



TABLE OF CONTENTS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE1
FROM YOUR EDITOR.....1
FEDERATION SHOWS1
COMBINED DUES & INSURANCE FORM.....1
SUBSCRIPTION & INSURANCE INFO2
AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND.....2
SAFETY.....2
CFMS BULLETIN AIDS.....2
EDUCATION THRU SHARING.....3
CFMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....4
CFMS – PLAC.....4
JUNIORS ACTIVITIES.....4
FIELD TRIPS.....5
PROGRAM COMPETITION.....7
CFMS SHOW DATES8

2014 CFMS CALENDAR

- Mar 1Dues & Insurance Past Due
 Mar 1Officers 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

Articles for the NEWSLETTER are
DUE to the Editor by the
5th of The Month - PRIOR -
to the Month of Publication!
Editor – Robert Sankovich
801-494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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



By Jennifer Haley

Hello Everyone,
 I am really looking forward to when we all get together at our annual show and convention hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society on May 30 - June 1, 2014. The theme is *California’s Gem & Mineral Bounty*, so let’s get ready for the show. We all know what it’s like preparing for a big event so please try to send in your forms and reservations

early. Show and convention information is on the CFMS website.

Due Dates

- Competitive Exhibits - April 14th
 Non-competitive Exhibits - April 25th
 Advance Registration for show tickets/passes, Awards Banquet, Editors Breakfast - April 30th

In January I was able to bring the CFMS Database up to date. The value of having this system is so the Federation can email you important information which can’t wait until the next CFMS Newsletter reaches you, and when there’s information we’d like to share with you in between the newsletters. If you are a Federation Director for your club but have not received the email called The Heartbeat of CFMS, please let me know so I can add you to the database.

If you want a really good read, take a look at the CFMS Society Aids Manual. Maybe it’s been several years since you’ve read through it or maybe you’ve never seen it. The manual holds so much great information you can share with your club. Topics include; Putting together a slide program with hints and tips for narration, projection and recording; Meeting hospitality; How to get guests to return; Establishing a Sister Club; Club projects, etc. You’ll probably be inspired with your own ideas and innovative ways to encourage our hobby, show off a skill and maybe you’ll even try your hand at being a speaker or learn that new lapidary or metalsmithing technique you’ve been wanting to try for years.

“To all of us who enjoy the earth sciences, and the practice of lapidary arts and crafts, "go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories. It’s what we do best and it is our gift to give.”

-Jennifer Haley, President 2014

If you wish to Donate to any of the following:

- CFMS Scholarship Fund,
 AFMS Scholarship Fund,
 CFMS Endowment Fund,
 AFMS Endowment Fund,
 Send Your Donations to:
 Pat LaRue
 PO Box 1657
 Rialto CA 92377-1657

CFMS INSURANCE

- Contacts:
 McDaniel Insurance Services
 PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
 Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288
 Fax (805) 646-9976; E-mail: mcins@west.net
 Web site www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com

2014 CFMS Insurance Chair

Richard A. Haering
(818) 686-9120
rahinsurance@yahoo.com

Reporting a Claim:

Report claims as soon as possible to Patt McDaniel (800) 400-7288. If no one is immediately available, and/or during nonbusiness or weekend hours, call: (800) 252-4670.

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, 'click' on "Forms"

Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Pat LaRue
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657(909) 874-5664
Fax (909) 874-7430
E-mail: bplarue@earthlink.net

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

CFMS Newsletter is published 11 times a year by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Subscription: \$5.50 per year, January through December. Not prorated.

CFMS WEBSITE

CFMS on the Internet is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org. Webmaster is Merryan O'Neill. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this web site.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

CFMS Newsletter is published 11 times a year by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Subscription: \$5.50 per year, January through December. Not prorated.

CFMS WEBSITE

CFMS on the Internet is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org. Web Master is Merryan O'Neill. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this web site.

The AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND 2014 RAFFLE

The AFMS 2014 show is on July 9-13 in Tulsa, OK hosted by the Rocky Mountain Federation. The time to buy these raffle tickets is NOW. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. You do not need to attend the Tulsa, Oklahoma show to win. Some of the first donated prizes are: Framed fish fossil, Mosasar tooth from Morocco, page of mineral stamps, Montana agate limb cast, Calcite cluster, 2 copper float specimens with mine certificate. There is time to mail donated prizes to the raffle chair, Donna Moore, 25235 North State Route 97, Cuba, IL 61427, phone 309-789-6501, email mwf-secretary@gmail.com. To purchase for your club or

individual tickets, send checks to Colleen McGann, PO Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0224. CFMS always has winners and you can be one of them this year. I again thank all the CFMS members for their participation last year with prizes donated and prizes won.

Thanks, Colleen McGann

The 2014 CFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman Terry Vasseur's March Communiqué

By now the judges have scored the bulletins and articles for the 2014 CFMS contests and have returned them back to me. The next phase of the process is to average the scores and determine the order of place for each document. Then it's send off the bulletins and articles that are qualified for the AFMS contests by March 15.

This year we received three original poems. We normally don't get very many and as such our bylaws say we must forward them directly to the AFMS contests. I asked our Rules Committee Chairman if there was something we could do to allow these three poems to enter and compete with one another in our own 2014 CFMS contests. Unfortunately, the wheels of CFMS governance can not turn quickly enough.

What I would like to purpose is to change the rules to allow the Bulletin Aids Chairman to decide whether or not he (or she) wants to include poems in our CFMS Bulletin contests when and if we have a minimum of three entries. If any of you former Bulletin Aids Chairman would like to weigh in, I welcome you to send me an E-mail with your thoughts about it.

wookman@dslextre.me

SAFETY - Rattlesnakes in California by Mark Nelson, EMT

It's been a mild winter and, as our deserts and mountains continue to warm, hiber-nating reptiles will be more visible. I've listened to stories and read reports from a number of sources about the grave dangers of poisonous critters in the areas where we search for rocks and minerals. For the most part, these stories are used as "boogeymen" to scare children and prevent new rock-hounds from enjoying the great outdoors. The fact is that almost every snake a rockhound will encounter in California will be benign and most of our members will never see a poisonous snake in the wild in their entire lives! Rattlesnakes provide humans with a tremen-dous service as they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators. The possibility of encountering a poisonous snake should not deter our members from enjoying rock and mineral collecting! As part of the field trip safety briefing trip leaders and club officers should

advise their members to wear boots that rise above the ankles and loose-fitting long pants. As with slip-and-fall prevention, always watch where you are stepping and don't step over a rock or log unless you can see where your next step will be. The majority of snakebites occur on the hands, feet and ankles. Be observant when picking up rocks or gathering firewood. Never reach into a bush or rock crevice. Check in collecting buckets and under cars or trailers where shade can provide a reptile relief from the sun. Keep tents zipped up when not in use.

Field trip leaders should have a written plan for any emergencies in the area of a field trip. Know where the closest emergency care facility is and which police agency to call for assistance. The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which will need to be treated.

- Treat any reptile bite as a wound.
 - Wash the bite area gently with soap and water.
 - Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling.
 - Immobilize the affected area.
 - Keep the bite below the heart.
 - Transport safely to the nearest medical facility.
- More serious injury is likely to occur from frantic, high-speed driving to get care than from the wound itself.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, it can still inject venom.
 - Do not apply a constriction band or tourniquet to the victim.
 - Do not attempt to suck the wound.
 - Do not cut the wound or apply any sucking snakebite remedies.
 - Do not put ice on the wound.

Never harass or attempt to harm a snake. Given the opportunity the reptile will avoid human contact and go about its merry way - allowing us rockhounds to do the same!

EDUCATION THRU SHARING
From Nancy Bird – Chair

2013 Junior Rockhound of the Year

The Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society decided that there should be a "Junior Rockhound of the Year" award available to the Junior members of our Society.

The selection process to select a Junior Rockhound of the Year is the following:

- The Chairperson of the Junior Program will submit his/her recommendation to the Board of Directors for their consideration prior to the December General Membership Meeting.
- An announcement of the 'awardee' will be made at the December General Membership Meeting by the Chairperson of the Junior Program.

The criteria for this award will be to complete some of the following activities:

- Be a member of our Mineral and Gem Society
- Do a presentation at a Junior meeting
- Do a presentation at an adult meeting
- Exhibit at the County Fair
- Exhibit at the Gem Show
- Work at the County Fair
- Work at the Gem Show
- Help at Junior meetings
- Earn 3 badges and receive a vest
- Earn 6 badges and receive "Future Rockhound of America" badge from AFMS
- Attend Society Field Trips
- Help Society members with other activities, such as gold panning demonstrations
- Write articles for our Society's newsletter



Our Society's first "**Junior Rockhound of the Year**" is high school freshman **Emily Gudeman**.

It is easy to list which of the criteria activities Emily completed to earn this award. **EMILY HAS COMPLETED ALL OF**

THE CRITERIA ITEMS ABOVE!

One of her Fair exhibits earned "Best of Show." She frequently contributes articles to our newsletter about Junior meetings, field trips and other activities.

One of her articles, "Minerals in My Home," received first place in both the CFMS and AFMS bulletin competitions. In addition, Emily assists with getting our newsletter mailed each month.

WAY TO GO, EMILY!

- *Jackie Cerrato, Junior Program Chair*



**March 2014
CFMS Scholarship Fund
By Louisa Carey, Chair**

This year we add two honorees to our list. Sarah Hawklyn of the Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society and Frank Mullaney of Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Both Sarah and Frank are dream club members.

Sarah started in 2005 by taking on the fluorescent mineral display and running with it. Using it to teach the community and learning that she was capable of so much more. She moved onto Show Chairman in 2009, compiling an unstoppable team to work magic on sharing this great hobby. Attendance (especially children) has grown for each new annual show. I guess once she got the bug, there was no going back....next stop President. Doing both jobs as leader of club and show, she still found time to attend Camp Paradise. Bringing back her knowledge and teaching what she learned through demonstrations and educational presentations. Thank you Sarah! Information and learning is better when shared.

Now Frank on the other hand started 40 years back, holding every office available within SCVGMS not to mention CFMS Trophy Chairman, American Lands Access Association Treasurer, and President of his local Koi club. Having the past to draw from can be such an asset. Knowing the history of tried and true techniques and solutions at your fingertips can save time and energy. Being able to grow and be open to new ideas can continue to make history worth repeating. Frank started giving out Rockhound of the Month awards. Believing that supporting and acknowledging a person's efforts in a positive manner is more important than ever. Last but certainly not least, Frank has been working with the Junior members to support our upcoming leaders with programs to help them grow and prosper.

No matter how many years you have under your belt you can make a difference with even one show, one presentation, or one office. But when you put them together you find the type of people that this world needs more of. People like Sarah and Frank.

Keep rocking, Louisa

The Rockhound Soapbox
John Martin
CFMS – PLAC Chairman 2014
AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee Member
plac@antelecom.net

This year is going to be a very important year for all of us. It is a midterm election year and will have a major impact on Rockhounds and Amateur Rockhounding across the country. This is a great time for all Rockhounds to become politically involved. I am not talking about the political party system or what side of the political aisle on

which you may be sitting. This is the time to speak up for your rights as an American Rockhound.

Over the 10 years I have been involved with the CFMS-Public Lands Advisory Committee and the AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee, I have studied and read nearly every proposed piece of legislation affecting the use and access of our Public Lands held in trust for the citizens of the United States of America by the BLM and the USFS Land Managers. The one thing they all have had in common is no mention of Rockhounds or Amateur Rockhounding as a Recognized Recreational Activity. After further research into this political oversight I discovered other forms of recreational activities on our Public Lands that are recognized. These included Hiking, Camping, Hunting, Fishing, Swimming, Skiing (Water and Snow), Bicycling, Snowmobiling, Motorcycling, OHV traveling and even mining. Not one word is mentioned about ROCKHOUNDING or Rockhounding being a recognized recreational activity on public lands.

It is now time for a change and we, the American Rockhound, must now speak up with the loudest voice we can and proclaim our right to be Amateur Rockhounds and take our rightful place along side of all the other Recognized Recreational Activities. This year I am challenging all American Rockhounds, all seven regional federations and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies to become proactive in the process, get politically involved and to exercise your right to be recognized as a Recreational Activity. Each and every one of your elected officials at the national and state levels needs to be contacted and request they add Amateur Rockhounding in any new and pending legislation as a recognized recreational activity. Contact the Public Land Managers and request they include Rockhounding in the Land Management Plans being implemented by current Public Land Managers. Now is the time to raise our voices in a united spirit and proclaim our rights as American Rockhounds.

What are Rockhounds and Recreational Rockhounding will be a topic for a future Rockhound Soapbox.

JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
By Jim Brace-Thompson

A Great Book for Kids – A Great Deal for Federation Clubs!

Darryl Powell of Diamond Dan Publications has done it again! He's produced a great new publication for kids (and one that should prove helpful to adults, too): a colorful 48-page book entitled *Diamond Dan's Mineralogical Dictionary for Mineral Collectors*. It's not meant to be an exhaustive dictionary (watch for that to come in a year or so), but it should serve to cover most questions a junior member might ask, such as: What's *arborescence*? What does *foliation* refer to? What's the difference between a *hand specimen*, a *cabinet specimen*, a *miniature*, and a *thumbnail specimen*? Who was Moh, and what did he look like? Or, What's a *floaters crystal*?

The cost of the book is \$4 per copy to clubs, societies, and federations, postage included. And if you order in bulk (20

copies or more), the price drops to just \$2 per copy plus postage (UPS Media Mail rate). No matter how you slice it, these prices are real bargains! Darryl notes, *“The AFMS and associated federations, clubs and societies have been incredibly supportive of my products through the last 20 years. It’s high time to give back. So I have decided to pledge 10 cents of every book sold to go to the AFMS, specifically to the education of the children. The first printing will be 5,000 copies, so the commitment is \$500. I will send \$100 up front and then payments thereafter on a regular basis based on the number of books sold.”* So not only is the \$2 a great deal, you’ll be directly supporting AFMS programs for youth with each purchase.

Darryl has sent me copies of the dictionary, and it is a wonderful little book. It’s something I can easily see local societies and clubs purchasing in bulk to distribute to kids in their clubs, to sell in the kids’ booth at a show, and/or to provide to teachers when giving school talks. To learn more or to order copies, contact Darryl by phone or email at (585) 278-3047, diamonddan@rochester.rr.com. The mailing address is Darryl Powell, Diamond Dan Publications, 278 Howland Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620. And you can check out his web site at www.diamonddanpublications.net. On the web site, you’ll find a whole lot more than just this one book for helping kids learn—while having fun!

- Jim

CFMS FIELD TRIP

Joint Roseville Rock Rollers & CFMS Field Trips-North TOPAZ MT., Northwest of Delta, Utah May 2 - 4, 2014

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding. Members’ guests are welcome, but must sign waiver.
- **Contact the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.**
- Remember to sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

TRIP LOCATION: Topaz Mt., Northwest of Delta Utah.

Vehicle access & parking: Scale 1-10, 3 at Topaz Mt. camp site. - Good for most vehicles and RV’s, no specific handicap parking at Topaz Mt.

Collection or View Site: From a 3 at the base of the Mt. to a 7 at the Red Beryl site, ½ mile or more to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. High clearance vehicle required from the camp site to the trail head at the base of the mountain or share rides.

WHEN: May 2nd through May 4th: This is a repeating site tour; you may show up and leave at any time during these 3 days. See schedule for optimum arrival dates.

SPONSOR CLUB: Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

MEMBER’S GUESTS: Members guests are allowed. This is a public collecting area; anybody may camp and collect at the area concurrent with our activities. Those who choose to make the **escorted trip** to the Red Beryl site will need to sign the liability waiver.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Topaz Crystals, Bixbite (Red Beryl), Pseudobrookite crystals, and Hematite crystals.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO: **Please contact ahead of time:**
Jim Hutchings, Home 530-367-5108, Cell 916-995-7380
jhutchings22@hotmail.com

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Arrive in Delta, UT or camp at “the cove” at Topaz Mt. prior to or on Thursday May 1st. The Field Trip will end after the final trip up to the Red Beryl zone on Sunday the 4th of May. We will form up at the **campsite** each day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 9AM. We will depart by 9:30 sharp. Please arrive early if you wish to have us review your equipment for appropriateness and to ask questions or view specimens.

MEET: I will set up camp at a suitable location near the entrance to the “cove” of Topaz Mt.

Watch for RRR signs at the turn off from the paved road onto the BLM road to the Topaz Mt. collecting site. The camp will be visible right alongside of the road with RRR signs. There should be plenty of locations in the vicinity for tent, car, and RV camping.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: General directions are: Catch Highway 50 East from Sacramento or I-80 past Reno to 50 Alternate (Fernley) to Fallon, Nevada, then 50 East to Ely, NV. Follow 50/6 East from Ely to Delta, UT. Just Northeast of (past) Delta, UT, follow signs to the Intermountain Powerhouse, a coal fired power plant seen on the horizon, by turning left onto Brush Road Highway 174 to the powerhouse. You will be following a good paved roads for approximately 40 minutes to the BLM sign at the entrance to Topaz Mt. Collection Area (Topaz Valley Road), which is a graded gravel road.

You may also turn left at the RV Park onto Road N1000W (AKA S1000W on maps) just at the West end of (before) Delta at the RV park and a gas station. This road will go north several miles and loop to the west, and take you past a right turn onto North Jones Road (turn there) towards Sugarville. Follow North Jones Road until the intersection of the Brush Road Highway 174. North Jones Road ends, so turn left to Topaz Mt at the Intermountain Power House facility.

Those staying in Delta may wish to meet and convoy together to the “cove”. While it is possible to make the trip from

Sacramento in one day, finding the site, camp, and setting up camp in the dark are not easy. I recommend you consider leaving very early, stopping off at the BLM Garnet Hill collecting site just West of Ely, NV and then overnight in Ely. The next day will get you into Delta with time to refuel and take a drive out to the cove camp site and check things out.

VEHICLE REQ'S: 2 wheel drive vehicles and RV's should make it to the camp site without problem. High Clearance and preferably, 4x4 can make it to and from the camp to the base of the Mt. We can shuttle members to the base if enough high clearance vehicles are available at each tour start. Make sure you leave Delta with a full tank of gas if you plan on doing a little exploring.

CAMP/FACILITIES: This camp site is primitive. No services of any kind. If you are going to camp, you will need to be fully self-contained and equipped. National lands rules require that you provide for removing human waste from public lands and dispose of in approved public facilities. One solution is to carry heavy duty zip-lock type bags. You should be prepared to demonstrate for a BLM officer that you are in compliance with some manner of human waste containment and disposal.

TOOLS: The matrix at Topaz Mt. is a medium to very hard volcanic rhyolite. Wide and narrow cold chisels, along with a 3 or 4 pound hand sledge are necessary. A standard rock pick and narrow screwdriver are good for carefully removing specimens when located. Some of the more serious and energetic collectors are willing to carry heavy full size sledge hammers and pry bars. I would recommend that you have them available at the car or the base of the hill, but take them up only should you find a deposit that would make it necessary or worth hiking down to get them. Should you uncover a small pipe of loose "floater" topaz clusters, a wire coat hanger with a clean end bent into a 1/4 inch "L" shape is the most effective tool. Red Beryl (Bixbite) is found with the hand sledge and chisel. As an effective alternate, bring two screens, one 1/4 inch stacked on one 1/8 inch screen. Screening the rubble and powder will locate crystals that were lost during the use of chisels by previous efforts of rock hounds. You can make a screen set with some device for keeping them together while you shake them, or you can purchase, self stacking, commercial classifiers from a mining shop.

Topaz crystals and other specimens are delicate. You may wish to carry a roll of toilet paper and disposable plastic containers to put them in to protect them.

SAFETY CONCERNS: There are scorpions, snakes, and other common desert animals in the area. Common sense should be used when moving rocks or climbing hills. Do not put your hands where you are not sure that it is clear of creatures. The weather should be cool, and the snakes and scorpions should be at a minimum. This is not a resort! The mountain is in a constant state of erosion and wasting.

Rubble and boulders are everywhere. You must be very aware of those climbing or working up hill from you and be prepared at any moment to heed their warnings regarding falling rock or rubble. In turn, you must be very aware of those below you and not cause wasting or rock slides. Those working in proximity to each other must be aware that there will be some amount of rock and dust that will eventually fall on you. You should exercise the option to move if you feel threatened or annoyed by the activity of other rock hounds. Due to the potential for danger, we will not be escorting young people under 18 years of age without a parent or guardian, into the Red Beryl area. Dogs are dangerous on the rubble. They innocently tend to start slides, no matter how well behaved they are. The sharp rhyolite damages their paws and the area is not suitable for them to be relieving themselves. We recommend you leave them behind or stay well below the Red Beryl rubble zone so as to avoid these problems if you must bring a dog.

Rhyolite dust is primarily silica dust and it would be wise to bring a dust mask if screening material.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: The weather at Topaz Mt. is rarely perfect! The average high in April and May is 65 to 70 degrees, with an average low of 30 to 40. However, it can spike much higher and somewhat lower. I strongly recommend that you install the Weather Channel or Accu Weather site on your computer. Check the weather for Delta, UT starting 10 days out, selecting the 10 day forecast. Check the weather each day until you leave so as to not get caught across the desert in extreme weather. You may need to alter your arrival or departure date depending on the weather. Bring firewood for the communal or individual campfires which are usually permitted and sometimes necessary!

CLOTHING: Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing. The rock and rubble nature of the site would suggest that you wear full pants and full covering shoes. A brim hat would help with bright sunlight reflecting off of the white rhyolite. Layering would help with the change of temperature as the day goes from cool mornings to hot afternoons. Gloves are a very good idea, especially when digging.

OTHER REMARKS: If you do not contact the leader with phone and cell phone numbers, we will not be able to update you if conditions, schedules, or access changes at the site. While there is estimated to be 10,000 years of crystal deposits available at this site at the current rate of digging, there are no guarantees that you will actually dig one or 200 of any of these specimens. There are several hotels and motels in different price ranges and there is at least one RV park in Delta. It is about a 40 to 45 minute drive to the camp site. If you accept the challenge to climb 5 -600 feet up the side of the hill to the red beryl zone, you will want to bring plenty of water and food to maximize the day there. You will not want to hike down for lunch!

There are several productive areas closer to the base of the hill for those who are not prepared to scale the mountain. Clear crystals are fairly abundant in the washes and ravines. The

Champagne colored topaz crystals here are “color centers” and if left in bright light or heated, will turn clear.

For those who want to do some serious digging at this site, I will recommend the following paperback book: A FIELD GUIDE TO TOPAZ AND ASSOCIATED MINERALS OF THE THOMAS RANGE (TOPAZ MOUNTAIN), Volume 1; by John Holfert, Walter Mroch, and Jeremy Fuller; HM Publishing. www.utahmin.com www.gemandmineral.com

This book is inexpensive, but absolutely the best resource on tools, minerals, sites, maps and photos of the mountain.

We will be using Family Radio Service Radios (FRS) on channel 10, no tone code (or code 0) If you arrive during the day, you may attempt to contact me on the hillside on the FRS radio. Cell service (Verizon) was working at the site on my last trip from the camp site and the side of the hill, but don't rely on it. There is cell service in Delta.

FEES: There are no fees for these sites

PROGRAM COMPETITION – WHY BOTHER?

by Marge Collins

- Do you like to share your “rockhound” interests?
- Do you demonstrate at Shows or other events?
- Have you ever prepared a display for a meeting or at a show?
- Have you presented a program about a special interest at a Club meeting or during a Show?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Why not take the next step: Enter Program Competition - to share your interest and enthusiasm with viewers across the country?

You ask, why bother?

- 1) Viewers across the country are waiting to see new presentations.
- 2) You'll earn national recognition.
- 3) A cash award helps to defray the expense of producing a presentation.

A digital camera and computer make this process so much easier! If you have questions a fellow Club member or a friend may be able to help. Or, choose a contact below.

Be sure to use the best images possible - “fuzzy” pictures - whether out of focus or low resolution – are counter productive. And when writing your script, remember every professional author has one or more editors. In other words, don't be satisfied with the first draft. Ask someone to read the script to you. Listen, take notes; and then, re-write as needed. (Again, thank goodness for computers!)

Program Competition “rules” and entry form were published in the February AFMS Newsletter and are on AFMS website www.amfed.org The deadline for entry is April 15th. If you can't enter this year, start getting ready for 2015. *We're looking forward to your entry. And so are viewers across the country!*

For more info contact your Regional Librarian (who is one of the judges) or Competition Coordinator: Marge Collins (269) 695-4313 or margaret@qtm.net

***REMEMBER *
ARTICLES FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO
THE EDITOR BY THE 5th OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO
THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!**

CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events
sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

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

*Email or mail to:
SHOW DATES*

*Susan Chaisson-Walblom
42122 52nd St. West,
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com*

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

2014

February 21, 22 & 23: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Cathy Miller
info@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 1 & 2: ARCADIA, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County 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: 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 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 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

March 29 & 30: TORRANCE, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Boulevard
(Entrance on Madrona Avenue)
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Craig Polliard & Chris Lemaster
(310) 533-4931
CraigPolliard@yahoo.com
www.palosverdes.com/sblap

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 Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily
Frank Mullaney (408) 266-1791
Cell (408) 691-2656
info@scvgms.org
scvgms.org

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

April 26 & 27: THOUSAND OAKS, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Rd. at Borchard Rd.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734 <http://us-mg5.mail.yahoo.com/neo/rmsorca@adelphia.net>
<http://www.cgamc.org/>

April 26 & 27; SANTA CRUZ, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Corner of Church St. & Center St.
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675
www.scmgs.org

May 2, 3 & 4: BISHOP, CA
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Bishop Fairgrounds
Sierra Street
Hours: Fri. 5-10 p.m.; Sat. 9-7; Sun. 10-3
Steve Mobley (760) 793-6025
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
bursonrocks@verizon.net
searchersrocks.org/

May 3 & 4: PASO ROBLES, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 9 a.m.-5p.m. Daily
Kim Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
www.slrockhounds.org

May 3 & 4: YUCAIPA, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Scherer Senior Center
12202 First Street
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731
res09ayd@verizon.net
www.yvgms.org

May 10 & 11: 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

May 10 & 11: RENO, NV
Reno Gen & Mineral Society
Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center
1350 N. Wells Avenue
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Steve Norman (775) 358-7322
Cell (775) 560-4782
snorm11@hotmail.com
www.renorockhounds.com

****2014****

****CFMS SHOW****

California's Gem & Mineral Bountly
May 30-June 1: POMONA, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Fairplex Building #5
1101 McKinley Avenue
Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joenmar1@verizon.net
www.cfms2014.com

May 31 & June 1: ESCONDIDO, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 9-4
Michael Bagstad (760) 489-1897
gemshow@palomargem.org
www.palomargem.org

June 6, 7 & 8: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Sonora High School
401 S. Palm Street
Hours: Fri. 4-8:30pm; Sat. 8-8 & Sun. 9-6
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
nancyjbird@verizon.net
nocgems.com

June 14 & 15: CAYUOUS, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Veterans Hall AT PIER
10 Cayuous
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Kim Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
slogems.org

August 23 & 24: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Ellen Nott
ellen_nott@yahoo.com
www.sfgemshow.org

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/>

September 27 & 28: SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Jolene (707) 528-7610
Jolene@srmgs.org
www.SRMGS.org

***Do you have any Great ideas
on how to advertise your
Societies Show?***

***If you do, please send them in,
and we'll share your ideas with
all of the other
CFMS Gem & Mineral
Club & Societies!
Thank you!***

**2014
FEDERATION SHOWS**

Eastern Federation March 29-30
Plymouth Mtg,
Pennsylvania

California Federation
May 30-June 1
Pomona, CA

Rocky Mountain Federation
****AFMS SHOW**** July 9-13
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Northwest Federation
Aug. 15 – 17
Hermiston, Oregon

Midwest Federation
Oct. 18 – 19
Des Moines, Iowa

**2015
FEDERATION SHOWS**

Midwest Federation May 23-24:
Wheaton, IL

South Central Federation
****AFMS Show****
Austin, Texas
****2014****
****CFMS SHOW****
California's Gem & Mineral
Bounty

Hosted by the:
Pasadena Lapidary Society
When:
May 30 - June 1
Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Where:
POMONA, California

****2014****

****CFMS SHOW****

California's Gem & Mineral
Bounty
Hosted by the:
Pasadena Lapidary Society
When:
May 30 - June 1
Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Where:
POMONA, California
Fairplex Building #5
1101 McKinley Avenue
Fri. & Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Contact information:
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joenmar1@verizon.net
www.cfms2014.com

**2014 Show & Convention
Reservation forms are
now available on the
CFMS web site or on the
2014 Show web site.**

**Don't wait, make your
reservations now for the
2014 CFMS
SHOW &
CONVENTION!**

ADVERTISING YOUR SHOWS

**Be sure to advertise your
shows in the *Rock & Gem
Magazine!***

***[http://www.rockngem.com/
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)***

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