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## 2014 CFMS CALENDAR

- Feb 28.....Deadline for All American Yearbook entries
- Feb 1 .....Deadline for Articles for March
- Mar 1 .....Dues & Insurance Past Due
- Mar 1 .....Officers Change List Due
- Mar 30- Apr 6··Camp Zzyzx
- May 30- Jun 1··CFMS Show & Convention, Pomona, CA
- July 9 - 13 .....AFMS Show & Convention, Tulsa, OK

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*The Joys of the Earth Sciences, and the Practice of Lapidary Arts & Crafts.*



**By Jennifer Haley**

Whether or not you hold an officer or chairman position within your local rock and gem societies or with CFMS, the one thing we all have in common is that each one of us has the value of being a club member. Compared to a lot of you I didn't discover there were rock clubs until later in life, but I fell in love with the family we call

Rockhounds when I walked through their door the first time. I had just moved to a new town and noticed in the local paper a curious listing for something called a rock and gem club. When I called the contact number I was met with a voice full of life and enthusiasm. When I arrived to my first meeting, the woman who initially talked to me on the phone was there to greet me with a warm welcome. Immediately she introduced me to the president and some of the members making sure to mention what their particular specialty in the hobby was. Many of the members, both men and women were wearing jewelry they had made. They took me over to the silent auction which was a monthly event and told me how it worked. There was a fascinating program and a short social hour with homemade desserts. They even had me stand up to be introduced as a guest. There was a door prize for a member and a guest. The warm welcome won me over and hearing they could teach me how to make jewelry, and cut and polish stones had me hooked. Rockhounds have the gift of hospitality down “to the nines.”

I wondered why I had not heard of these people before my forties. Later I looked up every town I had lived in since I was a kid and every one of them had an active rock club long before I was born and still did. It is very likely there are many people in our local communities that would really be interested in what we do that we haven't met yet. If there is a veteran's hospital near you, see if you can bring them a program. Their facility may even have a workshop area where you can give a hands on demonstration.

Many of the organizations in town such as the Kiwanis are hungry for speakers and may not know about what we do, especially when it comes to giving earth science programs to the schools. I love making beads from local historical material, so one year I donated a jewelry set to a fundraiser. I included a framed photograph of the old mine and wrote up a history. Most people who attended weren't familiar with the local rocks, but they fell head over heels with the idea. It not only brought in big money but brought in several people interested in the rock and gem club.

The lapidary hobby and the earth sciences are our gift to give and we've always given it with a joy because it is something that we really do love. There are many things we are good at when it comes to how our clubs function. Technology will always be here to make our jobs easier, but the human contact aspect can never be replaced. It's what makes the magic happen.

**-Jennifer Haley, President 2014**

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**2014 FORMS**

We will try to include the 2013 Insurance,  
Dues & Subscription and Change of Officer  
Forms in the February newsletter. The new forms  
are all posted online at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org),  
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**CFMS INSURANCE**

**By: Richard A. Haering - 2014 CFMS Insurance Chair**

Hello to all my fellow CFMS members. My name is Richard  
Haering and I will be taking over the CFMS Insurance Chair  
position for 2014. I have been a member of the Del Air  
Rockhounds # 13 since 2008. I have also been in the insurance  
business and an independent broker for the past 25 years.

When 2014 CFMS president Jennifer Haley approached me and  
asked if I would take over the position from the very capable  
hands of Fred Ott, I was happy and honored to step up to the  
plate.

My contact information is as follows:

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E-Mail: [rahinsurance@yahoo.com](mailto:rahinsurance@yahoo.com)  
Mailing Address: 28504 Sand Canyon Rd. Suite 102, Santa  
Clarita, CA 91384

For 2014, I will be submitting articles for the CFMS bulletin  
regarding insurance-related issues that will be of interest to you  
and your club or society. If you have any individual or personal  
insurance issues you'd like me to address, please feel free to  
contact me and I will do my best to provide you the information  
you are looking for. In the meantime, please remember that our  
website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org), contains a wealth of information  
regarding the Federation's insurance program including the  
forms to be completed when your society has a  
need for a Certificate of Insurance for shows, meetings, field  
trips and the like. As long as the function does not involve more  
than 500 participants, there is no charge for having McDaniel  
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available or during non-business hours, please feel free to  
contact me via phone or e-mail and I can assist you in getting  
your claim reported to Pat as quickly as possible.

Here's to a very happy, safe and prosperous 2014 for all.

Richard A. Haering  
2014 CFMS Insurance Chair

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**CFMS Program Aids Chairman.**

" Happy Chinese New Year! My name is **Emmy Silverman**  
and I am the new CFMS Program Aids Chairman. I am excited  
to serve with all the wonderful people in the CFMS family. I  
am updating the Program Chair information from all CFMS  
clubs, I appreciate if all club representatives can email me their  
Program Chair information so that I can get in touch with  
them. Please feel free to contact me with any new suggestions.

I like new ideas! If you know of anyone interested in being a program speaker, please let me know. My email address is [cfmsprogramaids@gmail.com](mailto:cfmsprogramaids@gmail.com). Hope everyone has a successful and gemmy year! Thank you again!

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### **Eye Safety at the Workshop and Field Trip by Mark Nelson**

Insurance company statistics report that about 2,000 eye injuries occur every day in the workplace in the U.S. Most of these injuries occur from objects are smaller than the head of a pin. Most workplace injuries occur where safety eyewear isn't required, or left up to the individual to decide if they'll wear it. Many of those injured on the job didn't think they needed to wear protective gear, or were wearing eyewear that didn't provide adequate protection. The risks in the lapidary hobby is no different than those in other workplaces. In our lapidary shops we have spinning wheels loaded with carbide or diamond specks - grinding tiny particles off of stones and metal. On field trips we reach through branches and chip at rocks with a steel pick hammer.

Remember: Protection of our eyes is OUR responsibility!  
Here's a quick checklist to help avoid shop and field trip workplace eye injuries:

1. Foremost - wear safety glasses that fit well and that wrap around the sides of your eyes.
2. Make sure you know how to properly use machines.
3. Always brush, shake, or vacuum dust and debris from hats, hair, forehead, or your brow before removing protective eyewear.
4. Don't rub eyes with dirty hands or clothing.
5. Clean eyewear regularly. First Aid for Eye Injuries  
Specks in the Eye: Don't rub the affected eye; Flush the eye with lots of water; See a doctor if the speck doesn't wash out, or if pain or redness continues.

Chemicals in the Eye: Immediately flush the eye with water or drinkable liquid; Open the eye as wide as possible; Continue flushing for at least 15 minutes; Seek immediate medical attention if pain or redness continues. There are some powdered chemicals and acids for which flushing is not recommended, so know the treatment for your particular chemicals.

Cuts, Punctures, and Foreign Objects Embedded in the Eye: Unlike with specks of dust or metal, be sure not to wash out the affected eye; Don't try to remove a foreign object stuck in the eye; Seek immediate medical attention.

Club Officers: Repeated communication of the message is key to safety in your club's operations.

Make sure someone in your club takes responsibility for communicating safety in the workshop and on each field trip. Take this tip, put it on your letterhead, distribute it at your meetings, workshops and on each field trip!

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### **EDUCATION THRU SHARING From Nancy Bird – Chair**

The Pasadena Lapidary Society is pleased to recognize the

contributions of two of our members: Linda and Mark Nelson. Linda, a CPA, serves as our club's secretary and treasurer for the past two years, maintaining our tax-exempt status and filing our tax returns. She and her husband, Mark, designed our club's logo shirts and hats and introduced the treasure wheel to our annual show. Linda is the proof-reader for our club's bulletin and Mark, who created the club's first web site, is our membership chair. Four years ago Mark became the bulletin editor, and has gradually increased its distribution by adding more content including contests, interesting articles, information for membership, workshop and field trip news, color, heavy glossy paper, lots of photographs, a calendar, regular monthly columns, and general communications. Our bulletin has achieved statewide and national recognition, and during this time our membership has more than doubled. Both of these hard-working club members pitch in to lead the work parties wiring and insulating the new workshop and our annual food drive for the local food pantry. They give generously of their time and talents to build membership, participate in meetings and on field trips. The Pasadena Lapidary Society is proud to name Mark and Linda Nelson as our 2014 Rockhounds Of The Year!

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### **Visual Programs Sharon Rogow.**

Just a quick reminder this month to give me as close to 30 days notice as possible for program requests. If I have travel scheduled i.e Quartzite, Tucson, Zzyzx, etc., I will receive your request but cannot send until I am at home. With enough notice, I can mail out before I leave as a possibility or on my return. I will make every effort to let you know that I have received your request. Think of us for your meeting programs as we have lots of good ones. The complete list is on the web site. Also, your feedback and suggestions are greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Sharon Rogow  
[sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net)  
702:499-0272

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### **Marcia Goetz Show Chairperson Pasadena Lapidary Society**

CFMS Annual Show & Convention "California's Gem & Mineral Bounty" is coming together! The web site [www.cfms2014show.com](http://www.cfms2014show.com) is up and running and information about the show, maps, advanced registration, competition applications, non-competition applications, speakers and dealers can be found there. The Pasadena Lapidary Society's members and Show Committee are working to make this a great show.

At the Director's Meeting in Visalia some members of the Pasadena Lapidary Society put on a skit to advertise the upcoming 2014 CFMS Show and Convention in Pomona. Since the Pasadena Lapidary Society hales from Pasadena we based our skit on having a parade.

Announcing the parade were Bob "Lapis" Eubanks (Mark Nelson) and Stephanie "Ruby" Edwards (Linda Nelson).

Stephanie set-up the scene as being at a parade and we were waiting for the B1 bomber to arrive. Bob announced that because of budget cuts the B1 was not able to make it but we got Superman to come instead (in which Mark pulled a stuffed superman out and flew him over his head for a few seconds) (this received lots of laughs). Next Stephanie announced that the Pasadena Lap Band would perform, and then wearing silver bibs with blue stripes, blue hats, and supplied with plenty of children's musical toys and batons, Joe Goetz, Marcia Goetz and Linda Nelson marched across the stage and back again. The actors were much appreciative of the cadence clapping of the audience. The next part of the parade was when Prospector Joe rode out on his stead Silver-Copper-Bronze-Platinum. He got a good laugh when he pulled the cardboard head off the broom horse and announced his horse can clean up after himself. Marcia arrived with a "Flyer Float" – an enlargement of the CFMS show flyer which was floating because of the helium balloons attached. On the way back across the room Joe pulled a cornucopia float made with chicken wire and covered with paper mache and adorned with beads and jewels. Stephanie then asked the parade to stop and asked us to tell about our show. Marcia announced the show will be at the Fairplex in Pomona on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2014, the Sheraton will be the host hotel, and the web site is available. We hope that our parade was memorable!

The idea of "Club Central" was introduced. The concept is to have tables available for representatives from other CFMS societies to be able to advertise their society. We will have 4 or 5 tables available seating 2 or 3 per table. Your club representative can talk to interested people and hopefully get them to attend a meeting and sign up as a new member. Call Joe Goetz at 626 260-7239 for more information.

If you would like to make donations for the Silent Auction at the CFMS 2014 Show, we would gladly accept your donation. Please contact Joe or Marcia at (626) 260-7239. Mark your calendars; we are planning a good time.

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### **JUNIORS ACTIVITIES**

#### **Diamond Dan's *Mini Miners Monthly* Subscription Renewed for CFMS Clubs**

**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

**Darryl Powell** of Manchester, New York, is creator of **Diamond Dan Publications** and author of a wide range of fun, educational materials for young mineralogists, ranging from coloring and activity books to puzzles, "Earth Digger Clubs" activities and patches, mineral note cards and placemats, and more. (See his web site at <http://www.diamonddanpublications.net>.) His excellent activities for mineral identification and crystal shapes and models are referenced in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program manual, and I've written about the terrific resources he provides in many of my prior CFMS and AFMS juniors columns.

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

As announced at the Fall Director's Meeting, CFMS is extending its arrangement with Darryl to provide a **two-year electronic subscription to CFMS clubs**, paid for by the CFMS. Someone in your club (the juniors program chair, the newsletter editor, Federation director, etc.) should already be receiving *Mini Miners Monthly* in electronic format. However, not all clubs have provided a contact person, and other clubs may wish to change their contact. Darryl is happy to update his current list of email contacts. Just let him know who your club is designating to receive the subscription (which is sent as email attachments) by contacting him at phone number **(585) 278-3047** or email address [diamonddan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:diamonddan@rochester.rr.com).

With the subscription, clubs receive permission to reproduce a reasonable amount of material from each issue (4 to 6 pages) in their newsletters, on their web sites, and/or in club meetings with kids. CFMS is underwriting this subscription renewal on a 2-year basis with the ultimate goal of encouraging clubs to grow their kids' programs, providing them with good material to use in their meetings, and encouraging our children in pursuit of the earth sciences as a hobby and potentially as a career. Here's thanking Darryl for enabling us to make this arrangement, and here's to having fun!

#### **What Would *You* Like to Know—and Share—About Juniors in 2014?**

Although you won't be reading this until February, it is New Year's Eve as I sit down to write; therefore, a Happy New Year to one and all. Here's to another year of having fun! I could start the New Year as usual, telling you what I think about juniors' activities or guiding you to resources I've found. Instead, I'd like to start 2014 on a different note by turning to *you*, my fellow Federation members. I've always found that my best articles are inspired by suggestions or questions emailed to me or conveyed in a phone call or over a chance conversation at a Federation meeting or at a local club show.

What topics would *you* like to see me explore relevant to juniors activities and programs? What issues are of concern to your society when it comes to attracting and involving kids? What burning questions do you have in search of an answer? I'm happy to serve as the "Dear Abby" of juniors programs. On the other side of the coin, what successes have you enjoyed in working with youth? What advice might you offer to other societies and clubs seeking to start or expand a kids' program? What's worked well for your club? If you've enjoyed great



success in establishing and maintaining a kids group, are there any nuggets of wisdom you can share? What magic turns a gem and mineral society into a Pied Piper for kids? (Given that my own society has a record low number of kids as we start the New Year, I myself am extremely anxious to know!) So, the lines are open. Please email (jbraceth@roadrunner.com), call (805-659-3577, evenings), or write (7319 Eisenhower St., Ventura, CA 93003). I'm anxious to hear your thoughts so that we can all enter 2014 with ideas for kids having fun!

- Jim

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### Jim Barton Field Trips North.

CFMS North with CO-OP and the Roseville Rock Rollers will be doing the Topaz Mountain Field Trip near Delta, UT on the first long weekend in May 2014 (Friday, 2nd through Sunday, 4th). Details to follow.

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### CFMS Thulite collecting trip 2014

WHEN: February 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:00 am

WHERE: Ludlow

MEET: at the hotel/restaurant parking lot in Ludlow south of I-40 for orientation and sign in.

WHAT TO BRING: collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, Digging equipment, safety glasses and spray bottles.

This is the heart of the Mojave Desert and the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year so dress accordingly. This trip may be canceled at the last minute due to bad weather, so please feel free to contact me the night before if weather is questionable.

We will be collecting Thulite that has a nice pink color and works well for Spheres, Carvings and slabs.

From the meeting spot we will caravan East to for about 20 minutes to collecting site and low clearance vehicles are not advised.

Bring lunch, plenty of water and a camera This widespread field offers no shade. Gas and food available in Ludlow.

Waiver of liability will be signed at the meeting spot. While the roads are basically traversable in most high clearance sedans, high clearance trucks and SUVs highly recommended.

Other materials at this site may include agates and jaspers, nearby is Pisgah Crater, a young volcano with an extensive lava field and we may stop there as well for some Lavic Jasper.

If you would like to stay for the weekend this general area also offers the Southern Cady's for a wide variety of material. Bring your rock collecting guides.

For these other sites 4wd recommended but high clearance mandatory.

Stayovers may camp at a number of undeveloped sites or at the hotel in Ludlow. Treat the desert with respect - tread lightly and pack it in / pack it out.

For more info contact:

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Robert Sankovich [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net) 805-494-7734

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### Terry Field Trip.

We are having a great response to the Terry Field Trip, have been getting lots of questions and signups.

At the time of this printing all of the RV parks in Terry are full (34 spaces). The Hotel/ Motels are full (48 rooms). We have lots of RV dry camping and Tent spaces. But if you want a Motel or RV space you will have to make reservations in Miles City, Mt. about 37 miles away ( 30 minutes) drive.

Four Full days of fun and 3 days of field trips. The present plans call for 3 trips per day to the Yellowstone River for 3 days, 2 trips the hunt cretaceous sea fossils and working on one per day to trip for Dinosaur fossils. Because our trips are during the dry (fire season) we will be using buses for transportation to the gravel bars on the river. Plus several autos in case someone needs to return to the park. We will be staggering the trips with 4-5 hours collecting each day. All of our trips will be on a first come first served, signups will start on Wednesday 30 July and Thursday morning the 31st.. If we need to add more trips for the river or Sea fossils we will, the Dino trips might be limited. You will not go back to the same location, each day is a new spot.

As you may have noticed our trips will run between 4-6 hours each day, temperatures in August can run between 85- 95 degrees, sometimes even higher, we don't want anyone getting heat stroke and we want to enjoy all of the fun at the park. You will be collecting on dry river gravels, sagebrush areas and could encounter a rattlesnake now and then and some time ticks and except for the river always cactus. You need to plan your clothing for the trip. Long pants, Hats, good shoes, sun block and plan the have lots of water.

When you get back to camp a pool and showers will be waiting for you, a beautiful park with lots of shade and then things start to happen. There will be a welcome potluck on Wednesday evening and some live music after. A time to get to know each other. Plans are to have 2 programs each evening Thursday and Friday This will be announced in future updates, as we have more speakers than we have time.

There will be a benefit Barbeque on Saturday evening (money raised will go to the Cameron Gallery). Beef donated by local rancher. It will be held at the park and after that a live band provided by the Terry Chamber of Commerce. Sunday will be a an open day, a time for a buy-sell-or trade day in the park, a good time to see if any of the locals will bring out some of there Montana Agate. There will be a Jr. or kids hunt at the river Sunday morning. Kids will hunt the gravel for specially marked agates and they could win great prizes. The Ye old Timers Rock Club has donated two New Tumblers with kits and H&I lapidary donated a reconditioned tumbler with new barrels. and others still to come Then we will have a farewell potluck Sunday evening at the park.

Agate hunting success will depend on three things, The amount of ice on the river this winter, ice jams open up new material and it looks good thus far. Then high water in the spring and summer will wash and sometimes clean the rock. and last but not least your being able to spot them. and there are also lots of Petrified Wood, and Jaspers to be collected. I will have 8-10 fieldtrip leaders to help make your trip successful.

This will give you a taste of what will happen in these four days. Watch for future articles for more information and updates. If you decide to join in on the fun I need to know a few things, names of those attending, where you are from, club affiliated, how you are staying, RV Dry Camp, Tent Camping, RV Park, Motel, Everything is free, Music, Trips, Potlucks, Programs, Bus rides. etc. We will have a donation bucket to help on our expenses. The Barbeque is a benefit (donations accepted)

Contact: Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

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**AFMS JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 2014**  
**DEE HOLLAND, CHAIR**

We are excited to bring you the second “on the road” Judges Training Seminar, beginning Thursday, April 10, 2014 through Sunday, April 13, 2014 in OGDEN, UTAH. This is the last of the authorized seminars to be held. In 2013 there was hopes of a seminar but the dates and prices at the location were way out of line for our budget.

I think you will be pleasantly surprised to find the Ogden Best Western; High Country Inn has been gracious in giving us the best prices around, for the money. \$70 per night for either 2 queens or 1 king, and in addition their ‘on premises’ Jeremiah’s restaurant where the seminars will be held in their conference room will astound you with their meals. They will be providing us with lunch on both Friday and Saturday and that is included in the price of the seminar, \$30. But, if you want to try their ‘best in the west’ pork ribs, or their famous ‘deep dish pies’, feel free. They are also offering to extend your visit on either end of the booking if you want to ‘see the sights’ in the area. Just ask when you make the reservation. **MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM, “AFMS JUDGES TRAINING”**.

The Weber County Fairgrounds is just down the street and we’ll give you a map, (GPS coordinates take you way out of your way) or send it to you in advance if you want to bring your own exhibit for evaluation. You will have to put the exhibit in on Thursday afternoon as the Golden Spike Club’s show is three days to accommodate the kids on Friday. Everyone in the club and at the hotel/restaurant is excited you are coming and want to make this event memorable.

Our intrepid “TEACHER” Jay Bowman will again teach the class. It will begin Friday morning at 9AM. (Breakfast on your own, but we suggest Jeremiah’s), and end at 4PM. After that you’re on your own to search out other restaurants and then sit around the fire at the hotel. Saturday, Class begins again at 9AM and will end approximately 4PM or sooner, if we are all good. Sunday morning at 9AM at the

Fairgrounds we will begin to judges exhibits. On completion, we will evaluate what we have accomplished.

I hope you will all consider attending, it’s uplifting and exciting, we promise. And think what you can take home to your clubs. An interest in competitive exhibits is growing, be part of the solution. **You must have an AFMS RULE BOOK, 2014. Download from AFMS website: amfed.org**

DEE HOLLAND, CHAIR  
AFMS JUDGES TRAINING  
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**THE EDITOR BY THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO**  
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AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR  
Thursday April 10 – Sunday, April 13, 2014  
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PHONE 801-394-9474 FAX 801-392-6589

**DEAD LINE: MARCH 25, 2014**

This program/seminar is for judges and exhibitors, sponsored by the AFMS  
This is the last of three authorized seminars to be held in different Regions each year, and set up in conjunction with a local club and their show. In 2014 at the AFMS meeting in Tulsa, I will ask for an extension of this program.

Please fill out the application below and return to:  
Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair  
P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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YOU MUST HAVE AN AFMS RULES BOOK, updated to 2014

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

Thursday evening, 7PM, Welcome at Hotel, High Country Inn  
Friday & Saturday 9-5 CLASSES (Lunch on Premises at Jeremiah's)  
Sunday Morning 9AM Weber County Fairgrounds, 100 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT  
Evaluation of exhibits -- Evaluation of the program immediately following

There is a \$30. charge for the class for everyone, this includes lunch Fri & Sat.

Make check out to: Dee Holland and this must accompany the application

**If you are staying at the hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION**

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46-350 Arabia Street  
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**February 21, 22 & 23: NEWARK, CA**  
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Avenue  
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Cathy Miller  
[info@mgscv.org](mailto:info@mgscv.org)  
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Monrovia Rockhounds  
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301 S. Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9 – 4:30 Daily  
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Krishna Juarez (805) 323-6725  
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**March 8 & 9: TURLOCK, CA**  
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Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
900 N. Broadway  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494  
Cell (209) 484-4416  
[terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
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**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](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net)

**March 8 & 9: SPRECKELS, CA**  
Salina Valley Rock & Gem Club  
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5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233  
[kl.salomon72@yahoo.com](mailto:kl.salomon72@yahoo.com)  
[Salinasrockandgem.com](http://Salinasrockandgem.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](mailto: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](mailto:amy95247@yahoo.com)  
[calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://calaverasgemandmineral.org)

**March 22 & 23: ROSEVILLE, CA**  
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Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
800 All America City Boulevard  
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Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114  
[gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
[www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**March 29 & 30: TORRANCE, CA**  
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Boulevard  
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Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Craig Polliard & Chris Lemaster  
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[CraigPolliard@yahoo.com](mailto:CraigPolliard@yahoo.com)  
[www.palosverdes.com/sblap](http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap)

**April 12 & 13: PARADISE, CA**  
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club  
Elks Lodge  
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Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
[paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com](mailto:paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com)

**April 12 & 13, SAN JOSE, CA**  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
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**April 19 & 20: MARIPOSA, CA**  
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Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Fairgrounds Drive  
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190 Reino Rd. at Borchard Rd.  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734 [http://us-  
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Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Corner of Church St. & Center St.  
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Dean Welder (408) 353-2675  
[www.scmgs.org](http://www.scmgs.org)

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Bishop Fairgrounds  
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Steve Mobley (760) 793-6025  
[steve@littlebearrocks.com](mailto:steve@littlebearrocks.com)

**May 3 & 4: ANAHEIM, CA**  
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30  
Robert & Sharon Burson (562) 860-5938  
Cell (562) 706-2054  
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Pioneer Park & Museum  
2010 Riverside Drive  
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**May 3 & 4: YUCAIPA, CA**  
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Scherer Senior Center  
12202 First Street  
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[snorm11@hotmail.com](mailto:snorm11@hotmail.com)  
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[gemshow@palomargem.org](mailto:gemshow@palomargem.org)  
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Gem & Mineral Building  
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