Wade's Dinosaur presentation was a hit. There was an abundance of vendors and a room full of competitive and non-competitive cases sharing many aspects of the rockhounding world. The President's award for an outstanding exhibit went to the Del Aire Rockhounds Volcano Exhibit. It is a wonder Display of a side view of the inside of a volcano and what sort of rocks come out of different areas of the volcano.

The Director's meeting; Banquet Dinner and Editors Breakfast at the host hotel went well too, with lots of little dinosaurs leading the way to each activity.

Again a BIG THANK YOU to the Valley Prospectors, Steve & Mary Schubert and Pat & Bural LaRue for all of their hard work putting on a great Show!

Attending the AFMS Show & Convention in Minnesota, representing CFMS was an honor. The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies was well represented, at all of the American Federation functions this year. Not only were we well represented at the meetings, but we also had members receive awards in the Webmaster, Editors, All American Books and Competitive case competitions. Hopefully, all of the winners names will be listed in this month's newsletter and the winners can be recognized in Visalia at the November meetings. Congratulations to all of our CFMS winners!

It is very interesting to attend Shows in other parts of the United States. Last year in New York the main attraction was on minerals. Minerals are very popular in the eastern states. This year it was agates. I have never seen soooo many agates! Bud & Terry McMillin, Ray & CJ Quitoriano and David & I were lucky enough to attend the agate hunting field

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## 2012 CFMS Calendar

Sep 1 .....	CFMS Nomination submission deadline
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 2 .....	Deadline for room rate break at Holiday Inn Visalia, for Fall Directors Meeting
Nov 2 .....	CFMS Banquet Registration deadline
Nov 9-11 .....	.Fall Directors Meeting

### 2013:

Mar 31-Apr 8, 2013 .....

**Note:** Applications accepted after Sept 1, 2012

## CFMS NEWSLETTER

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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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, contd**

trip put on by the host club in Minnesota. Only 15 people were allowed to attend this fee dig. The field trip was in the evening and the weather was cloudy and wet. But, of course that did not slow down the excitement of the dig! I'm happy to say that everyone (except me) found their first Lake Superior Agate. Finding an agate was kind of like finding a needle in a stack of needles instead of hay. That's ok, I found some nice fossils. We had a great time in the rain! We made new rockhound friends, and everyone was happy with their finds. We also visited the Spam museum in Iowa (do you know how spam got its name?), and we traversed Crystal Cavern in western Wisconsin.

**Thank you to CFMS for allowing me to represent you at this year's AFMS Meetings.**

Camp Paradise is coming soon! I hope you will be joining in the fun! Contact Marion Roberts if you haven't signed up yet and would like to attend this year's camp.

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Director's meeting in Visalia, November 9, 10 & 11.

~ Susan Chaisson-Walblom



**ALL AMERICAN CLUB  
By Dot Beachler, Chair**

The All American Program had three book entries representing club activities for the 2011 year. Although this is an improvement over the number of book entries last year, more clubs need to participate. And don't tell me there isn't enough time! If this year's winning book was assembled in two weeks time, any club willing to try has about eight months time to get out of that easy chair and get to work!!!

**The awards presented at the CFMS show in Riverside were:**

- Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club - Certificate
- Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society - Certificate
- Ventura Gem and Mineral Society – Plaque

*Congratulations to these clubs!*



**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT  
By Tom Burchard, Chair  
Results From Riverside**

We had a very successful Show and Competition at Riverside. There were 24 cases in competition and 14 Trophy's awarded:

**ADVANCED**

- Louisa Carey - Oxnard G&M ..... A-7
- Paul Williams - San Diego M&G ..... CW-4
- Susy Martin - Palmdale G&M ..... I-6

**MASTER**

- Charles Eastman - Tule G&M..... G-8
- David Walblom & Susan Chaisson-Walblom - Palmdale G&M..... CA-1
- Carolyn Eddy - San Luis Obispo G&M ..... DST-6
- Robert Sankovich - Conejo G&M ..... EGS-1
- Marty & Linda Daugherty - Long Beach M&G .. EGC-4
- Marty & Linda Daugherty - Long Beach M&G ..... C-3
- Chris Ward - Del Air Rockhounds ..... EIC-1
- Ron Wise - Ventura G&M ..... EIS-5
- Jennifer Haley - Contra Costa M&G ..... CW-11
- Cheri George - Palmdale G&M ..... I-3

**SOCIETY**

- Palmdale G&M Club ..... CC-1

I want to thank the Valley Prospectors, the competitors, judges, clerks and the Rules Committee for their efforts in making this a successful Show and Competition.



**BULLETIN CONTEST  
By Cyndy Mandell, Chair**

The 2011 CFMS Bulletin Winners were:

**NEW EDITOR:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angela Brown, Rockhound Rambling, July 2011, Ventura Gem & Mineral Club

**SMALL BULLETIN:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Nelson, Rockhound Ramblins', November 2011, Pasadena Lapidary Society

**LARGE BULLETIN:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Whittier, Ghost Sheet, October 2011, Mother Lode Mineral Society

**JR. OR ADULT FEATURES:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sean Graves, Petroglyphs, December 2011, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Brooks, Petroglyphs, September 2011, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tony Charlton, Petroglyphs, September 2011, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
- 4<sup>th</sup> Leslie Neff & Larry Hoskinson, The Agatizer, August 2011, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral

**JR. ARTICLE:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Isabella Updyke-Welch, The Breccia, September 2011, Santa Clara Valley G&M Society

**ADULT ARTICLE:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Lemaster, The Agatizer, December 2011, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Neely, The Rollin' Rock, May 2011, Roseville Rock Rollers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynn Smith, The Conglomerate, October 2011, Reno Gem & Mineral Society

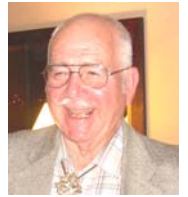


**WEB SITE CONTEST**  
**By Merryan O'Neill, Chair**  
**2011 Web Site Winners**

Congratulations to the following webmasters for their fine work in representing their societies.

- 1<sup>st</sup>** James A. Fosse, Victor Valley G&M Club  
www.vvgmc.org
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Harry Nichandros, Contra Costa M&G Soc  
www.ccmgs.org
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Christine Whittier, Mother Lode Min Soc  
www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Earl Kangas, Sierra Pelona Rock Club  
www.sierrapelona.com
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Sherri Broome, Paradise G&M Club  
www.paradisegem.org

As announced at our Directors' Meeting last month in Riverside, I'm pleased to present **Marion Roberts** as next year's CFMS Representative and First Vice President of the AFMS. Marion has a distinguished background as a Past-President of CFMS, as long-time Chair of our Earth Science Studies Program, as a member of the Rules Committee, and as so many other chairs and functions that he was honored as a Golden Bear last year for his long-time devotion to the California Federation. Let's all lend Marion our support as he represents us starting in November within the American Federation.



*Congratulations, Marion!*



**AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND - CFMS**  
**By Colleen McGann**

My congratulations go to our CFMS Raffle winners for 2012. Prize #14 Bural LaRue: almandine/spessartine garnet on rhyolite. Prize #22 Brenda Burchard: Amber Pendant in sterling silver. Prize #25 Betty Pankey: amethyst sphere. Prize #36 Dee Holland: flintknapped obsidian letter opener.

Thank you all from CFMS that participated in this event.



**LONG RANGE PLANNING**  
**By Jim Brace-Thompson, Chair**  
**Marion Roberts as our Next VP & Representative to AFMS**

Each year, the immediate Past-President of the CFMS becomes Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, and one of the most important duties is asking for volunteers from among all CFMS Past-Presidents to serve as CFMS Representative and Vice President to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This year, we were blessed with three volunteers, so an election was held among all Past-Presidents and all current Executive Committee members.



**CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**By Pat LaRue**

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2013 Officers will be held **November 9 - 11, 2012**, at the **Holiday Inn Plaza Park**, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 2, 2012**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 10, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Bud McMillin will have a brief meeting of his 2013 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m.; time to be announced.

**FALL BANQUET MENU:**

Mixed Field of Greens Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressing on the table.

**Lemon Pepper Chicken**

Marinated and grilled 6 oz. Breast of Chicken. Served with a White Wine Sauce with Lemon, Shallots and Cracked Pepper. Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Mashed Potatoes.

Rocky Road Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce.

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**CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING**

(Banquet Menu Continued)

**-OR-**

**Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)**

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables tossed with Penne Pasta and a Creamy Pesto Sauce. Rocky Road Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce.

**\$30 tax and gratuity included.**

**Make banquet reservations by November 2, 2012.** Mail your check **payable to CFMS** to:

CFMS, PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657

tion is posted on the website and in this issue of the CFMS newsletter (Zzyzx apps. accepted after Sep 1).

I want to thank Anna and John Christiansen for their help at the church camp, put on by Steve McFarlen and his fellowship. In June we worked with the kids (8-12 year olds) on soapstone amulets one day and on memory wire bracelets the next day.

A Memorial Plaque is being made and will be on display at each camp and other functions as will be possible. The Plaque will be titled the Bill and Izzie Burns/E.S.S. Donation Memorial. It will have the names attached of anyone making a donation to the Earth Science Studies. I want to acknowledge Nancy Bird and the North Orange CGMS for these efforts to form this Memorial and making a nice donation. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say THANK YOU!!!

Hoping to be with you for a long time to come!



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**By Ted Magee, Chair**  
**Nominees for 2013 Officers**

The nominating committee hereby submits the following slate for CFMS officers 2013:

- President..... Bud McMillin
- 1st Vice Pres/President-elect .... Jennifer Haley
- 2nd Vice President ..... Tom Burchard
- Treasurer ..... Dee Holland
- Colleen McGann
- Margaret Kolaczyk
- Secretary ..... Robert Sankovich

At any time prior to thirty (30) days before the convention meeting, member societies may send to the nomination committee the names and qualifications of any candidates they wish to nominate for any Federation office.



**JUNIORS ACTIVITIES**  
**By Jim Brace-Thompson**  
**Thanks to All for Kids Booth Help at Our CFMS Show!**

In providing thanks, I'm always torn between a generic "thank you, everyone," which seems too impersonal, and a thanks that lists individual names but that often ends up missing a person or two. Still, I lean toward the personal, so at risk of missing some folks, I wish to issue a personal thank-you to everyone who helped with the Kids Booth at our most recent CFMS Show & Convention. If I've missed you or anyone you know, please alert me so we can correct the inadvertent omission in next month's newsletter. With that said, here goes!

Thank you to Susan Chaisson-Walblom for initiating a Kids Booth at the show this year when none had been planned and to Pat LaRue for picking up on it and providing the space and tables to make it happen. Thank you to Susan and to Terry McMillin for our many emails planning out the booth as the show approached. Thank you to Chris Ward, Bob Knox, and the members of the Del Air club for adding their great Sedimentary, Metamorphic, and Igneous displays to the Kids Booth. Thank you to Cathy Barnett for the face-painting station. Thank you to the following good folks who left their names on our sign-up sheet and generously donated their time running the booth: Nancy Bird, Mary Beth Paladino (great meeting you, Mary Beth!), Louisa Carey, David & Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Jim & Nancy Brace-Thompson, Dave & Elizabeth Weaver, Chris Ward, Bob Knox, Terry McMillin, and Jean Wise. These were the names recorded on our sign-up sheet; if you donated time in the booth but didn't record your name on the sign-up sheet, thank you



**EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES**  
**By Marion Roberts, Chair**

Wow!!! Here it is September already, are either at or getting close to Camp Paradise. Unfortunately I am writing this in the middle of July so I am a bit ahead of what is really going on. As you know **Camp Paradise** starts on **September 2, 2012** but, if you still want to attend, please call Anna or me and we'll do our best to work you in. (application is online [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)). A report on the Camp Paradise experiences will be in the November CFMS newsletter.

**Camp Zzyzx** - The dates for this camp are **March 31, 2013 to April 7, 2013**. The applica-



and please contact me—I'll add you in next month's Juniors Column.

Finally, thank you to all who donated prizes! We ended up with wonderful material for the spinning wheel, from gemstone "spiders" to polished fossil turrnellas to desert roses and Peterson Peak quartz points, to gems, minerals, and fossils. Thank you to Jim & Nancy Brace-Thompson, Bud & Terry McMillin, June Harris, Fred Ott, Jennifer Haley, David & Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Dean and Karen Welder, and Ruth Bailey, and more (again, if I inadvertently missed anyone, please let me know). And thank you to Pat and Bural LaRue for providing the sand-sifting activity and the prizes that went with it. Every time I turned around, another person was handing me a box with prizes! All leftover prizes will be used at the 2013 Show & Convention in Ventura, so the gift you've given will continue to bring joy to kids in the coming year. Thank you again, and see you then!



### **CFMS SCHOLARSHIP** **By Louisa Carey, Chair**

Do you have a nomination for a Scholarship Honoree for the year 2012-2013? This can be anyone in the community and not necessarily a club member. For each Honoree there will be a student who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from CFMS. Especially in today's financial world, these scholarships can make another year of school possible!

All we need is an Honoree to work with the school of their choice to find these deserving folks. I can't wait to hear from you.



### **MEMBERSHIP** **By Fred Ott, Chair** **Welcoming New Members**

I think that everyone would agree that it's very important to have new members feel "welcomed" when attending their first meetings and functions of your society. All too often, however, new members feel that the society is a 'clique' and they leave the meeting without any friendly interaction with other members. One way to avoid this appearance is to make sure that designated individuals (perhaps the current members of the Board of Directors) spend the entire length of the meeting visiting and conversing with the new members. It's a win-win for everyone!



### **VISUAL PROGRAMS** **By Sharon Rogow, Chair**

Well, we have a new name so no one should be under the impression that our programs are limited to slides and videos only. The most popular programs are DVDs & CDs. We are still offering slides & videos but it is getting more & more difficult to find the equipment to accommodate these programs. We are going to transfer the most popular programs to DVD so please contact me to indicate your favorites. Your input is vital!

Just a few reminders: include your phone number & email on the program request form; if you do not hear from me that I have received your request, do not wait until the last minute to contact me about it. Contact me at least 10 days before the showing date. The normal lead time is 30 days. So if you do not hear that I have received your request, DO NOT WAIT! I have had some email glitches and not received one or two forms. I would appreciate a call or email to let me know that you have received it and also when you send it back with a check for \$7.50 per program & some feedback.

Please consider using our programs as we have a lot of quality items to offer and it also raises money for our Federation.

My contact info is:

Sharon Rogow, mobile: 702-499-0272  
email: [Sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:Sharonrr@cox.net)

Please feel free to contact me anytime.



### **EDUCATION THRU SHARING** **By Nancy Bird** **A Rockhound of the Year**

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society has submitted the following member:

Michial Smith, the 2012 Rockhound of the Year for the Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society, has been a lifelong rockhound. From his time as a child in Colorado looking for turquoise with his father who was a dealer, to owning a jewelry store in Florida, and now he is a member of our club and the shop foreman.

Michial has been a member of our society for several years. For the past 4 or so years he has been our Lapidary Shop foreman where he has welcomed new members and taught them how to cut stones. He is always available to help someone with a project or instruction and is quite proficient. Michial has also been serving as our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for the 2012 year, where he has provided some interesting programs.

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## EDUCATION THRU SHARING, contd

Our club is lucky to have him in our membership, and he has enriched the lives of many people by sharing his time and expertise with them. He also has been working at local art fairs and markets selling jewelry that he has made by hand, most of which is set in copper and has had some good business. Any club would be lucky to have a person like Michial Smith in their roster.

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society  
Bruce Kelley, President



## FIELD TRIPS - NORTH

By Jim Barton, Chair

The Labor Day weekend fieldtrip starts Friday, August 31 and runs through Monday, September 3, at the **Snyder's Valley Springs Pow Wow** in Valley Springs, CA. Come join the outdoors celebration, with free admission and parking, of gems, minerals, and jewelry with over 200 vendors, and tent displays and activities for all ages by local CFMS clubs at a working cattle ranch in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada ([www.valleyspringspowwow.com](http://www.valleyspringspowwow.com)).

**The Old Timers Gem and Mineral Club** will have dry camping onsite with pot luck dinners and an oral auction in the evenings. Contact Dick Pankey (925) 439-7509 or [dickpankey@juno.com](mailto:dickpankey@juno.com) for Old Timers details. There are also several lakes with modern campsites near Valley Springs that can be reserved. New Hogan Lake [http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/projects\\_cfm?Id=L212390](http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/projects_cfm?Id=L212390) is just a few miles from the Pow Wow. For reservations, call 1-877-444-6777. See you there!



## CFMS PLAC – SOUTH

By Kim Campbell Erb

### Partnering With Government Agencies

There is much going on currently within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other government agencies that will likely have a significant impact on our future ability to collect gems and minerals in the deserts of Southern California and beyond. This includes the West Mojave ("WEMO") Route Plan, the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, and the federal government's proposed solar energy program, just to name just a few.

It is now necessary that each of us become activists if we want to keep rockhounding alive. We all need to monitor the BLM's and other government agencies' websites to keep abreast of what programs have been proposed that would deny us or restrict access to yet another collecting area, and we need to respond with valid well-reasoned, articulate comments to be sure that our voices are heard.

What I have learned from some of the activists representing other recreational interests that I have had the pleasure to become acquainted with is that we will be taken far more seriously by the government agencies if we develop relationships with them. The best way to develop relationships with them is to become partners with them in a variety of ways that will educate them regarding who we are and what we do, and show them in a real way that we care about the land, the local species and their habitat in the areas where we collect. In doing so, we will gain recognition and respect, and will gain credibility with those making decisions about the public lands where we collect gems and minerals.

There are several ways we can partner with them:

1. Loan educational display cases to their field offices and visitors' centers with [labeled] gem and mineral specimens from the geographic areas over which they have jurisdiction. This would include specimens of gems and minerals we are no longer able to collect because they occur in areas that have been closed to rockhounding. These could be changed from time to time to keep them fresh and interesting. They should be locked to prevent theft.

2. Organize work days for area clean-up, route/trail maintenance, or even habitat restoration at popular collecting areas, in coordination with agency staff. These could be advertised on LA Rocks and other groups to get a high level of participation. This would really get the attention of the agencies, and there is probably no better way to show that we care. A press release could be issued following the event to publicize and get public acknowledgement for rockhounds and your club.

This might best be accomplished by establishing a committee to spearhead this effort, and organize and keep records regarding which club "adopts" which field office or visitor center, and provide information regarding who to contact, the amount of space available for a cases (or cases) and what type of work days are most needed and in which collecting areas.

I would suggest that any group or society start by contacting their local BLM field office to seek out that office's interest in participating with their club. Stress earth science education and BLM's current Great Outdoors project, but be willing to do basic chores like clean-ups if that is what they need most.

Active clubs can begin by identifying gems and minerals collected within the district of a specific field office. Stress to the BLM (or other government agency) that these are uniquely occurring gems or minerals, i.e. natural resources, found within their district. If the field office manager is agreeable, your group can organize, plan out, fund and create its case. Seek out members who have relevant material: rough, specimens, lapidary art and even jewelry. It would be helpful if you could also include material that we are no longer permitted to collect, too. Include educational information about each gem or mineral, a club brochure, and even a mention about the particular individual who created any displayed lapidary art or jewelry. Mention to your members that this is a good opportunity to showcase your club as well as the individual lapidary or jewelry artist.

Schedule an "event" for the installation of the case, and issue a press release. Most agencies issue their own press releases regarding these events, too, so coordinating these events well with the agency will benefit everyone and generate greater recognition for rockhounds in general, your club and your individual contributing members.

It behooves us all to develop a good working relationship with the BLM and other government agencies. They are the stewards of vast acres of public land and are charged with the responsibility to monitor and maintain it. We rockhounds need to remind the stewards that they work for all Americans, not just the most vocal special interests, and we need to show them that we appreciate what they do and give them a reason to appreciate and respect us, too.

### **Special Thanks by the Earth Science Studies Staff**

We would like to recognize Marion Roberts for the many things he has done to help the Earth Science Studies (Camp Paradise and Zzyzx) be the great experiences that they are. Marion has gone the extra mile by keeping in touch with the camp owners throughout each year to keep ahead of any problems and try to resolve them as soon as possible.

He has, for several years arrived 4 to 5 days early with volunteers to help get it ready. For example, he recruited many of the instructors to help chip off old paint and re-paint the deck of the community area so it would be nice for

the campers. He has tackled plumbing problems in the RV area to help the camp host. He made tables with lights to make ours and the camper's worker easier. This year he made tables for Zzyzx. Each year, Marion and the co-coordinators receive letters thanking them for such a wonderful time. Marion and Vivien go up to the kid's summer camp and teach beading, stone carving and give a talk on geodes or other subjects. We do not believe that anyone has more love and dedication to cover the many facets (hire the great food service, rent the camp and retain instructors) to keep this great program.

*Signed by Instructors and Others:* Anna & John Christiansen, Ted & Paula Magee, Audrey Harvey, Mary Ann Sands, Patty Tostenson, Diane Hall, Tak Iwata, Don & Cheri George, Brad & Lisa Murphy, Margaret Kolaczyk, Tom Burchard, Norvie & Ginny Enns, CJ Quitoriano, Jo Burchard, Joy McClure, Gary & Judy Gooch, Betty Egger and Ed Ferner.



### **BYLAWS & OPERATING REGULATIONS**

**By Ruth Bailey, Chair**

In this issue and in the next few months the Bylaws Committee will be publishing approved changes to the Bylaws and Operating Regulations that, unfortunately, have not been included in the CFMS newsletter. It is important that member societies have updated copies of these governing documents.

*Editors Note:* Changes to the Bylaws and Operating Regulations are included as an insert for CFMS members only. They will be distributed in regular page size in the packets at the Visalia Directors Meeting in November by the Executive Secretary, Pat LaRue.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
for the  
2013 CFMS Show & Convention  
Ventura  
May 31 - June 2, 2013**

## 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 52<sup>nd</sup> St. West,  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Email: [schaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:schaisson@yahoo.com)  
Or use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

## 2012

### 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

### Sep 15 & 16: DOWNEY, CA NEW DATE

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: 10am-5pm Daily  
Jon Fuets, (714) 856-7548  
[jfuets@verizon.net](mailto:jfuets@verizon.net)

### September 15 & 16: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Community Park & Building  
27177 – 20 Mule Team Road  
Hours: 8am – 4pm Daily  
Steve Breckenridge (760) 559-0872  
[Rock5b@starband.net](mailto:Rock5b@starband.net)  
David Eyre (760) 762-6861  
[david\\_eyre@mail.com](mailto:david_eyre@mail.com)

### September 15 & 16: PASO ROBLES

Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
Pioneer Park & Museum  
2010 Riverside Avenue  
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily  
Dale Conrad (805) 226-0719  
[www.slrockhounds.org](http://www.slrockhounds.org)

### 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](mailto:mfroese@sbcglobal.net)  
<http://sgms.drifmine.com>

### September 22 & 23: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
John Scott (530) 321-6331  
[jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
[orovillerocks.com](http://orovillerocks.com)

### September 29 & 30: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5  
Janis Rovetti (831) 372-1311  
Cell (831) 521-8226  
[Janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

### September 29 & 30: SANTA ROSA

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Wells Fargo Center for the Art  
50 Mark West Springs Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Jolene Coon (707) 849-9551  
[coons@sonic.net](mailto:coons@sonic.net)  
[srmgs.org](http://srmgs.org)

### September 29 & 30: STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
33 West Alpine Avenue  
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily  
Dorothy Tonnacliff (209) 603-4539  
Jan Bradley (209) 629-3878  
[slmcsow@juno.com](mailto:slmcsow@juno.com)  
[www.stocktonlapidary.com/show](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com/show)

### October 3 - 8: JOSHUA TREE, CA

High Dessert Rockhounds of Moronga Valley  
Joshua Tree Sportsman's Club  
6225 Sunburst Street  
Hours: 9 – 7 Daily  
Wayne Hamilton (760) 366-2916  
Cell (760) 401-0375  
[Waylin2000@msn.com](mailto:Waylin2000@msn.com)  
[www.itsportsmansclub.com/gemshow.htm](http://www.itsportsmansclub.com/gemshow.htm)

### October 7: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
FALL FESTIVAL OF GEMS  
123 West Alvarado Street  
Hours: 10 – 4 Daily  
Vanessa Jones (760) 728-1130  
[www.fgms.org](http://www.fgms.org)

### October 13 & 14: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building)  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily  
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388  
[Webmaster@ncgms.org](mailto:Webmaster@ncgms.org)  
[www.ncgms.org/ourshow.htm](http://www.ncgms.org/ourshow.htm)

### October 13 & 14: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLGMS Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
[slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
[www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/)

### October 13 & 14, VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Ray Pearce(760) 726-7570  
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395  
[ravsrocks@cox.net](mailto:ravsrocks@cox.net)

### October 20 & 21: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Sara Fenske  
[sarafenske@yahoo.com](mailto:sarafenske@yahoo.com)  
[shastagemandmineral.com](http://shastagemandmineral.com)

### October 20 & 21: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One San Antonio Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 11-4  
Steve Jobe (408) 834-5384  
[steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.pggr.org](http://www.pggr.org)

### October 20 & 21: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily  
Arlene Williams, (530) 676-2472  
[info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
[www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

### October 20 & 21: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Blvd.  
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily  
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239  
[joemar1@verizon.net](mailto:joemar1@verizon.net)

### October 26 & 27: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: Fri. 3-9; Sat. 10-5  
Mary Beth Pio (818) 349-2943  
[info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)  
[www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

### November 2 - 4: EUREKA, CA

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society  
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds  
3750 Harris Street  
Hours: Fri. 9-6; Sat. & Sun. 10-5  
Toni Tyson (707) 502-9574  
Diane Reed (707) 839-2079  
[bluiis911@msn.com](mailto:bluiis911@msn.com)

### November 3 & 4: CONCORD, CA

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



**November 3 & 4: LANCASTER, CA**  
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Avenue H  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
[pgmc@antelecom.net](mailto:pgmc@antelecom.net)  
[www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://www.palmdalegemandmineral.com)

**November 3 & 4: RIDGECREST, CA**  
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours: 9 – 5 Daily  
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905  
[IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com](mailto:IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com)  
[www.indianwell.weebly.com](http://www.indianwell.weebly.com)

**November 3 & 4: SAN DIEGO, CA**  
San Diego Mineral & Gem Society  
Al Bahr Shrine Center  
5440 Kearny Mesa Road  
Hours: Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bob Hancock (619) 889-6886  
[RHBOBHANCOCK@2cs.com](mailto:RHBOBHANCOCK@2cs.com)  
[www.sdmg.org/](http://www.sdmg.org/)

November 3 & 4: SACRAMENTO, CA  
Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Temple  
6151 H Street  
Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Stanley Henneman (916) 363-5011  
[lakota27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lakota27@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.sacramentomineralsociety.org](http://www.sacramentomineralsociety.org)

**November 10 & 11: YUBA CITY, CA**  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Katie Slightam (530) 673-9649  
[mktalternatives@comcast.net](mailto:mktalternatives@comcast.net)  
[www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

**November 17 & 18: OXNARD, CA**  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Brett Johnson (805) 822-3836  
[showinfo@oxnardgem.com](mailto:showinfo@oxnardgem.com)  
[www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com)

**December 7 & 9: SAN BERNARDINO, CA**  
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Western Regional Little League Ball Park  
6707 Little League Drive  
Hours: 9am to dusk daily  
<http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

## 2013

**March 3 & 4: ARCADIA, CA**  
Monrovia Rockhounds  
The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
(Ayers Hall)  
301 South Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9 – 4:30 Daily  
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
[joannaritchey@gmail.com](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
[www.moroks.com](http://www.moroks.com)

**March 2 & 3: VENTURA, CA**  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W. Harbor Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4  
Krishna Juarez (805) 320-1094  
[Abaris2007@gmail.com](mailto:Abaris2007@gmail.com)  
[www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

**March 23 & 24: TORRANCE, CA**  
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Boulevard  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bill Sudduth (310) 787-7851  
[Sudduth3@msn.com](mailto:Sudduth3@msn.com)  
[www.palosverdes.com/sblap](http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap)

**April 20 & 21: SAN JOSE, CA**  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road, San Jose  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Frank Mullany (408) 265-1422  
[info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
[scvgms.org](http://scvgms.org)

## **“California Rocks” 2013 Annual CFMS Show & Convention**

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### **When**

**MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2013**

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4

### **Where**

**Ventura County Fairgrounds**  
10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA

### **Show Contact**

Show Chair Rob Sankovich  
[msorca@adelphia.net](mailto:msorca@adelphia.net) (805) 494-7734

### **Dealer Inquiries**

[CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com](mailto:CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com)  
(805) 765-1252

### **Website**

[www.cfms2013.com](http://www.cfms2013.com)

## 2012 FEDERATION SHOWS

**South Central Federation**  
**Aug. 25 & 26 - Jasper, TX**

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

**Southeast Federation**  
**Oct. 19 -21: Tampa, FL**

## 2013 FEDERATION SHOWS

**California Federation**  
**May 31-Jun 2: Ventura, CA**

**Eastern Federation**  
**Apr. 5 – 7: Long Island, NY**

**Midwest Federation**  
**Apr. 6 – 7: Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Northwest Federation**  
**Aug. 1 –18: Butte, Montana**

**Southeast Federation**  
**\*\*AFMS Show\*\***  
**Sep 20–22: Jacksonville, Florida**

## 2014 FEDERATION SHOWS

**Northwest Federation**  
**Aug. 15 – 17: Hermiston, Oregon**

**Midwest Federation**  
**Oct. 18 – 19: Des Moines, Iowa**

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

## 2015 FEDERATION SHOWS

**South Central Federation**  
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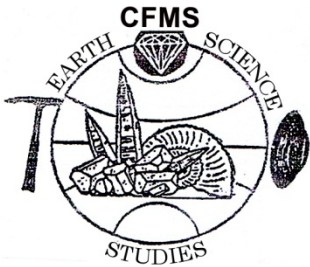
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### **PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Bob Stultz - Show Consultant South - (530) 243-3024**

**or**

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



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We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar to be held at Soda Springs (ZZYZX) located approximately 50 miles northeast of Barstow, CA, OFF Hwy I-15 at Zzyzx Rd.

Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress, and desk. Cleaning is the occupant's responsibility. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag and any creature comforts you may desire, i.e. lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV PARKING is approximately 1/4 mile from the center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are located in separate building at the center and are communal.

The Earth Science Committee retains the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center, consequently, NO PETS ARE ALLOWED. A limited number of reservations are available and early application is recommended. Subject to change, these classes will be offered.

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**NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER MARCH 1, 2013 unless a replacement is provided.** A \$25.00 Administration fee will be assessed for cancellations made prior to March 1, 2013.

**Please complete the Registration Form below and mail it with full payment, payable to C.F.M.S.**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY CONTACT:**

MARION ROBERTS  
(209) 538-0197  
email: mvroberts@bigvalley.net

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

AUDREY HARVEY  
3363 Tuxford Place  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
(805) 492-2253

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CAMP DATE: MARCH 31 to APRIL 7, 2013**

**REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2013**

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