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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AT VENTURA WILL BE
THURSDAY, MAY 30TH
AT 1:00 PM



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE "TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK"

Three responses came in on three different questions this month. Let me start with the response about the Bulletin Competition. The responder was a three year editor of one society and a one year editor of another society. She entered the contest and did not like the judging. One judge gave her an 80 and the other gave her a 94. Her feeling was that the scoring was so far off that it was discouraging and she would not enter the contest again. She has since been asked to judge the contest for another Federation. My only reply is that we are all individuals and see things differently. Subjective judging gives the judge the opportunity to base their scores on the instructions given them by the Chairman of the contest and their own life experiences. We can only hope that the judge applies the same criteria to all the contestants equally. Maybe Dot could explain how the judges are selected, are they from our Federation or another and what are the criteria/instructions given to the judges. I encourage the responder to continue to participate in the contest because "we get better when we are judged by our peers".

The next response was about a society currently sponsoring a Junior Rockhound group. This responder, I know, is an educator and a member of a society that has 42 juniors, so he might have a slightly different perspective than a person not in the education field. I am only going to quote the last paragraph of his remarks because I think it very succinctly sums up what he thinks. "Why do we have a junior rock hound group? We have one to fulfill dreams, inspire curiosity, create friendships, bring friends and family closer

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2013 CFMS CALENDAR

Apr 15..... AFMS Program Competition Due
Apr 27..... PLAC - Land Use Seminar
May 31- Jun 2.. CFMS Show & Convention, Ventura, CA
Aug 25-30..... Camp Paradise - Week # 1
Sept 1-5 Camp Paradise - Week # 2
Sept 20 - 22..... AFMS Show & Convention, Jacksonville, FL
Nov 8-10 Fall Directors Meeting & Installation of Officers

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Articles for the NEWSLETTER are
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to the Month of Publication!



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NOMINATIONS
CJ QUITORIAN - CHAIR

Hi Everyone!

It's the time of year to send in your nominations for CFMS officers!

If you are someone, or know someone, who wants to run for office, please send in your nominations before May 30th in order for the nominations to be announced at the CFMS show in Ventura!

A letter from your club President nominating you will work just fine. You can e-mail your nomination to me, or snail mail it.

Make sure to tell us all about your nominee and what qualifies him or her for the position.

The Secretary position will be open next year, but you can run for any officer position! Except President of course!

See you at the show in Ventura!

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS
From Pat Larue

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ALL AMERICAN AWARDS
BY DOT BEECHLER - CHAIR

ALL AMERICAN REPORT

The call for the All American books due on February 28 produced **ONE BOOK!**

The DEL AIR ROCKHOUNDS entered a book for the first time. The club is to be thanked for their efforts in preparing a book to show their club history for 2012.

This book is presently being judged. Results of this judging will be announced at the CFMS show and meeting in May.



FIELD TRIPS - NORTH

FROM JIM BARTON

Field trip season is getting started, and it's time to think safety while traveling and working outdoors. While visiting and working in river valleys and desert dry washes, we need to be aware that flash floods can occur with little warning, even when a storm is miles away in the mountains. If you see or hear the water approaching, get to higher ground immediately. If caught in the flood, do what river rafters do when dumped into the water, try not to panic and position yourself on your back with your head upstream to protect it from submerged rocks. Always be alert to your surroundings, and have a safe and fun experience outdoors.
Thanks.



President's Message - Continued from Page 1

together, and raise a subliminal to overt awareness of Earth Sciences. If what we are doing is worth doing, why would anyone NOT have a junior group? I'm proud of our juniors and students and enjoy contemplating what they'll share with the following generation".

WOW!! I love that reply.

The third response was on Electronic Newsletter for Societies and the CFMS. This society rarely mails out newsletters to members. They found that when they sent them out electronically some members would forward them to former members and folks who decline to pay their dues and contribute to the Society. Then they would show up at field trips and say they received notice through the newsletter. This Society will e-mail only if they are not going to have the newsletter out by the first of the month. They have received feedback that the members prefer the paper version to read and refer to. However, they are considering making the electronic version an option to members in lieu of the paper version.

In my Society, the MLMS, that is the compromise we have established. We mail out the paper version, in black and white, printed at a cost of 5 cents a page, plus postage, to about 85 members that have requested a paper version. The other 220 members get a **color e-mail** copy, that would cost 79 cents a page to print, plus postage, that they can print themselves.

My responder also said the younger members will read the CFMS newsletter on their computers or print it and enjoy it. The clubs like to have the three mailed copies and their Society does encourage members to read the CFMS newsletter on the Federation website.

Questions for next month:

CFMS INSURANCE PROGRAM

We are right in the middle of gathering information on each and every society, so Patt McDaniel, of McDaniel Insurance Services, can obtain a quote from another insurance carrier. We need your Society information to complete this process so be sure to have your Society Insurance Chair, or secretary, return the questionnaire by the April due date. Besides the cost, what do you think about the program we have now? You can talk about our Liability Policy, Directors and Officers Liability, Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage, Special Event certificate/endorsements and Vendor – Special Event Liability Insurance. Is everything you need on the website? Do the sample forms adequately assist you in filling out the required forms? If you have a question, how accommodating is McDaniel Insurance Services?

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

This is kind of a signature event for the CFMS. I do not know how many other Federations have a program like ours but it cannot be as good a program as the one we have. We have some wonderful instructors teaching a variety of interests in our hobby. Most of the instructors do not get reimbursed enough to cover their cost to take the time to travel to the ESS site and possibly take up to three weeks out of their busy life to teach. Does anybody have any suggestions on how to make this program better? I am talking about advertising, price, accommodations, classes and teachers. Are we staying current with the trends in our hobby? Honestly, I am expecting nothing but praise for this program.

I received three comments last month – how about four this month?

All eight questions are open for comment.

“TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK”

Thank you for all that you do for your Federation.

Bud





EDUCATION THRU SHARING

From Nancy Bird - Chair

Tony Charlton has been a member of the **El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society** for 10 years. His passion for collecting, lapidary work and photography became evident to us early on.

Over the years, Tony has consistently shared his interests and skills by supervising lapidary workshops and giving presentations at junior and general membership meetings and for other societies. He also prepared and presented a special projected microcrystal display for our rock and gem shows. He has led many field trips including some to one of his favorite nearby crystal collecting areas.

You will always see at least one case display by Tony at every Rock & Gem Show, the County Fair's Minerals Building display that we host and at our society's annual County Library display. His fossil, crystal and mineral displays are exceptional.

At our general meetings, he often brings samples of what he has collected and jewelry he has made so that other members can see and enjoy it. He has also generously donated beautiful material for our raffles and other society needs.

Tony once explained that his interests in earth sciences began in early childhood. He started collecting at age 2 during the time he and his family lived in New Mexico. At age 4, he found a brachiopod fossil in the desert near Albuquerque. Even at that age, he realized that something that "doesn't belong" in a certain place could be worthy of collecting! At age 11, his discovery of rare leaf fossil impressions near Silver Lake, CA, encouraged him to further pursue collecting and study.

Tony was our Lapidary Chairperson for several years. In 2013, he will be on our Board of Directors as 2nd Vice President.

We are inspired by his consistent sharing of interests in earth science. We proudly nominate Tony Charlton for our **Rockhound of the Year**.

Bob Graton, President, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

I have been a member of the **Reno Gem and Mineral Society** for 13 years. I have seen good Presidents and I have seen average Presidents. The person I am nominating for 2013 Rock Hound of the Year has been an EXCELLENT President. Linda Johnston had a difficult year in 2012. We had a leaky roof and an unavailable and unresponsive landlord among other problems. Linda stepped up and demanded change in member attitudes and action. Because of her take charge attitude a large number of holding actions finally were accomplished and she formed a Steering Committee to help lead us going forward. As Past President, she has agreed to continue leading the Steering Committee in 2013. This woman has made a huge difference in the quality of Reno Gem and Mineral and it gives me satisfaction to put her name forward as this year's nomination for the award of **Rock Hound of the Year!**

Jennifer Rhodes, RGMS - CFMS Director

The **Pasadena Lapidary Society** is honored to have the remarkable Carolyn Duncan among our members. Having developed a love of rocks in her early years she was frustrated by what she considered "those lying rock maps" and an inability to identify collectible specimens. After joining the Pasadena Lapidary Society she learned that, while on her own, she had been right in the area of great specimens and now, with the help of club members, she could identify them! She had contracted "Rock Fever"! She acquired her first tumbler in 1974 and a trim saw soon after. She enrolled in classes such as cabochon making, rock polishing and glass fusion to enhance her appreciation of the hobby. Eventually, Carolyn became a member of the Metal Arts Society where she learned to merge lapidary and silversmithing, wire wrapping, form folding, tube setting and silver fusing. She brings her expertise back to the Pasadena Lapidary Society by teaching others and exhibiting leadership as the club's Vice President and Program Chair. We are proud to name Carolyn Duncan as our **Rockhound Of The Year!**



VISUAL PROGRAMS

BY SHARON ROGOW - CHAIR

No lectures, no begging, no reminders, , , this time! Instead, I will list some of the new additions now available from our library. I will do the same for the next few issues & we will also put them on the web site.

First I want to mention that “F 46” Utah Trips & Treasures, “F 49” Topaz Mountain Story and V 122 “The Obsidian Trail” are all now available on DVD. Just use the original number adding “**on DVD**” when ordering.

1. DVD 36, Virgin Valley Opals, How opals are collected and some found specimens, over 4 min., short but worthwhile.
2. DVD 37 Disc 1, Wonderful World of Agates Symposium including Mexican Agates, 24 min. Recent Agate findings in Germany, 23 min. The Beauty of Banded Agates, 26 min. & Reflections on Formation of Agates, 17 min. DVD 39 Disc 2, The Lowdown on “Lakers”, 28 min. Thundereggs of the US, 24 min., Host Rock of Thundereggs, 26 min. and Mining Agate & Jasper, 21 min.
3. DVD 40, Disc 3, includes Agate Creek, Australia 27 min., Lake Superior Agate, 24 min.
4. DVD 41, Disc 4, includes Sweetwater Moss Agates of WY, 10 min., Coconut Geodes, 19 min., Agates Close Up, 23 min.
5. DVD 42, Disc 5 includes Ribbon Cutting, 2 min. Award to June Culp Zeitner, 17 min., Exhibits, 15 Min.
6. DVD 50 The Mystery of Giant Crystals, 50 min. won't play on USA DVD player, use a laptop or PC.
7. DVD 51, Flint knapping, 45 min.
8. DVD 52, Jewelry Workshops by Nanz Aalund, intermediate level.
9. DVD 53, American Federation Cabochon Making.
10. DVD 54, Rock Markings, Stories on Stone, Petroglyphs, 40 min.
11. DVD 55, What's Beneath America? Geological, 43 min.
12. DVD 56, Cuttlebone Casting, Instructional, 30 min.
13. DVD 57, Red Treasure of the Rockies, Rhodochrosite, story of the Sweet Home Mine, 2 segments, 40 min. each.

I hope that these new listings will be helpful to you so let me hear from you. Check out the web site in a week or two. They will be there shortly.

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CFMS NEEDS YOU!

If your Society is interested in hosting the 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017 CFMS Show & Convention, PLEASE CONTACT:

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OPENING DOORS AND EXPANDING MINDS

BY JUNE CONEY-HARRIS, SCVGMS MEMBER - BULLETIN AIDS CHAIR

Wow! What an incredible day. It was a real boost for the hobby of rock hounding, our area Boys Scouts, and the advancement of interest in geology. The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society held its fourth Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Day. We signed up 180 boys and turned away over 100 more. In fact, we are still having scout leaders sending in e-mails to sign up for our next event.

We had 148 boys earn the geology merit badge and two boys who earned a partial and are working toward the completion of it soon. That is 150 boys who were seriously interested in geology. They were introduced to industry professionals and serious hobbyists who all had not only a love for geology and rocks, but a dedication to advancing interest in the earth sciences. We had 18 adults who worked that day to provide a superior program for the scouts to earn their merit badge: Five Merit Badge Counselors, Nine Instructors, and Four Support Staff Members.

The scouts learned about careers in geology, the three types of rocks and their origins, minerals and their identifying properties, mining, reading geological maps, studying rock formations, how to use a chart to identify rocks and minerals, road building, and how geology is used in construction. They became better educated group of scouts and many with a much greater appreciation for geology.

Hopefully, we have been able to open a door for these boys to enter the field of earth sciences as a vocation, or at the very least, an avocation. We plan to continue with our program and hopefully we can introduce more scouts to our wonderful hobby yearly.

What is your club doing to advance the hobby young people in your community? Want to know how to put on a day like ours? Contact me at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or call me at 831-438-5150. I would love to talk to you about our program.

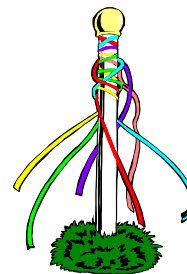
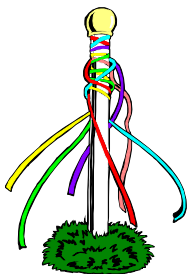
CFMS RULES COMMITTEE

CHERI GEORGE - 2013 CHAIR

So far we have 8 competitive entries for the CFMS Show & Convention May 31-Jun2, 2013. Where is everybody? It is getting closer to the Exhibit Entry Deadline of April 15, and Dee has said that he will accept late entries up to the 20th.

As many of you were competitors at the Riverside Convention last year in July, you may not have paid any attention to the plate on your trophy that you received for your winning exhibit. We had a little glitch in the plates and some of them have 14 June 2012 instead of 14 July 2012 imprinted on them. We are aware of this problem and are offering this solution to you. If you are interested in having the plate on your trophy replaced with the correct date please contact Frank Mullaney at rockyfiv@aol.com, and he will gladly prepare a new plate for your trophy at no charge to you. Please include in the e-mail, the full imprint message appearing on your plate, not including the date. This information is very important as it reflects your hard work in that Division and shows your achievement. It is not something that you HAVE to do, but only if you NEED this to be replaced. If you have any questions, please contact me Cheri George at lizardwoman3@yahoo.com and I will endeavor to answer them for you.

The rules committee is looking forward to seeing you all at the CFMS Show & Convention in Ventura in May.





**JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
DINOSAURS IN CALIFORNIA
BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON - CHAIR**

The Kids' Booth at our 2013 CFMS Show & Convention will be centered around dinosaurs. You'll find dinosaur activities, special dino-related grab bags, a dinosaur speaker (Richard Wade), and, to tie the booth into the overall show theme of "*California Rocks!*" you'll see a display all about dinosaurs that have been found in California. So be sure to bring the kids or grandkids since kids seem to be genetically predisposed to love dinos!

While in So-Cal, you might extend your trip to take in the new Dinosaur Hall at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (900 Exposition Blvd., L.A., www.nhm.org). The 14,000 square foot hall is world class, featuring more than 300 fossils and 20 complete mounts as well as murals. Kids can interact with touch screen multimedia displays to test their dino-knowledge, and a mezzanine level features a series of exhibits organized by questions kids often ask about dinos, such as, "What did they eat?" The whole hall is a perfect blend of old fashioned museum display values with new fangled multimedia aimed at learning while having fun!

**2013 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR NONCOMPETITIVE EXHIBITORS
JIM BRACE-THOMPSON
CFMS 2013 SHOW PUBLICITY CHAIR**

Competitive exhibitors at our upcoming CFMS Show in Ventura will have the opportunity to meet and talk with judges after judging is over and awards have been presented. They'll be able to learn why they earned the scores they did and how they might improve their exhibits for future shows. This is always one of the most valuable parts of participating in competitive exhibiting. But what about those of us entering noncompetitive displays? Dee Holland and Shirley Leeson have volunteered to provide such a learning opportunity for noncompetitive exhibitors at this year's Show. For anyone interested, they will make themselves available to provide gentle critiques and helpful hints. So if you've decided not to enter competition this year, here's a chance to prepare your case for competition next year. Time and place will be announced at the Show in your Exhibitor's Welcome Packet and on posters in the exhibit hall.



**AFMS ENDOWMENT
2013 RAFFLE**

AFMS 2013 Endowment Fund raffle is building up for this year. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. The AFMS show is on Sept. 20-22 in Jacksonville, FL, so there is lots of time to buy tickets again and again. You do not need to attend the Florida show to win. Prizes include fossils, mineral specimens, jewelry and books. There is plenty of time for California club members to send donations for the raffle to RJ Harris, 1109 Gunstock Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17050, 717-795-0922, roqfreq@rjharris.com.

Please contact me to purchase for your club or individual tickets. Send to Colleen McGann, PO Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0224. CFMS always has winners and you can be one of them this year.



**CFMS WEB SITE ADDITIONS
MERRYAN O'NEILL,
INTERNET COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The CFMS Web Site home page has a couple of new features.

There are links to the current year's CFMS newsletters. To view all newsletters, you can still click on the "Newsletter" link at the top of the page.

A calendar of upcoming deadlines and events has also been added to the home page. You can see a printable 2013 Calendar and CFMS Events and Deadlines by clicking on the "Calendar" link at the top of the page.

To visit the CFMS web site, go to www.cfmsinc.org. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at logtown49@gmail.com

CFMS SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS
JOIN THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE 2013 CFMS SHOW:
DONATE MATERIALS
RON WISE, VENTURA & OXNARD GEM & MINERAL SOCIETIES

Have you ever participated in a silent auction? If the answer is “yes” please read this article and send me any suggestions you think will help. If the answer is “no” here is the way we propose to run the silent auction at the 2013 CFMS Show in Ventura. For both old timers who have attended many a show and newcomers to our hobby, here's your chance to participate.

The three local Ventura County clubs (the Conejo, Oxnard, and Ventura clubs) have good local material we'll be donating to the auction. However, these clubs alone don't have the type and quality of material to run a silent auction for the full three days of the show. These three local clubs have pledged to provide the man power to run the auction, as well as whatever rocks they can provide, but they'll definitely need your help to provide enough quality items for bidding. Anyone donating materials for the silent auction (quality rocks, fossils, lapidary materials, petrified wood, geodes, etc.) will receive a receipt for that donation. We ask that you label any items you donate to indicate what it is, where it was found, and a suggested value.

We're proposing the following Silent Auction procedures:

Silent Auctions will run on a cycle with start and end times announced on the loudspeaker (most likely, one auction round every hour).

Items will be placed with a bid sheet, stating what the material is and a minimum or starting bid.

After selecting a rock you would like to bid on, sign up with the minimum bid or a bid higher than the preceding bid.

You may bid on as many items as you wish.

You can bid as many times as you wish to win the bid. Note that near the end of the auction, other rock hounds oftentimes swoop in at the last moment to out bid you, especially on quality materials, so if there's something you really, really want, you'll need to guard your bid!

Bid increments will start at the minimum bid or 1.00 dollar over the last bid. After a bid of 20 dollars the next bid is 5dollars higher.

Announcements will be made over the loudspeaker when five minutes are left in a round and the next announcement will end that round of the Silent Auction. All bidding ends at that time, the highest bidder wins the rock.

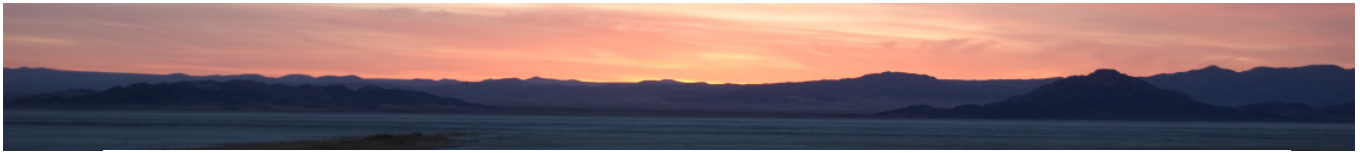
Finally, we will add a “Buy It Now” price tag to items set out for that round of the silent auction. The “Buy It Now” price will be considerably higher than the minimum bid. Once a bid has been placed on that item the “Buy it Now” option is off and the item must proceed through the auction cycle.

We welcome suggestions and feedback you may have about these procedures. To provide your thoughts, call me at 805-647-4393, or e-mail me at clintwise@hotmail.com.

Silent auctions are a great way for you to evaluate a great variety of materials and to purchase quality items at a good price, often at just a fraction of the item's commercial value. Plan to spend some time at the Silent Auction during the CFMS Show this June in Ventura. Bring some rocks to donate to the cause and bring extra money because who knows what wonderful material you may be able to pick up!

ps If you promise not to bid on the items I'm bidding on, I will do the same for you! ☺





First Impression of Zzyzx Creates Lasting Memory

BY GENE STIRM, TEHACHAPI CA

The sun was about to peek over the horizon when I pulled into the parking lot of Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx, for the CFMS Earth Science Studies spring camp, better known to Rock Hounds as Camp Zzyzx. This was my first visit to Zzyzx. Because of my schedule, I had to miss the first day orientation. I arrived alone, my wife had prior commitments and no one from our club was attending, in fact, I knew **none** of the attendees. I parked, sucked in a breath of fresh desert air, looked around, and wondered what the week had in store, would they be friendly or would I be an outsider?

I have been sculpting stone, smithing and making various jewelry pieces for some time, but only started cutting stone this past year. Cutting slabs of obsidian for napping on an old tile saw to conserve material. But you know how it goes, once you slice a rock and find the treasure within, you can't stop.

I bought a cabbing setup in November 2012, and started teaching myself to cut and polish, so my focus at Camp Zzyzx was to make sure my technique was heading in the right direction. At 8:00 AM, while the rest of the camp was at breakfast, I located the lapidary setup, parked myself in a chair and waited for the first class to begin.

At 9 o'clock sharp, classes started all over the compound. Tom Burchard, our lapidary instructor, started his class by trumpeting on a real bullhorn. After a quick introduction, we all dove into trays of provided stone slabs. As our 'first project' we were required to make a round and oval cabochon before trying anything else. The lapidary setup had three trim saws and eight cabbing machines available and before long, everyone was busy. Equipment belonged to Tom or was on loan from Diamond Pacific, making it possible to create a beautiful cabochon without owning a single tool or even have a stone. In my opinion, that alone is worth the price of admission.

Tom is an excellent instructor with unfathomable patience, working with all skill levels. For me,

having an opportunity to make several cabs before hand, I had samples of problems I was having and a list of questions prepared before I arrived. By the second day, I had completed my first two 'required' cabs, corrected any bad habits and was now ready to experiment. I was interested in a particular machine that I was thinking of purchasing and got to really try it out, even discuss it's pros and cons with the factory rep. It turned out that the feature I was interested in could be duplicated on my machine, saving me over a thousand dollars.

On day three, I began to move on to other classes and found Tom was not a fluke, all the instructors I worked with were equally talented, knowledgeable and patient. Whatever your interest, you will find some form or variation being taught. And what is even more fun, things you never thought of trying or knew existed are there to peek your interest, offering new challenges or open worlds of creative possibilities.

However, I must caution you, beyond the joy of exploring the worlds of Earth Sciences, there is a danger. Behind ever tree, around every corner and across ever table is a friendly face and a warm smile. Couple that with the great food and outdoor fun it's a true rock heaven. I came to Zzyzx not knowing any of the instructors or participants and left with a heart full of new friends.

Returning home, I was greeted with snow and temps in the 20^s, but the warmth of memories, feeling of accomplishment and new found camaraderie, was like sitting by a warm fire, a comfort indescribable. I will return and this time bring my wife.



Betty Egger and Marion Roberts demonstrate Straw Casting

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EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

CAMP PARADISE

12725 La Porte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930

Emergency Phone Number for Camp Paradise 530-675-2625

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1 will incur a \$25.00 Administration Fee.
2. No refunds on cancellations after this date unless a substitute is provided.

Make Checks Payable to: CFMS EARTH SCIENCES and send to: Anna Christiansen 245 N 6th Avenue Oakdale CA 95361-3124 209-847-1173 Achrist361@sbcglobal.net

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Phone: 209-538-0197

Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st, 2013 at 1:00 PM

CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approx. 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms with double beds (for couples) and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. **Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.**

CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.

***** CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY *****

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received information.

PLEASE CUT ALONG LINE and KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCES

REGISTRATION FORM

___ Week 1 August 25 - 30, 2013 ___ Week 2 September 1 - 6, 2013

\$375 A PERSON - PER WEEK

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

CLUB _____

Accommodations (Circle One) **Couples Dorm** **Dorm** **Cabin** **RV Area**

Would Like to Room With _____ (if possible)

Special Needs: Food _____ Diabetic _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

(explain briefly) _____

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

Animals will be allowed in the **RV Area Only** and must be kept on a leash and picked up after.

Any violation could result in adherence to their No Pets Rule.

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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Please submit your Show or Event information as soon as you have a date.

E-Mail or mail to:
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Susan Chaisson-Walblom
42122 52nd St. West,
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

E-Mail: slchaisson@yahoo.com

Or use the ONLINE SHOW FORM at www.cfmsinc.org (click on Shows)

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
www.scvgms.org

April 20 & 21: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road (at Borchard Road)
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net

April 27 & 28: 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
cjq_62@yahoo.com
www.avgem.weebly.com

April 27 & 28: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Civic Center Auditorium
Center Street & Church Street
Hours: 10 -5 Daily
Julia Cornblatt (831) 687-0509
scruzmg@gmail.com
www.scmgs.org

May 3, 4 & 5: BISHOP, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Bishop Fairgrounds
Sierra & Fair Streets
Fri. 6pm-9pm; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 9:30-3
Steve Mobley (760) 793-6025
steve@littlebearsteve.com

May 4 & 5: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30
John Walker (503) 703-9465
john_walker3@juno.com
searchersrocks.org

May 4 & 5: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2110 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Kim Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
slrockhounds.org

May 4 & 5: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Scherer Center
12202 First Street
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731
Res09ayd@verizon.net
<http://www.Yvgms.org/wiki/>

May 11 & 12: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center
1350 N. Wells Ave.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Steve Norman (775) 358-7322
Cell (775) 560-4782
Snorm11@hotmail.com
www.renorockhounds.com

**May 31 - June 2: VENTURA, CA
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Conejo - Oxnard - Ventura Gem & Mineral Societies
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
Dealers Inquiries:
CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com
(805) 765-1252
www.cfms2013.com

June 8 & 9: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gem & Mineral Society
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 8 & 9: LA HABRA, CA

N. Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Soc.
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Loretta Ogden (909) 598-2456
donogden@aol.com
fbriktr1@aol.com
nocgms.com

July 13 & 14: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Rick Shaffer (310) 391-8429
info@culvercityrocks.org
www.culvercityrocks.org

Aug 30-Sept 2: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri.-Sun. 10 - 6; Mon. 10 - 4
Jerry Sommer (707) 937-1833

September 28 & 29: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockeford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Jerold Kyle (209) 368-9411
jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

Sept. 28 & 29: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Jolene Coon (707) 849-9551
jolene4rmgs@gmail.com
srmgs.org





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FROM YOUR EDITOR

**TOM BURCHARD
2ND VICE PRESIDENT**

I want to personally “Thank” Diamond Pacific for their generous donation of their “40th Anniversary” Genie cabbing machine. The Executive Committee has accepted the donation for the benefit of the CFMS & ESS. We sold a lot of raffle tickets at Zzyzx, and hope to sell even more at CFMS Ventura. See us at the ESS Table and we’ll get you started.

The support of CFMS/ESS by Diamond Pacific over time has enabled us to teach at least 2 or 3 times as many people to shape and polish beautiful rocks than we would otherwise have been able to.

Remember that I’ve asked for ‘input’ from the general membership of our federation? My first ‘contributor’ has an article on Page 9. How can I not include it, though he has glowing things to say about me?

We have around 30 cases in competition at CFMS/Ventura! We were hoping for more, BUT, Thanks to all for joining in to give yourselves, and us, a chance to improve our exhibiting skills. Higher quality exhibits has always benefited our ‘draw’ to recruit new rock hounds.



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EASTERN FEDERATION
April 5 - 7: Long Island, NY

MIDWEST FEDERATION
April 6 - 7: Lincoln, NE

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION
May 31 - June 2: Ventura, CA

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
August 16 - 18: Butte, MT

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION
****AFMS SHOW****
September 20 - 22: Jacksonville, FL

**2014 FEDERATION
SHOWS**

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
August 15 - 17: Hermiston, OR

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
FEDERATION**
****AFMS SHOW****
September 13 - 15: Denver, CO

MIDWEST FEDERATION
October 18 - 19 - Des Moines, IA

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