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»» Celebrating the Joys of the Earth Sciences and the Practice of Lapidary Arts & Crafts ««



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Mineral Arts Form & Function

There is a world of creativity inside everyone, especially when it comes to our multifaceted hobby of the Earth Sciences and the Practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts. You don't have to be what most of the world considers being an artist to make something beautiful and functional.

I've always thought that if you pay attention to the details of what you are crafting, even if you are a plumber, you are an artist of your work. That's true when you're giving a program, working on club financials, stacking up the chairs after a meeting or offering new ideas to benefit your society or Federation.

Don't be afraid to think outside the box. I used a cupboard found at a cheap import shop and embellished it with fabric I dyed, shells and minerals. The handles are made with quartz clusters wire wrapped with gem beads. The center of the door is a mineral mosaic of peridot, apatite, quartz and tiny luminescent shells, all inspired by the sea for a very unique jewelry box.



There are endless ideas for things to make, and for how to make meetings more fun and enjoyable for everyone. Maybe your specialty is storytelling, working in the kitchen behind the scenes, being the gopher that gets the room set up before the members arrive, and even taking out the garbage after everyone leaves. The beauty of the rocks and minerals, their life story of how they

came to be with the friendships we've also collected along the way, are the inspiration behind all the work we do. Many thanks to each and every

one of you who keep the beauty of the earth sciences alive by continuing to inspire others.

CFMS Fall Business Meeting Visalia-Sat, Nov 8th. It is important to have each society's CFMS Director (or his or her Alternate) in attendance to participate in the process of the meeting so we have a quorum. Election of the CFMS 2015 Officers will be held. Everyone looks forward to the Cracker Barrel on Fri night, and the banquet Sat evening when we welcome in your Federation's 2015 Executive Board.

Congratulations to Jim Brace-Thompson for being inducted into the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame in their Education category. Founded in 1987 to recognize excellence in the earth sciences, their Board inducts one or more persons each year in six categories: Minerals, Fossils, Metal Craft, Lapidary, Education and Tribute (Deceased).

Jennifer

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 5. Deadline for December Newsletter
October 31. Deadline for Packet Reports
November 8. Fall Business Meeting-Visalia
Mar 29-Apr 5 Camp Zzyxx

Please send any information you want included in the Directors packets for the Visalia meeting by October 31. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring 100copies of any reports for distribution at the meeting. Thank you.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at bplarue@earthlink.net. I can work with Word and Wordperfect files as well as those which are converted to .pdf. Yes, I will even accept your items by “snail mail”. Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657.

DONATIONS

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

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Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgements. **Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.**

VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow



Just a reminder: the 4 most recent additions to the program library are DVD #70, Agates Under the Microscope, a 2013 AFMS Award Winner, DVD #71, Discovering Dinosaurs, a 2013 Excellence in Education winner, DVD #72, Uncovering Fossils, a gift from AFMS, 30 minutes, DVD #73, Planet Earth, Education Edition, Caves, a gift from the AFMS Endowment Fund. Your donations to the Endowment Fund every year enables the American Federation to gift us and others these programs. Check the CFMS website for these and other programs for your monthly meeting and yearly show.

I would like to thank those who have taken the time to send feedback on programs. This is particularly helpful for evaluating which DVDs need to be “retired” and/or replaced. Please continue to send your comments. →

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CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2015 Officers will be held November 7-9, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at (559) 651-5000. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 6, 2014**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 8 at 9 a.m.** President-elect Tom Burchard will have a brief meeting of his 2015 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu:

- Beef & Chicken Duo**
- Caesar Salad
- Marinated Charbroiled Bistro Filet Served with Cabernet Reduction
- Grilled Chicken Breast in Mushroom and Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Roasted Garlic Red Potatoes
- Dinner Rolls and Butter
- Black Tie Mousse with Whipped Cream Topping

\$36 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

Make banquet reservations by November 1 2014.
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES FOR 2015 OFFICERS

By Ted Magee, Chairman

The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following slate for the 2015 CFMS officers:

- President..... Tom Burchard
- 1st VP/President-elect..... John Martin
- 2nd VP..... Margaret Kolaczyk
- Secretary..... Kim Campbell Erb
- Treasurer..... Tony Fender

At any time prior to forty-five (45) days before the November Fall Business Meeting, member societies may send to the nomination committee the names and qualifications of any candidate they wish to nominate for any CFMS office.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Fall Business Meeting with the consent of the person being nominated. Otherwise, the person making the nomination must provide the Directors the nominee's qualifications.

Visual Programs cont...

On another note, several clubs have been rather lax about returning material. If you need to keep a program longer than a week after a showing, please contact me to make sure that another club isn't waiting for it.

The cost of renting a program is \$7.50 and is payable in advance. Or if it is more convenient, enclose payment when returning the program. If you are going to Visalia and wish to have me bring a program or to return one, I plan to be there. You must, however, have the proper forms attached.

If you have any questions about the process of acquiring a program for your club or need more information on a specific progrj, just contact me by phone, email or text. Happy Thanksgiving!! I can hardly believe that 2014 is rapidly approaching its end.

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CAMP PARADISE REPORT

By Tom Burchard 1st Vice President

I hope all the students who attended Earth Science Studies Seminar this year at Camp Paradise, will go back to their clubs and report on all the fun they had and all that they learned.

For the first time since we started Camp Paradise, both weeks were completely full. Do we expect next year to a repeat of this year? I hope so. Some folks are predicting that this trend will continue.

The Camp has been sold. We met the new owners. They were in camp when we arrived doing clean up and maintenance. It is a Baptist Church group from Sacramento, and they are real happy and proud of their new acquisition and plan on many upgrades of the facility over the coming years. They don't want to make it into a resort, but make it much more user friendly as a kid's summer camp, as well as for groups like ours.

I was fortunate enough to talk two lapidary instructors in to assisting me in the cabochon shop. Fortunate in that Marion Roberts was unable to attend Camp this year as he required some surgery, and this was the only time this year his surgeon could fit him in. Marion did not want to wait until next year, as this would have messed with his travel plans and duties as AFMS President. So Marion asked that I take charge as the Camp Director. Without the assistance from Barbara Hartman (1st week) and Bob Rush (2nd week) I would not have been able to handle all of the Directors responsibilities, as well as instruct full time. I want to THANK Barbara & Bob for their assistance.

I will need 'assistance' at Camp Zzyzx next year, so I am asking if anyone in the CFMS is interested. The reason I will need assistance is Marion Roberts will not be serving as ESS Chair next year, again due to his AFMS responsibilities. One of the CFMS President's duties is to select Committee Chairs. As I am probably going to be CFMS President next year, I will probably select myself to be ESS Chair. Which means I will be Camp Director again, and will need someone to assist me in the lapidary shop. HELP!

I want to thank Margaret Kolaczyk for the excellent job she did herding all the students. If you think herding cats is difficult, try herding rockhounds. I'd have been a babbling idiot at the end of Camp without her assistance in particular, but with the help of all the instructors and spouses, she and they made this a particularly enjoyable camp for me, in spite of all the work. THANKS!

You will find the 'Registration Form' for Zzyzx 2015 in this newsletter and online at the CFMS Web Site. Make sure you DO NOT post mark your registration form before November 1st. Any registration postmarked prior to November 1st will go on the "Waiting List"

See y'all in Visalia.



2015 CFMS SHOW AT LODI

By Margaret Kolaczyk, Show co-chair

Latest and greatest news is that the show has a theme. ROCKS & VINES. The winner is Vivien Roberts. Frank Mullaney has designed and printed up business cards and posters. Bob Knox and Chris Ward are designing the display case favors and banquet center pieces. Romy Mueller is handling the non-competitive case registration forms and Cheri George has the competitive case registration forms. Gerald Kyle has volunteered to handle the raffle. Susan Chaisson-Walblom has the dealer contracts done and is sending the contract out to venders. Jim Brace-Thompson is doing a great job putting the Junior Activities together. Jennifer Haley is Wagon Master and is working on the registration form for RV/Camping at the fairgrounds. Cheri George is lining up demonstrators and if you would like to demonstrate please contact her. Bural LaRue is handling the Silent Auction for the Endowment Fund and would greatly appreciate donations of nice rocks slabs. Pat LaRue is the Show Treasurer and Tom Burchard is working on the registration form for the Banquet, Present & Past President Luncheon and the Breakfast. The Sacramento Mineral Society will be doing the concessions and banquet with Marion Roberts coordinating this task. Emmy Silverman is lining up speakers. Merryan O'Neal has the website up and is adding information as it becomes available. Just go to the CFMS website and you will find a link under the 2015 calendar. Fred Ott will be handling the Fluorescent Tent display. The Calaveras and the Stockton clubs are lending display cases for the show but depending on how many entries are received, more cases may be needed.

A show meeting at Visalia is scheduled for Saturday November 8th after the Director's Meeting from 2pm to 4pm. Advertising is an important issue and if you have ideas on how best to "GetThe Word Out" to bring people into the show, please come to the meeting.





WEST NILE VIRUS

by Mark Nelson, Safety Chairman

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a concern for rock collectors during field trips and afterwards - as we store our specimens.

Knowledge of the causes and prevention of this illness can help us all enjoy our

hobby more fully! WNV is a mosquito-borne disease that was originally found in Africa. In 1999, it was detected in the eastern United States. Since then the virus has spread throughout the United States and is well established in most states. WNV is spread by the bite of a mosquito that becomes a carrier ("vector") when it feeds on infected birds or squirrels. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.

California is experiencing an increase in the cases of this serious disease. In 2007 there were 380 cases in 51 counties, 445 in 2008 and 379 in 2013. For the first 8 months of 2014 there were already 375 reported cases in 38 counties and 15 deaths. In just the second week of September there were 65 cases reported! This is a statewide concern and so far this year cases of human illness have been reported in Butte, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba. This is truly something to be taken seriously. In my local newspaper an article reported the discovery of two Australian mosquitos in Southern California.

Rock collectors are cautioned to take precautions now to avoid mosquito bites and eliminate standing water sources to break the mosquito life cycle. The CDC and the California Department of Public Health recommend the "4 D's":

- DEET - Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaradin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 (according to label instructions) on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Repellants keep the mosquitoes from biting you. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older.

- DRESS - Wear clothing that reduces the risk of skin exposure to mosquito bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with repellent will give extra protection. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin. Do not spray repellent on the skin under your clothing.

- DAWN AND DUSK - Mosquitoes bite in the early morning and evening so it is important to wear repellent at this time. Make sure that your doors and windows have

tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

- DRAIN - Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. If you have a pond, use mosquito fish (available from your local mosquito and vector control agency) or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.

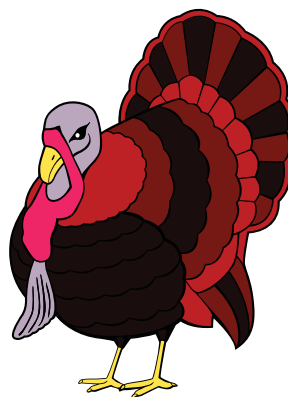
The first three apply to us both at home and while on field trips. The fourth is of concern when storing rock specimens. A common way to store collected specimens prior to slabbing, carving or preparing them for display is in 5 gallon buckets or metal bins or tubs. When water is introduced into the containers by rain or irrigation it becomes a perfect breeding site for mosquitos. After reading this, check your own storage containers. Look for mosquito larvae darting around in the darkened water.



Veteran collector Carolyn Duncan of the Pasadena Lapidary Society has a unique solution: Drill several ½" holes in the sides of the bucket, or container, near the bottom. In a plastic container this can be done with a ½" spade drill bit.

By drilling into the sides you can set the container upright and not block the holes. Carolyn further advises a teaspoon of laundry bleach for those containers that are not suitable for drilling.

You can help track down the West Nile Virus by reporting all dead birds and squirrels, which often die as a result of the WNV infection. To find the WNV reporting agency for your state call the U.S. Center for Disease Control, which was the source of the information contained in this article, at (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) or go online to www.cdc.gov/westnile.





CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair

The **Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society** would like to recognize Dennis and Linda Gibbs, who joined our Society because of their interest in the earth sciences.

Linda was Vice-President, on the Board of Directors, and membership chair for the last 4 years. She arranged for members and outstanding guest speakers from the local community, museums, and universities. This year, she created a newcomers orientation class to tell new members about our society, the CFMS, and the AFMS.

Dennis is a retired educator and has been our field trip leader for the past 2 years. He has been a catalyst in improving the quality and quantity of our field trips by researching what members want to do and, doing it, along with including keeping the club’s website updated concerning field trips. His efforts have proven effective at meeting YVMGS objectives of providing educational field trips to the club membership and local community.

Both Dennis and Linda fully embraced our club’s charter to promote earth sciences in the community through educational meetings and field trips. We’re glad to call them members.

Rhonda Hansen and Donna Miller are relatively recent members to **Reno Gem & Mineral Society**. After joining, they eagerly jumped in to help out, taking classes, and participating in field trips. They are both on the board of directors, recycle aluminum cans for the Society, and have led field trips. They have exhibited at our local meetings and at our annual shows. They participate in our artisan shows selling a wide variety of items and demonstrating skills learned from the Society. More than this, they have smiles on their faces for everyone. They are the epitome of our description of “Rockhound of the Year”. I consider it an honor to nominate Rhonda and Donna for RGMS 2014 Rockhound of the Year.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Rhodes, CFMS Director



DRAFT DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN FINALLY RELEASED

By Kim Campbell Erb

The long awaited draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (aka “DRECP”) has finally been released for the public’s review and comment before it is approved and becomes law. There is no doubt that this will affect future access to our public lands.

This is a first ever plan prepared jointly by Federal and State agencies to designate all lands, public and private, within a vast portion (22.5 million acres) of California, as preferred either for alternative energy projects (“Development Focus Areas”, or “DFOs”) or as preferred for “conservation”. “Conservation” is defined broadly to include recreation as well as species and habitat conservation. The plan will have maps associated with it, and there will be many alternatives, including a no change alternative as well as the alternative that the agencies have designated as “preferred”. Following its approval, this Plan will allow developers of alternative energy projects to undergo a much simpler and quicker approval process for projects in DFO’s, and it will make it more burdensome for them to obtain approvals for such projects in areas designated as preferred for “conservation”. Here is a link to the main web page for the DRECP: <http://www.drecp.org/>

This plan includes a Land Use Plan Amendment (“LUPA”) that could be approved independently of the DRECP which will designate new wilderness and conservation areas so it will define use beyond alternative energy projects. This means we lose twice, since the new wilderness and most of the conservation areas will almost certainly be lost to mineral collecting and vehicular access.

Perhaps the most important thing to do now in order to preserve our collecting locations is to pour over the maps released with the plan to see how those areas, as well as the areas we need to travel to get to those areas, are designated. We need to determine which of our collecting areas are being designated as DFOs and which are being designated as new wilderness or conservation areas. The next thing we need to do is to review the land use definitions and restrictions applicable to the proposed “conservation” areas to be sure they would allow for continued collecting and continued vehicular access to those locations.

We have been told that, unlike other plans, this plan will provide for mitigation for loss of recreation (among other things), in areas designated for “conservation”, so it will also be important to determine if the mitigation proposed for loss of collecting areas is actually provided and whether it is appropriate and/or sufficient. →



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace Thompson

Soliciting Help & Supplies for our 2015 CFMS Show Kids Booth

At our last Directors Meeting, when it was decided CFMS would run a no host show in 2015, I made the mistake of asking a question and thus ended up in charge of our Kids Booth. (Note to self: keep mouth shut when volunteers are being solicited.) I'm very pleased at the quick offers of help I've received in the short time since. Tony and Sandie Fender saw me at the Orcutt society show in Nipomo and gladly offered whatever materials and personal help I might need. Virginia Rotramel, speaking on behalf of the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, emailed to note their entire membership voted approval to pitch in and help in all sorts of ways, starting with donations of rocks and materials for grab bags and additional supplies and materials for the activities I'm planning. My own Ventura club is offering spinning wheel prizes, stuffers for grab bags, and equipment for our kids' activities. Frank Mullaney of the Santa Clara Club is working with me on supplying Rockhound grab bags. Darryl Powell (AKA, Diamond Dan) has supplied some of his coloring/activity books at a special discount. And Bob Knox and Chris Ward of the Del Air club have offered their personal help, including their club's fantastic fold out displays on igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. This all came within just a couple months of my taking on chairmanship of the Kids Booth and issuing a call for help. Truly, CFMS is blessed with wonderful, generous clubs and people thank you to all who have already stepped up to the plate!

How can you and your club help? As a start, please revisit my Juniors article in our August CFMS Newsletter, where I listed tentative plans for the Kids Booth. If you and/or your club can donate any materials or equipment requested in that article, please contact me jbraceh@roadrunner.com (805) 659 3577 about making arrangements for delivering donations at the November Directors Meeting in Visalia or sometime thereafter. Here's a shortened version of that wish list I published in August:

1. **Spinning Wheel Prizes.** Larger minerals, crystals, tumbled stones, fossils, petrified wood, lapidary work, etc. For minerals, the more colorful (red, blue, green) and/or sparkly, the better!
2. **Grab Bags.** We can use donations of both empty bags (approximately 5"X7") and smaller rocks, minerals, Apache tears, fossils, and tumble polished pebbles to fill them.
3. **Sand Sifting.** Very small tumble polished stones, small fossil shark teeth, small crystals, etc.
4. **Adopt-a-Rock.** I'm seeking rocks not worth a buck a spin but perhaps worth a quarter even a dull rock with an interesting shape will work!
5. **Pirate's Treasure Chest.** Each child at the show will get to pick out a free tumble polished rock, so please: start your tumblers! I have a full treasure chest to fill.

6. **Ugly Duckling Rock.** A rock that's ugly on the outside but beautiful on the inside (for instance, an agate knobby on one side but beautifully banded and polished on the other, or a geode). We need BIG specimens for a touch display. These are for loan only and will be returned.

I have a number of other activities planned but am good to go with supplies and equipment thanks largely to my own Ventura club and to the Del Air club with their Three Rock Types display. One request: our show takes place in Lodi. Is your club located nearby? Would you be able to provide a spinning wheel? I can haul up the Ventura wheel, but it's large, heavy, and ungainly, so if there's a wheel located closer to Lodi, I welcome the loan. Again, please contact me at the email and phone number provided above. I also welcome suggestions for kids' activities beyond those I'm already considering.

My sincere thanks to all who have already stepped forward so quickly and so generously, and I hope to be shaking hands and offering many thanks for donations come November 8th in Visalia!

DRECP cont...

The public agencies have set up a Data Basin map system with the plan maps that the public is encouraged to use to define the areas that we submit comments about. Although the information cannot be submitted directly from the Data Basin website, it does provide a vehicle to [relatively] easily identify the areas of our concern and record that information so that we can communicate it in a standard format to the public agencies. Here is a link to the Data Basin website for the DRECP: <http://drecp.databasin.org/>

A webinar to help the public navigate and digest the plan will be held on October 9. For more information about the webinar and how to participate (or just listen), please go to http://drecp.org/calendar/index.php?com_detail&eID_572.

No public meetings have yet been scheduled for this plan, which is very unusual. Hopefully they will provide sufficient notice for the meetings and site them when and where it is most logical to get good public attendance and participation.

The public comment period for this plan ends January 9, 2015. This may seem like a long time, but it is very short considering the length and complexity of this plan, not to mention the huge geographic area affected by it. If you think it is unreasonably short, please do not hesitate to send them a comment letter NOW telling them so, and why. There is no limit on the number of comments any individual or group can make.

SEE YOU AT VISALIA!!!

Starting a Cub Scout and/or a Webelos Program at Your Show

by June Harris, Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Kids Area Coordinator

I promised that this month I would talk about how to work with your local Cub Scout/Boy Scout council. Last month's article, I talked about researching and thinking about what your club can support. So, now is time to put that into action. What do I mean by that? Have a good idea, or better yet, a formal proposal of what your society has to offer to each group (Cub Scouts and Webelos). If you are going to offer the Cub Scouts a way to earn their Geology belt loop and academic pin, then you need to understand the program and know what is necessary to earn it. There are a few other things you are going to need to be familiar with, too.

Before you visit your local council, you will need to be familiar with the following:

1. The requirements to earn the Cub Scout Geology Belt Loop and Academic pin as well as the **W e b e l o s** Geologist pin. Please note that these change occasionally, so periodic checking of the requirements is needed. Also, you need to make sure you have the most recent requirements.
2. Boy Scouts of America safety protocol for working with scouts.
3. The hierarchy of your local scout council - in particular the program director and the advancement committee chairman. The Program Director is probably a paid position within the council. The Advancement Committee Chairman is usually a volunteer position who oversees scout programs outside of their regular troop activities. In my local council, the program director submitted my proposal to the Advancement committee chairman for approval for me.
4. What can your society offer as a program to meet the requirements of the Cub Scout Geology Belt Loop and Academic pin programs? . I strongly suggest that you make sure what you are offering is a way, for each scout who attends, to earn their entire achievement. ***This is a selling point.*** Earn half the achievement is not sellable to scout leaders; they and the boys feel short changed if the scouts cannot complete the whole achievement.
5. Become familiar with your local Boy Scout Council website and the BSA, too. This should give you an idea of what is going on in your area with the scouts and also, if they are partnering with any other groups. Also, you can see if there are any events planned during your event's time frame .

So, now that you have a grasp on the above items, it is time to write your proposal. I can give you help with that or an example of what I wrote if you need it. Also, you will need a budget to submit to the Advancement committee. This is essentially to prove that if you are charging the scouts to attend, you not making huge amounts of money from them. Make sure you include the cost of the building space rental in your budget. You can use this budget and proposal with your own board or show committee as a guide to what you are trying to achieve.

When you have a proposal and budget together and think you understand the programs, submit your proposal to the council program director. I suggest a face to face meeting to get your questions answered and to answer his questions. You can ask him to review your proposal and let you know if he notices any problems so you can head them off before submittal.

Keep in mind that having a well thought out plan and a positive " can do" attitude will get you through this easier than being tentative and unsure. You will present your proposal best if you can look at it through the BSA's eyes. They are looking out for the security of their scouts and whether this program is already in play somewhere else in their council. Mostly though, they are concerned with keeping their current members and getting more, so you will need to make sure that you do not set up your program so you target the scout attendees to become your club members. Doing that will just about assure you will not get your proposal accepted. It doesn't mean that an attendee cannot become a member, just that you are not targeting them for that.

SCVGMS Kids Area does have a fee for Cub Scouts to participate. The current fee for Cub Scouts is \$3.50. This includes a worksheet with their achievement requirements, Kids Area patch, a rock bag with 6 specimens, and all the necessary materials to complete their achievement. We give one free adult admission into our show for every three children signed up in advance for our Kids Area. This makes sure that the scouts are adequately supervised and have the help they will need to complete their achievement.

Next month, I will write about how to start up a Girl Scout patch program. The following month will be on advertising these program and how to make it work for you.



CFMS JURY OF AWARDS

Seeking Nominations for AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree

By John Martin, Chair

It's time again to ask for nominations for the CFMS Jury of Awards for an AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree. November 1, 2014 is the latest date that nominations may be received, as the selection will be made by the CFMS Jury of Awards Committee at our Fall Business Meeting in Visalia. **So far this year we have not received any nominations and time is running out for the Award for this year.**

Six of the seven AFMS Federations participate in this awards program each year. Each of these Federations chooses an Honoree. The six Honorees are given the privilege of choosing a University within the territory of their Federation, and on behalf of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation two students pursuing graduate studies in the Earth Sciences receive a scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.

The Guidelines for nominating an Honoree:

- The individual or couple must not know that their name is being considered.
- Should be well versed in the Earth Sciences. Should have helped further the knowledge and skills of rockhounds and the Earth Sciences to societies as well as individuals.
- Need not be a member of a CFMS Club/Society.
- The Honoree may receive this honor only once.

At this time, the nominee's name and the documentation for his/her nomination should be sent to:

CFMS Jury of Awards Chairman

John Martin

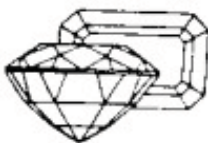
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MINING ETIQUETTE IN THE EXCHANGE NEWSLETTERS

by Terry Vasseur

One of the benefits of exchanging newsletters for editors is finding a piece of writing or a picture that would perfectly fill in an empty spot in your own newsletter. Since it is coming out of another Federation club's newsletter you might probably assume it is perfectly fine to use it and in most cases you are right. We don't copywrite our articles or photos which leaves them free for anyone to use. That's the legal aspect. Customary behavior however is to ask for permission. Generally, the editor, author, or owner may request an attribute if they ask for anything at all.

It gets a little tricky sometimes when the article you want is something the editor you wish to borrow from has borrowed from someone else. The editor may have gotten permission but has no authority to transfer it to you. Odds are good if you go to the original owner, you will also get permission.

If you go off the reservation, as I do now and then, you need to be beware. There are tons of wonderful material on the Internet, much of it not copywrited. Still, I try to request permission. I explain my intentions that I am an editor of a newsletter for a non-profit gem & mineral club. It usually works if I can find someone at home.



—Cartoon by Erston Barnhart in *Are We Having Fun Yet? An Irreverent but Affectionate Look at Rockhounds*

via Golden Spike News 11/01

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame was founded by June Culp Zeitner in 1987 to recognize excellence in the earth sciences by inducting one or more persons each year in six categories: Minerals, Fossils, Metal Craft, Lapidary, Education and Tribute (Deceased). At this time they have inductees representing 33 states. All of the inductees are experts in their fields. Many of them have published several books and most of them have been active in community service. In order to be considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame, nominees should be well recognized for their contributions and should have been involved in the earth sciences or lapidary arts for at least fifteen (15) years.



VGMS is honored to announce one of our members has been awarded this prestige honor. Congratulations to Jim Brace Thompson. He has been awarded the 2014 National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame winner in the Education Category.

Jim has been involved in the educational outreach at a lot of different levels. He has been VGMS's Educational Chair for more years than I have been here! He created the AFMS Kids Badge Program, is the CFMS Junior Activities Chair (for many years), he also writes a monthly article for *Rock & Gem Magazine* educating the Kids and so much more.

A photograph of each inductee is exhibited in the Hall of Fame. In addition, a plaque engraved with the name of each inductee along with the category and year of induction is also exhibited.

The Hall of Fame is governed by a seven member Board of Consultants composed of one person from each of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies member regions. The names and federations of the Consultants are as follows: Pat LaRue, California; Marge Collins, Midwest; Diane Dare, Southeast; Fred Schaefermeyer, Rocky Mountain; Doug True, Northwest; Emerson Tucker, South Central; and Steve Weinberger, Eastern, Chairman.

The National Rockhound Hall of Fame is a tax exempt organization. Under a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service dated March 14, 1996, donations to the Hall of Fame are tax deductible under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501 (c) (3). They accept donations of almost anything including, but not limited to money, rocks, fossils, jewelry, antiques, cars, works of art, etc.

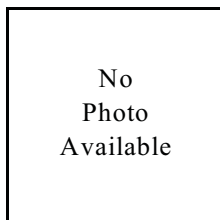
Submitted by Diane Cook, Ventura GMS

More CFMS inductees:

Mike Kokinos was inducted as one of two persons for their contributions to mineralogy. Mike began micromounting in 1962 and was an original member of the group that became the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists, and later, a member of the group that became the Northern California Mineralogical Association. To develop his skills, he undertook formal studies in optical mineralogy and over the years has taught many of his colleagues in optical and other identification techniques.



In his long association with professionals in the field, Mike has been instrumental in formalizing the descriptions of new minerals and publishing the results. His work aided in having ferrierite from Agoura, CA designated the type example of the species ferrierite-K and the optical properties determined for the clinoptilolite-Na were the first modern determinations for any species of the clinoptilolite group. He was inducted into the Micromounters Hall of Fame in 2010 and in 2014 the mineral Kokinosite was named in his honor.



Francis Musser began carving in 1960 when someone gave him an old dental machine. He's spent much time teaching others the art of carving and has displayed his work at numerous gem shows. In 2004 he was invited to Brazil and spent three weeks there teaching

gemstone carving. While there he also visited several of the gem mines.

Some of his most important carvings include a jade replica of the Liberty Bell commemorating the 200th anniversary of US independence from Great Britain, three pieces of gold and quartz from the Sixteen-to-one Mine that have been pictured in *Rock & Gem* magazine. At age 94 he's still carving and supporting the Indian Valley Museum in Taylorsville, CA with donations from his mineral collection, etc.

editor's note: Francis was active in CFMS activities several years ago.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, October 14

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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/>

October 11 & 12: VISTA, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 5; Sun. 10 4
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570
Cell (760) 535-5524
raysrocks@cox.net
vistarocksgms@gmail.com
www.vistarocks.org

October 11 & 12: ANDERSON, CA
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Briggs Street
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 604-2951
steve@applyaline.com
shastagemandmineral.com

October 11 & 12: GRASS VALLEY
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 am 5 pm Daily
Todd Lawson
ncgms@hotmail.com
www.ncgms.org

October 18 & 19: WHITTIER, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 5 Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 914-5030

October 18: WEST HILLS, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
Mary Beth Pio
info@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.org

October 18 & 19: PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado Co. Gem & Mineral Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 -5 Daily
Bob Graton (530) 676-2473
info@rockandgemshow.org
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 25 & 26: CAYUCOS, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cayucos Vets Hall
10 Cayucos Drive
Hours: 9 am 5 pm Daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
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Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One No. San Antonio
Hours: 10 am 5 pm Daily
Steve Jobe (408) 834-5384
steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
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November 1 & 2: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 5; Sun. 10 4
Miriam Tetreault (805) 642-5779
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November 1 & 2: CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road (Ygnacio Valley Rd.)
Hours: 10 am 5 pm Daily
Harry Nichandros (925) 289-0454
nichandros@juno.com
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/show-c@ccmgs.org>
http://www.ccmgs.org/gem_show/

November 1 & 2: RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 S. Richmond Road
Hours: 9 AM 5 PM Daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
<http://indianwells.weebly.com>

November 8 & 9: ANAHEIM, CA
American Opal Society
The Phoenix Club-Festhalle
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue
Hours: Sat. 9 6; Sun. 9 5
Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959
info@opalsociety.org
www.opalsociety.org

November 8 & 9: YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Katie Slightam (530) 673-9649
mktalternatives@comcast.net
www.sutterbuttes.net

November 8 & 9: SACRAMENTO, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
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sacgemshow.com

November 14 - 16: EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri. 9-6; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Diane Reed (707) 839-2079

November 22 & 23: SANTA CRUZ, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Live Oak Grange Hall
1900 17th Avenue
Hours: 10 AM 5 PM Daily
Julia Cornblatt (831) 687-0509
julia.cornblatt@gmail.com
www.scmgs.org

December 12, 13 & 14: RIALTO, CA
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Across Street from Rialto City Hall
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Bandgbing@aol.com
www.tulegem.com

February 13 – 22: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival
82-503 Hwy. 111
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Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
bert67@verizon.net

February 27 – March 8: IMPERIAL, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Imperial Valley Expo
200 East 2nd Street
Weekends noon-10pm; Weekdays 4pm-10pm
John Pyle, Jr. (760) 562-3453
icwus@sbcglobal.net
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February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 AM 5 PM Daily
Dan Wolke (707) 334-2950
dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
vjgems.org

March 6, 7 & 8: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gen Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 5
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007
www.mgscv.org

March 7 & 8: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 10-4
Krishna Juarez (805) 323-6725
info@VGMS.org
www.vgms.org

March 7 & 8: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County Arboretum
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9 am 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey(626)359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.moroks.com

March 14 & 15: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
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Cell (209) 484-4416
terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
www.turlockgemshow.com

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Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10 6; Sun. 10 5
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
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Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
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Keith Olivas (559) 622-9440
georgesilva@sbcglobal.net

March 28 & 29: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers G&M Society
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 4 & 5: CHICO, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2337 Fair Street
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10 4
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
Paradisegemandmineral.org

April 18 & 19: SAN JOSE, CA

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