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2013 CFMS CALENDAR

Nov 8-10 Fall Directors Meeting & Installation of Officers
 Dec 1 Deadline for January 2014 - Newsletter Articles



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I was asked a very thought provoking question to answer. Let me explain. My daughter was married on September 22nd and at the reception we met our new son-in-law's God Parents who had flown here from another state for the wedding. They knew that Terry and I are rockhounds and wanted to know if we knew anybody that might like a "museum quality" rock collection. She had a step-dad that was a rockhound all his life. His home was filled with rocks, they were everywhere. He began collecting at about 8 years old and passed away when he was in his early 80's, and they still have his rock collection in storage. 50 boxes of rocks have been in storage for almost two decades. They tried to dispose of the collection by calling all the rock clubs they could find within 200 miles of the three places they lived over the last 20 years. All her step-dad asked was that whoever got his rocks agreed to display the really good ones so the public could enjoy them.

They have been unable to find anybody willing to take the collection. So many excuses: we do not have our own facility, it sounds like too much work, we would have to build shelves, it would cost too much to come and get them and we do not have enough members to do that. Everybody told them to bring the collection by and they would take a look. Even the Smithsonian told them to deliver it and they would take a look. Their question to me was "Why are rock clubs so complacent that they do not want to make the effort to reap the benefits of obtaining a "museum quality" rock collection?"

I thought that was a wonderful question and something that I have been thinking about for the last week. Why do our societies drop a member or two a year until the society "grays out" and folds up or they run out of money to support their society? Why do societies not actively attempt to

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BY CJ QUITORIANO, CHAIR



We've been asked to 'Introduce' Kim Campbell Erb, your Nomination for Secretary of CFMS. I will paraphrase from the two nominations (San Diego Mineral & Gem Society and Searchers Gem & Mineral Society) and a Letter of Recommendation from Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club.

In her professional life she has served as Corporate Counsel for privately held corporations and in that capacity has prepared agendas for and taken minutes at annual meetings and drafted and distributed many corresponding documents.

Kim is a dedicated rock hound who with her husband Jay, spend many hours collecting rocks, minerals and specimens in the desert. Because of her interest in the desert, she began attending the BLM's Desert Advisory Council meetings and she has gained knowledge of the workings of this body. In December 2011 she was appointed by the BLM to a seat on the Desert Advisory Council to represent Recreation. This was approved at the highest level of the Department of Interior, Washington D.C.

She has been the 'Director' for Searchers Gem & Mineral Society and a Rock Hound Activist. She has also served in various capacities with respect to our clubs annual Show.

She is dedicated to preserving the hobby of rockhounding for the future. Kim is a 'can do' individual who meets the challenges placed before her.

Kim's skills in the field of diplomacy would serve her and the CFMS Executive board well.

We ask that you support Kim Campbell Erb for Secretary of the CFMS in the coming year.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

TOM BURCHARD
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Whooee! This has been a busy year. We're all back from Florida, safe and sound I hope. The Jacksonville SEFMS/AFMS Show & Convention went very well. Those Floridians! They take the concept of 'southern hospitality' to the next level. They made us feel Very Welcome. I mean they baked cakes and cookies and brownies and had fresh fruit and sodas and bottled water available at every gathering of meetings, and at the show. They were literally throwing food and drink at us like we were poor starving visitors from out-of-state. Which, I guess, we were.

Shows! Whether 'club', 'regional' or 'national', something always doesn't go exactly how we'd planned. Nature of the beast I guess. A few things did not go as planned, but only a few. I've seen much worse. But the Jacksonville club handled it very nicely. If you hadn't been looking, you might have missed it altogether so smooth was the transition from 'problem' to 'solution'.

Nine cases in competition. Not many by our standards. But we are at the leading edge of exhibition and competition here in the West. So, when you consider that SEFMS hasn't had very much competition in recent history, they did quite well this time. The Rules Chair for SEFMS has only been interested in Competition and Judging for about a year. Considering how far behind the curve they were when they got started, they were clearly ahead of the curve at the end. Good Job!

Now we can sit back and relax. Right? Nope! Well, maybe for a month or so after I get this newsletter out. But then we have our Mid Year Meeting in Visalia. Elections. New Officers. New Committee Chairs. New Directors. New Faces. New Expectations? I hope so. New people bring fresh ideas, new energy, an aversion to going along just because 'that's the way we've always done it'. A group of people should always be looking at itself to see if there is room for improvement.

See Y'All in Visalia

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recruit new members? Why do societies not have a Junior Rockhound program, and I do not mean having a couple Junior's at their membership meeting, but having a meeting and a program **for Junior's only**. Why do societies not have field trips geared for Junior's? Why do societies not have a Rock & Gem Show, striving, every year, to have something new and fresh? Why do societies not have a children's area at their existing show?

I had a wonderful experience on the 28th and 29th of September because I got to witness a society take the first step in changing their direction. I have been helping the society in Stockton, CA with their show for a number of years. When I can, I help with show set up but have only missed a couple years helping them tear down the show and put everything away. This year the Stockton Society had a new show chairman, Jerry Kyle. This society, of approximately 60 members, decided to do something different with their show. Their old venue was too dark inside, too small, too expensive and management was difficult to deal with. **How many societies have these same problems?** This year they decided to move their show to a new venue, 13 miles away in Lodi, CA, at the **new** Fairgrounds. Their new venue is bigger, less expensive, on a main road, extremely well lit, has room to expand if needed and management was very easy to deal with. Stockton had a wonderful show this year and I look forward to what they will accomplish in the years to come.

How did Stockton do? I am writing this on September 30th, for the November newsletter, so they do not have exact figures yet. Their attendance was up over last year, the number of children increased from 33 last year to 144 this year and the dealers and members were happy. How many of our Societies depend on the revenue from their annual show to meet the expenses of running their society? Maybe changes are in order? Always move forward and **NEVER MOVE BACK!**

I asked a lot of questions this month. If you want to evaluate your society and where it is headed, I suggest you do an All American Book. If you look at the societies that have won first place in our CFMS competition, you will see dynamic, healthy and growing societies. Start your own All American Book, with the intent of doing as well as you are able, and you too will see your society become a dynamic and healthy society.

Thank you for all that you do for Your Federation.
Bud McMillin, President



AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND RAFFLE REPORT

COLLEEN MCGANN - ENDOWMENT CHAIR

I want to thank all the CFMS club members who participated in the AFMS Endowment Fund 2013 raffle. The CFMS participation included both ticket buyers and raffle prize donations. Thank you especially to the prize donators. The winning tickets were drawn in September at the Jacksonville, FL show. There are two CFMS Winners, of three prizes; Sharon Rogow, of Las Vegas won the "Homelite & Onyx Jasper Necklace & Earrings", David Bennett, of Oakhurst won the "Cauliflower Calcite" and "St. Clair - Fern Fossil".

I will be continuing as the CFMS Representative to the AFMS Endowment Fund for 2014. The AFMS year starts in November 2013 to October 2014. I can begin to sell 2014 raffle tickets at the CFMS Visalia meeting. The AFMS 2014 Chair is Donna Moore, 25235 N. State Rte. 97, Cuba, IL 61427. Phone 309-789-6501. E-mail is **mwfsecretary@gmail.com**. Please send her your 2014 raffle prize donations.

Thanks again for 2013 participation. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Colleen at 831-212-1951.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON

GEO-SITES FOR EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION

When we think “field trip,” we usually think “collecting” and we drive off with our heads filled with dreams of stuffing our backpacks with rocky treasures. But field trips don’t always need to be about taking home rocks. Some allow us to take home a more valuable commodity: Knowledge. A neat guidebook was recently published with field trip localities geared toward educating rather than collecting: Albert B. Dickas’ *101 American Geo-Sites You’ve Gotta See* (Mountain Press, 2012).

Dickas guides you to sites that tell unique geological stories. He includes 101 such stories spread across all 50 U.S. States. Fortunately for those of us in the California Federation, 5 sites are located in California, 3 in Arizona, 2 in Nevada, and 2 in Oregon. For instance: a view of the Pacific plate sliding by the North American plate along California’s San Andreas Fault; the strange “Racetrack Playa” with wandering rocks on the floor of Death Valley; the bubbling fossil-bearing tar pits of Rancho La Brea; the immense cavity of Meteor Crater and the towering buttes of Monument Valley in Arizona; and the “Great Unconformity” at Frenchman Mountain in Las Vegas. With a dozen sites in California and neighboring states, you should be able to find at least one within reasonable distance for a day, or weekend trip for your club’s juniors.

The book opens with a brief earth science primer on the rock cycle, geological dating, plate tectonics, and “A Short History of the Earth”, giving a quick walk-through of earth history eon-by-eon, period-by-period. Then comes the real meat of the book, the 101 sites from Alabama to Wyoming. Each site entry consists of a two-page spread. The opening page provides GPS coordinates, a one-sentence overview of the significance of the site, and an overall description and history. The second page provides colorful supporting illustrations, maps, and photos. Printed on high-quality glossy paper, the photos make it a wonderful coffee-table book in addition to an informative read. But to maximize its use, go beyond the pictures and get your club’s kids out to a site near you to see it up-close-and-personal. Rather than stuffing their backpacks with rocks, stuff their heads with a little knowledge, and a whole lot of fun!

“WHY AM I A ROCKHOUND?”

BY BILL LITTLE VICE PRESIDENT - PALMDALE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Ever ask yourself that question, or if you’re new, “Why do I want to be a Rockhound?” There are probably as many reasons as there are rocks to find, cut, facet, polish and display. But there seems to be a common thread. Many of us, including me, like to see what nature provides in their raw state and then, unless it is a specimen collection, see what they can make from it that embellishes its beauty and yes, sometimes, value. The reward I get from the experience is a sense of creativity, inventiveness, and hopefully beauty, in my eyes. And disclosing with people who share the passion and especially those new to the craft. I have a hectic job, and sitting for awhile cutting and polishing or faceting is calming, and as that old rock becomes a gem, exciting too. My job is also a desk job, where days to months can go by without tangible evidence of my work, but working slabs or gemstones has an immediate gratification, and pulling the beauty out of a stone that is not initially impressive highlights the experience. Then, there are the hidden surprises. Round (ish) rocks that when split or cut open are full of crystals or agate or other surprises. Crystals, that when polished have cats-eye or star patterns, obsidian, that when polished might have a sheen and many hidden colors, or crystals that when faceted burst with color and reflected light. Share your reasons for being a Rockhound with others, new members and old friends alike, and see what else the hobby has to offer that you would like to explore: field trips, metal work and jewelry making, beading, mineral and specimen collection, tool flinting, paleontology and other earth sciences, or even mentoring and training others in the craft.

CFMS RULES COMMITTEE
CHERI GEORGE - 2013 CFMS RULES CHAIR

Well, it looks like we are all back from Jacksonville, FL and the AFMS show. I personally had a great time at the show! Saw lots of old friends, spent time with some new friends and enjoyed the company of some of our other members.

The SEFMS is another one of those federations where not everyone gets the same benefit out of their hobby. Lots of them are only interested in digging for shark's teeth in the low tide sandy bottoms, a few make jewelry out of silver and/or beads, and some keep themselves pretty close to the vest. You know the type, "I have a hobby but I don't want to share it with anyone". There are some really fun, happy, sharing people there and then there are the rest. We have some of the same problems in our club and federation. We have a great hobby, ROCKHOUNDING! We should be willing to share our hobby, teach it, and talk it to death. But we don't do that! WHY? I spend a lot of time showing people how to take a cabochon and surround it with beads, and then hang it from a beaded necklace or on a chain. Do I get to see what they make? Not always, mostly they wear it to their meeting, or give it away. I keep wondering why people don't want to show their work, or spend time sharing their experience's with other blossoming rock hounds, but I haven't figured it out yet. I am going to make it my goal in 2014 to spread the word about how it is important to share the beautiful work that everyone does with others and maybe stir up some interest in exhibiting again. It is really difficult to see and hear someone looking at a case and under their breath they are saying "Hmm, I can do that". So, why the heck don't you? Get your best pieces out. They don't have to have been made this year, as long as they are your work, whether it is beading, lapidary, collecting petrified wood or minerals. Just get the best out and put it in a showcase arrangement and bring it to Pasadena next year.

I know the 2014 show in Pasadena is going to be great fun, big bright venue and lots of things to see in the area when you are not at the show. Sure, you will all say "It's too far", but make it part of your vacation, come to Southern California and see what there is to offer.

Keep urging your juniors to work on their Rockhound badges and keep them involved in the hobby however and wherever you can. We had 8 junior cases in Ventura; let's see if we can beat that in Pasadena!

SEFMS / AFMS



ROCKHOUNDING

September 27, 2013 AFMS Show

CAMP PARADISE EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES SHARED TALENTS = A GREAT EXPERIENCE

I want to thank the El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society for so generously supplying me with a fun week at Camp Paradise. I had no idea that my name had been drawn as a back-up recipient from the (Society's) Christmas drawing, for a winner of a week at Earth Science Studies. Fred Ott e-mailed me on August 22 with the news that the first and second place winners were unable to attend. My name was next on the list. I had opted to skip Camp Paradise this year as I had spent my "traveling" funds on a trip across country earlier this year. I wanted to visit friends and relatives one more time while I could still find my way home.

What a delightful surprise to learn I could also take advantage of the learning opportunity. The teachers at Camp Paradise are awesome. There is no one more knowledgeable about rock identification and how to bring out rocks' best features through lapidary than Tom Burchard. He allowed me to set up the 'Barranca' Santa Claus brought me last Christmas and taught me some tricks on using it properly even though that wasn't his normal duty at Camp Paradise. Each year he comes to Camp with new ideas he has learned or developed and is willing to pass on to others.

Tom is just one example of the splendid attitude of the CFMS personnel at Camp Paradise. Every teacher there is generous with their knowledge and patience. Marion Roberts, John Christiansen and Dian Gardner teach faceting and supply spare machines so beginners can try the art to see if it suits them before they expend financial outlay. Norvie Enns, Ted Magee and Al Borshazy are the popular experts teaching silver fabrication. Anna Christiansen and Tak Iwata share their knowledge of wire art. Joy McClure and Don George spend their hours helping students cast precious metals into family heirlooms.

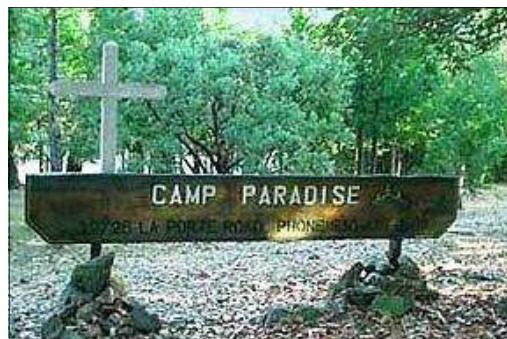
Margaret Kolaczyk teaches the magic of sculpting a block of soapstone into art. Betty Egger and Jan Bradley teach amateurs to turn copper pieces into enameled masterpieces. Cheri George weaves beads into exquisite jewelry. Jo Burchard, Tom's mother, contributes her skill of gem tree construction. CJ Quitoriano turns glass tubes into fanciful Lampwork beads. Ed Ferner helps people make wire into chain links from a variety of metals and how to put the links into delicate wearable decorations. Judi Gooch and her husband, Gary, teach classes in glass fusion and PMC3 clay manipulation.

Each of these teachers could command fifty dollars an hour from private lessons and jewelry artists would get their money's worth. How fortunate I was to spend a delightful week in the mountain retreat absorbing a bit of the available knowledge. I hope that every member of the society has such an opportunity.

Then to top it off, at the silent auction, I obtained a gorgeous fossilized stalagmite! It was from Ruth Bailey's collection that was so generously donated to CFMS after her passing. What an honor to have a piece from this remarkable woman's extensive gem and mineral collection.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Marilyn Kilpatrick, Member, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, via "Petroglyphs," September 2013



**CFMS BULLETIN AND ARTICLE CONTEST
WE'RE WAITING FOR YOUR CLUB'S ENTRIES.**

BY JUNE HARRIS

Wow, has it been a year all ready. The CFMS Bulletin and Article contest rules and score sheets are ready for you to download from the CFMS website, www.cfmsinc.com. The entry deadline for the 2014 contest is December 15th, so start thinking about what your organization can enter. It is a great opportunity for each and every club to honor their newsletter article authors by submitting their articles in the contest. It is an equal honor to suggest that your newsletter editor try their hand at the competition as well.

The 2013 contest had few participants. It is my hope that each and every society and editor will consider entering the 2014 contest. It is a great opportunity to recognize one of your organization's most important communication vehicles - your society's newsletter - and your editor and article authors who make that method of communication informative and interesting for your society. So send in your newsletter and those articles, soon.

As 2013 ends and 2014 begins, I find that my life has changed a great deal. For that reason alone, I will be stepping down from this position. Fortunately, we have found my replacement. I have the utmost confidence that he will do a great job. I have promised that I would help make the transition as smooth as possible, and be available for questions and answers or brainstorming sessions.

I'd like to introduce Terry Vasseur. He is a fellow editor and belongs to the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Torrance, California. He has entered the contest multiple times. I'm positive he will make a great chairman because he understands the pros and cons of competing. I hope that there will be a couple of people who will step up to help him during the upcoming year. This job is really a committee-type job rather than a single individual-type job. Be supportive and volunteer. Your opinion matters, and most of all, your help is needed.

Lastly, I want to thank a few of people for their help through my year as CFMS Bulletin Aides Chairman. Merryan O'Neill was a wealth of information, encouragement, and support. Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Aide chairman, was great with her suggestions and encouragement. Doug Arnold for being available to answer my questions. Bud McMillin for his willingness to allow me to mould the job to suit my strengths. Frank Mullaney was a constant source of positive thoughts, and Ruth Bailey for making sure that I knew she placed her utmost faith in my abilities. Thanks to the bulletin and article judges who gave so generously of their time and expertise. Lastly my husband Randy, for his always present support, understanding and encouragement. All of these people made my year as the CFMS Bulletin Aide chairman a positive experience.

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FROM PAT LARUE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER

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ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK AWARD

BY DOT BEACHLER - CHAIR

With the year progressing to the fall time of the year and the prospect of club elections, it is wise to assemble your club data for the All American Program for incoming officers.

Check your club activities over the summertime. Did your club have a show? Did you assist another club show? How about field trips? Since children were out of school, did your club have special activities for your young rock hounds? Don't forget pictures of these events.

By assembling this information at this time, it should be easy to pass along any additions or corrections to new members of the All American Program committee.



EDUCATION THRU SHARING

FROM NANCY BIRD - CHAIR

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society is proud to announce our Rockhound of the Year for 2013, **Maggie Dragna**. Maggie is the "mover and shaker" of the Vallejo Rock and Gem club. Maggie has a knack for bringing people together and organizing many of the club's major events such as the annual Spring Bling show and the Solano County Fair. During these events and throughout the year, Maggie tirelessly commits much of her time communicating with club members through e-mail, phone calls and interacting with them at the shop bringing people together to volunteer and putting everything together. You will find Maggie always on the go and at the wheel driving these events to make it all come together and producing a job well done. In 2013, Maggie has been as a true leader and volunteer who chooses to give up her personal time and energy, willing and readily available to help in just about everything. If Maggie says she will do it or will be there, she keeps her commitment. It is not uncommon for club members to reach out to Maggie and ask for her input on a variety of topics at the club. In addition to Maggie's volunteer efforts at the club you will often find her busy tapping into her creativity with her love of beading making necklaces, bracelets and rings. In 2013, Maggie Dragna has truly been the cog in the wheel for VGMS. Thanks Maggie for being an awesome VGMS rockhound."

It is our pleasure to nominate **Herb Beckman** of the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society of Anaheim to be Rockhound of the Year 2013. Over his many years with our club, Herb has held several positions including President, First Vice President and Director, to name a few, and more than once for each of those. He has also chaired more committees than any of us could count and has been very involved in our annual shows, typically as a demonstrator, sharing with youths as well as any interested passersby his love for the beauty of cabochons and the lapidary arts. But what Herb has done that creates a warm place in each of our hearts is teach generations of us, including myself, to cut rocks and create cabochons. Herb is truly a perfectionist when it comes to creating cabochons, but there is not one among us who does not greatly appreciate having being taught that careful skill. He has been running our shop for many years, freely giving his time nearly every Thursday night and Saturday afternoon.

In addition, Herb enthusiastically shares his knowledge of gems and minerals with anyone who expresses an interest, including locations where the material can be collected. He frequently wears a hat with a hat band decorated with bezel-set cabochons he's made and loves to share what the stones are and any interesting facts about them. If he is with you on a field trip, he will gladly show you what the material looks like, what qualities to look for in rough, and how to find it. He keeps abreast of many issues affecting our access to public lands and is the first person to spark my interest in taking action to keep our public lands open.

Herb not only gives very generously of his time and knowledge, but he is truly an ambassador for rockhounding to everyone he meets, and for this reason we nominate him as Rockhound of the Year. By Kim Campbell Erb for The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society



RÉSUMÉ FOR THE 2014 BULLETIN AIDS CHAIRMAN

TERRY VASSEUR, wookman@dslextreme.com

How did I get myself into this? I'm the kind of guy who would be perfectly happy to sit in the back row and let someone else take the lead. You probably know that person!

In 1998, I wrote an article for the Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club's newsletter. Beverly Moreau, our newsletter editor, sent it on for competition in the "Adult Article" category. It took third place with the AFMS and I was rewarded with a genie's lamp set on a polished green slab of Michigan copper ore. I was jazzed! My good friend and President of the club, Jimmy Lapham (with his risqué humor) found it hilarious that I had won an award for writing an *adult article*. It didn't deter me in the least. I continued to write for the Rocketier.

In 2009, I volunteered to take over the job of editor of the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society's newsletter. I wanted to take the Agatizer (a run of the mill newsletter at the time) and try to make it something that would introduce new members to the wide spectrum of interests in our hobby. I wanted to educate, entertain, engage, and bring together all of our members. The proof of its success would be a turn around in a precipitous decline in membership. We added more members and approval of the newsletter changes soared.

Fast forward to the present, I received an invitation from Jennifer Haley (incoming CFMS president for 2014) to take over the Bulletin Aids Chairman position from retiring June Harris. I told Jennifer I honestly did not need another obligation but I recognized that I have benefited over the years by this program and I know how important it is for new writers that one day may become new editors. So here I am, ready or not to take the challenge.

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

BY PAT LARUE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2014 Officers will be held November 8-10, 2013. At the Holiday Inn Plaza Park off Hwy 198 in Visalia.

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 4, 2013**. 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.** Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings.

The **Business Meeting** will be **Called To Order** on Saturday, **November 9; at 9 AM**. President-elect Jennifer Haley will have a brief meeting of her 2014 committee chairpersons on Sunday morning, **November 10. Time To Be Announced.**

Banquet Menu:

GOOD OLD FASHIONED BARBECUE

Mixed Field Green Salad with Assorted Dressings - Cole Slaw with a Cracked Pepper Sweet Vinaigrette
California-Style Pork Ribs with House made Barbecue Sauce - Grilled Honey glazed Chicken Breasts
Country Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob - Cornbread with Honey Butter
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FRED OTT, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON 2013

How would you like to reach thousands of individuals at no cost to your Society for an upcoming show? Many newspapers throughout the Western United States include a supplement every two weeks called AmericanProfile. This insert (around 18 pages per issue) contains a section entitled **Happenings** which lists one-or-two upcoming events in each of the following states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. In the October 7th-20th issue, the Huachuca Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show was listed and included a very nice (but brief) write-up about the event. Likewise, when the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society hosted the 2002 Federation Show, the publication included an article about the show, **at no cost!**

To submit information about your show for possible inclusion in a future issue of AmericanProfile, submit your information to: **americanprofile.com/happenings** or mail the information to Happenings, 341 Cool Springs Blvd, Suite 400, Franklin, TN 36067. Submissions must be received four months prior to the event and not all submissions can be honored.

Good luck!



DIAMOND PACIFIC GENIE RAFFLE

BY SUSAN CHAISSON-WALBLOM - E.S.S. CO-ASSISTANT

Time is running out to purchase tickets for the Special Edition 40th Anniversary Genie. Diamond Pacific has donated a 2013 Special Anniversary Addition Genie to the CFMS Earth Science Studies program. The lucky winners' ticket will be drawn at the CFMS November Director's Meeting in Visalia. Each CFMS member society/club received raffle tickets in their convention packet in Ventura. Ticket stubs and money collected may be turned in Visalia before the Directors meeting, or mailed in to: Susan Chaisson-Walblom 42122 52nd Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536. There are still a few remaining tickets available. If you need more tickets please contact me at **slchaisson@yahoo.com**.



VISUAL PROGRAMS

BY SHARRON ROGOW - CHAIR

Greetings from the Visual Programs Committee and early Happy Thanksgiving!! We haven't received any requests for several weeks at this writing. Hopefully, my next article will report many clubs asking for one or more of our educational and enlightening discs. The process is very straight forward. Go on the CFMS web site, click on 'forms' at the top, then click on 'others' then scroll down to 'Visual Program Order'. Next, choose the form to e-mail, or the one to mail. When I receive your request, I will confirm by e-mail or phone. If you can pre-pay, it would be helpful. Otherwise, include a check for \$7.50 per program along with the feedback form when you send it back to me. Let me know when you are sending the program (s) back and I will notify you when I receive it/them.

There is a lot to choose from so make use of this service and help the Federation raise money. Call anytime with questions or comments.

Sharon Rogow
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EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES CAMP OFFERS MORE THAN CLASSES

BY GENE STIRM, KERN COUNTY MINERAL SOCIETY

There just may be a Fountain of Youth tucked in the north woods of California, at the CFMS Earth Science Studies' Camp Paradise, above Marysville and in the spring Camp Zzyzx, in the Mojave Desert near Baker. The weeklong programs of classes in lapidary and related jewelry making arts draws rockhounds with a common interest from as far as Washington, Hawaii and farther. Eager campers and instructors alike, scurry about the grounds, recapturing the excitement of long past summer camps of our youth. Everyone was bright eyes, happy, with smiles on their faces and motivated to learn something new.

Among the many talented instructors, Betty Egger is typical; retired from nursing and now in her mid-eighties she teaches jewelry art with such gusto that her eyes sparkle with each new discovery her students make. I spend a day in her class on torch fired copper enameling. I had done copper enameling fifty years ago and not since, but wanted to add it to some of my metal smithing. Betty brought me up to date with new and safer techniques quickly, and then added a spectacular bead making session using copper tubing. The finished bead resembles the trendy European beads that are so popular. At another station, I got a new twist on wire wrapping from Tak Iwata. I had learned wire wrapping years ago, but had long abandoned the art because it was too formal and frilly for my taste. Tak introduced a clean, freeform style, using new silver and gold plated copper wires and half-dozen small hand-tools so one could sit in front of the TV and turn out works of art.

CAN WE BOTTLE THE MAGIC?

On our 400-mile trip home my wife Patricia, who was reluctant at first to attend Camp Paradise, decided she wanted to go to Zzyzx in the spring. That got me thinking. There are only 65 or so slots open in **each** of the **three sessions**, less than 200 openings total, and many attend more than one session. I know that a week at camp may not be feasible for a lot of rockhounds, jobs, family, pets, being away from home, travel and costs are all factors. But what if we could somehow bottle the magic of ESS Camp and bring it back to our local societies in the form of day-camps or weekend camps teaching or demonstrating three or four disciplines. With many societies seeing dwindling membership, it might be a shot in the arm to generate new enthusiasm and increase membership. Nearby clubs could share or exchange instructors. Do a Saturday camp at a nominal fee, open to members and the public. Participants could brown bag it for lunch and club could put on a barbeque or spaghetti feed for dinner with a silent auction and/or sell-a-rama after, even present certificates, pin or patches. There are endless possibilities. We are creative people, societies need to offer more than meetings and video lectures, we need to offer new, creative, challenging and fun ways of coming together and share our interest and craft. I get excited just thinking about the possibilities.



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

2013

Nov 9-10: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

Scottish Rite Temple

6151 H Street

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4

Contact: Joe Shook, (916) 224-7248

joeshook08@gmail.com

www.sacramentomineralsociety.org

November 9 - 10: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall

442 Franklin Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Kartie Slightam 530-673-9649

mktalternatives@comcast.net

www.sutterbuttes.net

November 16 & 17: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

Oxnard Performing Arts Center

164 Seaspray Way

Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

Brett Johnson (805) 822-3836

show_info@oxnardgem.com

<http://www.oxnardgem.com>

November 23 & 24: LIVERMORE, CA

Livermore Valley Lithophiles

Lithorama 2013 is a Gem and Mineral

Show and Sale & will be held At the

'BARN' in Livermore, 3131 Pacific

Ave. off South Livermore Ave.

Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

Sunday 10:00 to 4:00

info@lithophiles.com

www.lithophiles.org

2014

January 18 & 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building

324 North Kaweah Avenue

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842

pepperok@clearwire.net

tulegem.org

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society,

Banning

Riverside County Fair I & National Date

Festival

46350 Arabia Street

Hours: 10 - 10 daily

Contact: Bert Grisham 915-849-1674,

951-288-9025 cell

bert67@verizon.net

March 1 & 2: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

LA Co. Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 S. Baldwin Avenue

Hours: 9 - 4:30 Daily

Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

joannaritchey@gmail.com

www.moroks.com

March 1 & 2: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Krishna Juarez (805) 323-6725

abaris2007@gmail.com

www.vgms.org

March 8 & 9: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

Masonic Center

3130 Huntington Drive

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

joenmar1@verizon.net

March 8 & 9: SPRECKELS, CA

Salina Valley Rock & Gem Club

Spreckels Vets Hall

5th & Llano Streets

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233

kl.salomon72@yahoo.com

Salinasrockandgem.com

March 8 & 9: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 N. Broadway

Hours: 10am - 5pm Daily

Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494

Cell (209) 484-4416

terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com

www.turlockgemshow.com

March 15 & 16: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club

Trinity Hall

470 Champion Street

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4

Chris Wertenberger (559) 309-3433

georgersilva@sbcglobal.net

March 22 & 23: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Calaveras County Fairgrounds

101 Frogtown Road

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Robin Williams (209) 728-8277

amy95247@yahoo.com

calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 22 & 23: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers

Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds

800 All America City Boulevard

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114

gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com

www.rockrollers.com

April 12 & 13: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club

Elks Lodge

6309 Clark Road

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324

paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com

April 12 & 13, SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley G&M Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Road

Hours: 10a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

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April 19 & 20: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10-6 Daily
Martin Foden (209) 742-4036
martin@safarigold.com
www.camineralmuseum.com

October 11 & 12: TRONA, CA

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

2014 FEDERATION SHOWS

EASTERN FEDERATION
MARCH 29-30: PLYMOUTH MTG, PA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION
****AFMS SHOW****
JULY 9 - 13: TULSA, OK

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
AUGUST 9 & 10: BATON ROUGE, LA**

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
AUGUST 15 - 17: HERMISTON, OR

MIDWEST FEDERATION
OCTOBER 18 - 19: DES MOINES, IA

2015 FEDERATION SHOWS

MIDWEST FEDERATION
MAY 23- 24: WHEATON, IL

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
AFMS SHOW
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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THANK YOU!

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies would like to send a special "THANK YOU" out to the Pasadena Lapidary Society! This group has stepped up and agreed to host the 2014 CFMS Show & Convention.

The Pasadena Society under the leadership of Marsha Goetz is moving right along with the planning process.

It is going to be a GREAT Show in 2014!
Mark your Calendars now for May 30, 31 & June 1.
Applications available soon on the CFMS website.

Thank You!!!
Susan Chaisson-Walblom

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Be sure to advertise your shows in the **ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE!**
<http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/>

Send the information in early so it's published in the magazine as well as online.

CFMS NEEDS YOU!

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

Jack Williams - SHOW CONSULTANT NORTH - 530-622-3038 - **jwilliams08@comcast.net**

or

Susan Chaisson-Walblom - SHOW CONSULTANT SOUTH
42122 N 52nd ST W, Quartz Hill, CA 93536-3658; 661-943-1861 (H) 661-406-0143 (C)
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