



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Tom Burchard



As I am writing this it is still several weeks away from Camp Paradise. You will be reading it while we are at camp. Right now, camp registrations have us nearly full! We have been getting earlier and earlier reservations in the last several years. And full camps, for both weeks! Before we would have a full week, and a not-so-full-week. And, we could never predict with any precision, which week would be full and which would not. Looking forward to seeing y'all soon.

I hope that every member of CFMS gets a chance to read our newsletter and that the people in your club who receive the newsletter make it available to be read. While some of the information is repetitive, as needs be, there are always interesting articles and information, a lot of which may even be of some service to your club. Our jobs as Directors and Officers of the Federation is to see the continuing success of our clubs and federation. The newsletter has a major function in seeing that this happens. Thanks to all of the preceding 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, whose function it was to produce the newsletter as part of their duties as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Now, our Executive Treasurer/Secretary has been given that responsibility, for as long as she wants it. You should let her know that you are actually reading it, and that you appreciate the job she is doing. Thanks Pat!

Two of the articles, in the August issue, that caught my attention were 'Best Practices' by Cyndy Mandel, and 'Importance of Water' by Mark Nelson. These kinds of articles could not be any more germane to the success of a club, or the success of a field trip.

After Camp Paradise some of your Federation officers and committee chairs will be attending the AFMS Show & Convention in Austin, Texas. Then, in November, we all will meet again in Visalia for our Annual Fall Meeting.

Until Then...

Rox Vobiscum

*Tom Burchard*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sept 5. . . . . deadline for Oct newsletter  
Aug 30-Sept 4. . . . . Camp Paradise Week 1  
Sept 6-11. . . . . Camp Paradise Week 2  
Nov 13-15. . . . . Fall Business Meeting, Visalia

Please send any information you want included in the Directors packets for the Fall Business Meeting by Oct 31. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring 100 copies to the meeting. Thank you

**CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS**

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net). “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:

- CFMS Scholarship Fund
- CFMS Endowment Fund
- CFMS General Fund
- Diedrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund

Your donations should be sent to:  
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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.**

**THE LOSS OF ONE OF CFMS’ PAST PRESIDENTS**

CFMS Past President and a member of the CFMS Long Range Planning Committee, Jack Donahue, passed away on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He was 88 years old. His passion in our hobby and his work for the Federation involved collecting and working with our Societies. He was CFMS’ 17th President during 1962-63. He was a current member of the Santa Cruz Society and the Northern California Mineralogical Association. He always exhibited part of his excellent micromount minerals at the Santa Cruz show. On behalf of CFMS and the Committee, our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew him during this time of sorrow.

Submitted by Jennifer Haley



## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2016 Officers will be held November 13-15, 2015 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 9, 2015**. 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 14 at 9 a.m.** President-elect John Martin will have a brief meeting of his 2016 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
- New York Style Cheesecake
- \$37 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

### Make banquet reservations by November 7, 2015.

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominees for 2016 Officers

By Ted Magee, Chair

The nominating committee hereby submits the following slate for CFMS Officers.

|                                                  |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| President                                        | John Martin                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (President Elect) | M a r g a r e t<br>Kolaczyk |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President                   | Kim Campbell<br>Erb         |
| Treasurer                                        | Tony Fender                 |
| Secretary                                        | Louisa Carey                |

At any time prior to forty-five (45) days before the November Business Meeting, member societies may send to the nomination committee the names and qualifications of any candidates 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 to be nominated. Otherwise, the person making the nomination must provide the Directors with the nominee's qualifications.



## VISUAL LIBRARY

By Sharon Rogow

It's been a slow summer!!! I've received requests for September & October already but none came in for July or August. I am asking all of the program chairpersons to consider using our programs readily available from our in place collection. You all know that this is a service for our member societies as well as a fundraiser for the Federation. Your participation is essential & I am happy to assist you in any way that I can.

On another note, I want to remind those who are in possession of programs for more than two weeks after it's been shown to send them back as soon as possible. Lastly, a comment on another subject. I want to compliment and thank Margaret Kolaczyk and everyone on her capable staff & all of the workers who devoted time, energy and creativity to produce the wonderful show and fundraiser that it was. Sharon Rogow [sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net)

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS:

### ARTICLE VII Officers

#### Section 4: Vacancies

Should any office become vacant during the year, it shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers to fill out the rest of the term.

The underlined portion is the addition.

### ARTICLE III Membership

#### Current wording:

##### Section 6: Delinquency

- (a) A Member Society shall become delinquent if either the annual dues or insurance premium has not been paid by March 1st of each year and the Federation Treasurer shall so notify each delinquent Society at that time.
- (b) A delinquent Member Society may not participate in Federation activities, shall not receive regular mailings and shall not be covered by the Federation's Liability Insurance Policy.
- (c) When a Member Society has been delinquent for twelve (12) months, it shall be dropped automatically from membership and shall be notified by the Federation Secretary. The Federation Secretary shall notify all Member Societies of this action.
- (d) A Society which has been dropped from membership because of nonpayment of dues may be reinstated by the Board of Directors at a subsequent meeting upon payment of one year's delinquent dues plus dues and insurance premium for the current year

#### Proposed wording:

- 1–Dues for continued membership in the CFMS are payable on January 1 of each year and are delinquent if not paid by March 1.
- 2–Following March 1 the Federation Executive Secretary shall notify each delinquent Society in writing that if the dues & insurance payment is not postmarked by April 1, they must pay a \$50 late fee. Any payments postmarked after April 1 that do not include the late fee will be returned to the Society.
- 3–Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30 shall be dropped from the rolls of the Federation effective October 1 and shall be notified in writing by the Federation Executive Secretary.
- 4–Once a Society has been dropped from the Federation, they may not participate in Federation activities, shall not receive regular mailings and shall not be covered under the Federation's insurance program for any activities (including field trips) and no additional benefits of the Federation's insurance program (Certificate of Insurance, Additional Insured Endorsements, Directors and Officers Liability Coverage, Property/Premises insurance coverage) may be afforded.
- 5–Any Society that has not paid renewal dues by September 30 must reapply for membership in the Federation and pay the additional \$250 application fee and any money the CFMS has paid on their behalf when they dropped out must be reimbursed to the CFMS before reinstatement.

Changes will be voted on at the Fall Business Meeting in Visalia.



## MINERALS – MANAGING THE FEAR

By Mark Nelson, EMT–Safety Chair

At a recent field trip to collect samples of Serpentine, the California State Rock, one new member expressed a reluctance to attend because “they contain asbestos”. In 2009, California State Senator Gloria Romero (24th district in Los Angeles County), introduced a bill that would remove serpentine as the state rock and lithologic emblem and would leave the state rock unspecified. Her reason, as stated in the bill, is because “serpentine contains the deadly mineral chrysotile asbestos, a known carcinogen, exposure to which increases the risk of cancer mesothelioma” – despite the fact that there is no such mineral as *chrysotile asbestos*.

Professor Gordon Brown, the Chair of the Stanford University Department of Geological & Environmental Sciences, specializes in environmental geochemistry and aqueous and surface geochemistry. His study of the top rocks and minerals which can have deadly consequences to humans include Cinnabar, Galena, Pyrite, Fluorite, Quartz, Chrysotile, K-Feldspar, Phenacite, Erionite, Hydroxyapatite and Crocidolite.

Professor Brown’s study further explains about Hydroxyapatite, stating that this Apatite variation can be a serious health threat because it can form deposits in human heart valves and arteries – despite the beneficial aspect that it is the main mineral of which dental enamel and dentin are composed and are essential in dental and joint replacements. He also explains that “Quartz in fine particulate form has been known since Biblical times to cause respiratory effects (silicosis or silicotuberculosis). Workers in the ‘dusty trades’ – mining, sand blasting, quarrying, metallurgy, construction – suffer from these diseases. There is also concern about the potential of silica in other areas, including lung cancer and other cancers, kidney disease, and immunological problems.” He acknowledges that Quartz cutting tools and weapons (producing sharp edges), semiconductors (Silicon Valley) are very useful in our lives. Should we ban the use of the beautiful blue Apatite gem stone and beads? Or avoid handling Quartz crystals? Let’s manage the fear! Let’s use knowledge and common sense and take a view similar to that of using tobacco: If you crush it, roll it and smoke it you have a greater than normal chance of developing a health issue.

Back to Serpentine. First, “serpentine” refers to a group of minerals, not a rock. The term “serpentinite” is the proper term for the rock that is mostly made up of one or more of the serpentine group minerals. The term “asbestos” does not have a unique association with ANY particular mineral. It is derived from the term that describes the fibrous nature of a mineral material. Varieties of asbestos from a completely separate group of minerals, called the amphibole group, are considered to be the most dangerous form. The health danger of asbestos is when people breathe the powdered form into their lungs — and not just once or twice, but chronically over many years. As

KQUD Public Media For Northern California contributor, Brian Romans, puts it - “walking on, being near, handling, or even eating a piece of serpentinite rock is NOT harmful. The only way a piece of serpentinite might be harmful is if someone hurled a piece at you. To reiterate, one must inhale the powdered version into their lungs for it to be harmful.”

As reported by THE-VUG.com Senator Romero’s bill, SB 624, was introduced to address issues involving “Solid waste: garbage and refuse disposal districts: governing board membership”. Two months later she revised the bill to refer to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. A month later the bill was apparently hijacked by special interest groups (probably deep-pocket litigation advocates) to remove Serpentine as The State Rock of California because of “its association with an increased risk of the cancer mesothelioma.” After an uproar of response by intelligent Californians, Senator Romero allowed it to die in committee. What Senator Romero’s bill did was to attempt to use the “boogeyman” of asbestosis to frighten the other lawmakers.

In the same way, because Uranium, Platinum, Granite, Feldspar, Mica, Zircon, Malachite and the Rare Earth Elements are mildly radioactive some teachers will not allow it in a classroom for fear of the reaction of parents (don’t mention the 0.1  $\mu$ Sv of radiation emitted by a banana). The “fear flag” gets raised, no one wants to get it near them and our students get a kind of reverse education. In our hobby we must be more educated, but some of us still focus on the vague threat and ignore the science and common sense.

My father served as a machinists mate in the U.S. Navy during the last years of WWII in the Pacific. He remembered the sailors passing the tedious days by hitting the insulation around the steam pipes and watching the clouds of dust that billowed into the air from the pulverized pipe insulation (asbestos is an excellent heat insulator). In 1998 he died of mesothelioma. Should the blind fear of a particular insulation, mineral or chemical keep us from touring or working on a naval vessel? Should the slight and potential hazards of a rock or mineral keep us from enjoying their beauty and from turning them into works of art? Of course not. Neither should it keep us from collecting and enjoying our State Rock!

My Safety Advice for handling Serpentine is, as with any rock or mineral: after handling rocks don’t stick your fingers in your mouth before washing them; don’t swallow the rocks; don’t trip over Serpentine while collecting it; watch for ants, spiders and other critters when poking around rocks; never grind, inhale, smoke or snort rock dust and -- use water and a mask when grinding or polishing all rocks!

Sources for this article include: KQUD Public Media For Northern California - Brian Romans, ([science.kqed.org/quest/2010/08/05/learn-the-facts-about-serpentinite](http://science.kqed.org/quest/2010/08/05/learn-the-facts-about-serpentinite)); Professor Gordon Brown of Stanford University ([emsi.stanford.edu/doc/MostDangerous-Minerals.doc](http://emsi.stanford.edu/doc/MostDangerous-Minerals.doc)); The Vug ([www.the-vug.com/vug/article284](http://www.the-vug.com/vug/article284)).

## BEING SUED BY THE IRS SCAM !

By Linda Nelson, CPA  
Pasadena Lapidary Society

Several of my clients and even my mother-in-law have received calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS. In the most recent version of this scam, the "IRS agent" informs you that you are being sued for unpaid taxes. She/he may give you a badge number and name.

The reason stated for their call is that they're collecting taxes owed since 2012 and the "agent" tries to pressure you into paying by using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you don't pay up immediately, the "IRS agent" will sign a warrant for your arrest. They may also say the police or sheriff is on their way to your home.

**THIS IS A SCAM!** The caller is trying to steal your hard-earned money! No matter how convincing the caller might be, don't fall for it - don't be intimidated by these crooks!

The IRS will **NEVER** call you about payment or overdue taxes. The IRS doesn't call, text or email unless you have already set up a conversation with an agent. The IRS would **NEVER** ask you to act immediately. Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have had time to think. The IRS says it will **NEVER** demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debt card numbers over the phone.

Treat all calls or emails demanding immediate payment as if they were robbers in your home! No matter who calls you about any matter of urgency, don't wire money or use a prepaid debit card. Scammers often pressure people into wiring money or using a prepaid debit card. It's like sending cash: once it's gone, you can't trace it.

Report the incident to the Department of the Treasury at 800-366-4484 or to The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov).

If you owe taxes, or you think you might, you have two easy ways to resolve it. You can call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040. IRS employees at that line can check to see if there is an issue and, if there is, help you set up a payment schedule. You can also contact a reliable CPA or other tax professional who can confirm any owed taxes and review any reasons why the IRS might think that you owe them.

For more information check out the [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) web site to learn more about scams and report suspicious activity. Sources for this article include the IRS web site and the Better Business Bureaus of Fort Wayne, IN, Eastern MA, ME, RI & VT.



## IF I ONLY HAD THE AMBITION TO DO IT AGAIN

by Terry Vasseur

Most people when they take a new job they pretty much follow the way their predecessor did it. It makes sense but after a while when you think you have figured it out, you are bound to see some things that may need a tweak or two.

I managed to open the rules on poetry in 2014 so the Bulletin Aids Chairman could have the option to have a poetry contest at the CFMS level instead of immediately sending them off to the AFMS. In 2015, I got the California Federation's Newsletter Exchange (CFNE) going. The one thing that bothers me the most was my failure to do anything about upping the audience at the Editor's Breakfast. I am not so naive to believe it can be done but it would have been worth a try.

The Editor's Breakfast has been slumping for some time, so much so that the CFMS was considering to move the Bulletin awards into the Saturday night banquet. Some of us rebelled, thinking this would only further diminish the bulletin contests. In 2014 we had Bob Jones as our guest speaker. We thought his star power might turn it around. We did get a small bump that was a little disappointing. This year it was worse, partly due to CFMS members who might have come if they weren't busy working the show. What we are missing is our club's editors and awardees. An award presentation without these recipients produces a dull event.

California is a big state. Regardless of where the CFMS show is, more than half the state's clubs will be hundreds of miles away. To be there it requires a bit of ambition and some cash. I don't know if it has ever been tried but I was thinking maybe if the CFMS would pay their tab for the breakfast, it might get more of them in. Another thought I had was to send the top three awardees and editors an invitation specifying who and what they have won in advance of the show. Normally, we keep the outcome of our contests secret. Maybe if you know you are getting an award, you just might be enticed to come and receive it. Anyway that's for someone else.

Well folks, if you haven't already heard that I am retiring as the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair; here it is. As stated above, *'If I Only I Had The ambition, I Would Do It Again'*. Unfortunately I don't. I thank the people who entrusted me in taking this opportunity. It was a great experience. If given the chance, I recommend you take it. It's a scary thought at first but once you dig in, it becomes an interesting adventure. Initiative will lead the way. As I always say... *A job worth doing, is a job worth doing well!*



## CFMS HISTORIAN

By John Martin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

The year of 2016 is going to be a distressing year for the continuing Historical accounting of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Shirley Leeson is stepping down as the CFMS Historian after more than 20 years of serving as the committee chairperson. Over the years she has accumulated many stories, newsletters, pictures and records of most all CFMS activities. She is going to continue to support CFMS but will be unable to continue to store and maintain the CFMS Historical Records. All of CFMS thanks her for her many years of dedicated and generous service to CFMS. The Historical documentation is being removed from Shirley's residence and will put in a storage unit where it will be reviewed and to determine the best way to preserve the historical documentation of CFMS activities. As of now the CFMS is looking for a person to head the CFMS Historian Committee for 2016 and beyond.

From among all of the active members of CFMS Clubs and Societies it is time for a person to step up and meet the challenge and fill this very important committee chairmanship. Anyone interested in chairing this important CFMS committee please contact the CFMS President, Tom Burchard [roxhund@aol.com](mailto:roxhund@aol.com) or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President John Martin, [smartin@antelecom.net](mailto:smartin@antelecom.net).

Below are the duties and responsibilities of the Historian position for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies from the current *CFMS Officers & Chairmen's Manual* as published on the CFMS Website.

## HISTORIAN

Provide a chronological history of the activities of the CFMS.

### General Responsibilities

1. Preserve and maintain a file of all copies of the Federation Newsletter.
2. Maintain a chronological file of the Minutes of all meetings of the CFMS Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

3. Maintain a written and pictorial record of annual shows, including pictures, awards, and a copy of the Show Program.
4. Provide an exhibit at the CFMS Convention and Show when requested, or for special anniversary years.
5. Extract articles and pictures pertinent to CFMS from newsletters of other Federations, *Rock & Gem* magazine, *Jewelry Artist/Lapidary Journal*, and any other Earth Science magazines that publish such information.
6. Inform members of interesting events from the past by writing articles for the Federation Newsletter.
7. Encourage member societies to compile histories and send a copy to the CFMS Historian for inclusion in the Historian's files.
8. Make archival materials available to any Federation Officer or Chair requesting them. Provide photocopies when possible. A signed receipt should accompany all loaned materials.
9. Encourage local clubs and societies to help CFMS build and maintain a Historical Cab Collection from materials within the local region of each CFMS society.



## CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair

I would like to nominate Doris & Cecil Helms for Rockhounds of the year. They have been members of the **Amador Gem & Mineral Society** for 30 years, they joined in March 1985.

During that time they have served the club in a variety of ways Cecil was President for a time and served on the Board of Directors for 3 years. Doris has been membership chairperson for over 20 years. They are always willing to volunteer their time and money for anything that needs to be done. Every August they host a potluck for the club at their house. Cecil has been a valuable asset to me during my Presidency, and has been there whenever I needed him. Doris is always cheerful and happy, even when she is under the weather.

Submitted by William Lichty, President.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

by Bob Rush, Membership Chair

One of the most important things that must be done when a new member comes to the first general meeting is to greet them and make them feel comfortable and appreciated as I have explained in previous Membership Committee articles.

We have the new member come about 30 minutes prior to the meeting for a new member orientation. We have a member of the board provide a binder for all new members that provides a thorough list of important information about our society that every member needs to know. It takes about 20 minutes to go through the document including any questions the new member may have. This activity adds to the welcoming experience that we provide to the member's first exposure to the society and we consider it a very valuable addition to help retain new members.

Below is a list of the Table Of Contents of our document. As you can see it is a very comprehensive document about our society. I would highly recommend that all societies adopt a similar document and process to better educate all new members. If you have any questions please email me at [rocksbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rocksbob@sbcglobal.net).

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**HOW KNOWLEDGEABLE ARE YOU ON PUBLIC LANDS POLICY?**

by Shirley Leeson, ALAA President

Have You Ever Wondered How the Planning and Decision Making Comes About? Recently in researching an old article by the late Bob Cranston, Secretary of ALAA in 2003, I ran across an article about “A Conservationist’s Guild to BLM Planning and Decision-Making, Using FLPMA and NEPA to Protect Public Lands. It was written by Erik Schlenker-Goodrich of the Wilderness Society. You can download this Guide, it’s about 135 pages, but it’s enlightening in showing how the Wilderness Society works to protect Public Lands.

Here are highlights of some of what is in the Guide:

- Basic questions and answers on Public Lands Advocacy. (pages 1 – 4)
- A map to citizen participation in the BLM planning and decision-making, with emphasis on how to leverage place-based information to force the BLM to take conservation-oriented action consistent with the law. (pages 5 – 11)
- The Legal Landscape: Preservation, Conservation and Exploitation of the Land. This includes descriptions of various conservation units managed by the agency. (pages 12-15)
- The BLM’s Core Policy Framework, a detailed overview of general mission and core obligations of the BLM. (pages 16 – 38)
- Collecting Information: Inventories, Monitoring and Evaluations. (pages 39 – 49)
- Planning and Decision-Making – How the BLM develops plans and how the agency subsequently puts those plans into practice. This deals with the BLM’s comprehensive resource management planning process. (pages 50 – 89)
- NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, one of the most important environmental laws ever enacted. (pages 90 – 117)
- Appeals, Protests and Litigation, which outlines your options to challenge decisions with the BLM’s planning and decision-making process breaks down and results in potentially illegal decisions. (pages 118 – 135)

If you or someone in your club would like to research this enlightening Guild, I’m sure you will find it interesting, at the least. To me, it’s like going in to a child’s bedroom, and seeing a special item on a high shelf. It’s to look at, but out of the child’s reach to touch it. Much like the Wilderness we have out here in the west. You are not adult enough to be trusted with this, so you can only look at it and we will show you in pictures what is there.... The problem is, who is going to see all this beauty that has been locked away?

At my age and with my health problems, I certainly won’t be able to hike into any of these areas – many of them are thousands of acres, so this basically shuts me out. Is this fair? You decide....

Let ALAA Know If You Encounter Access Problems American Lands Access Association has been blessed with members and FRIENDS who have rallied to our side . . . it doesn’t get any better than that.

There are still numerous problems involving rockhound access cropping up all over the country and we need your help to identify them, so please notify ALAA and get involved. Together we can try to do something to preserve our access to rockhound hunting sites. Nothing is better than having people in the local area take the lead on publicizing road closures, sites closures, etc. These are the people close to the problems, and sometimes that person is YOU.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, so let ALAA know how we can help and support you. We are all volunteers, some with lots of time to work to solve problems and others with limited time, but you all are a part of this vast puzzle and we need you.

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## The California Federation's Newsletter Exchange (The CFNE)

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Ellen Nott  
[ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com)  
[www.sfgemshow.org](http://www.sfgemshow.org)

### August 29 & 30: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Rd. (near Ygnacio Rd.)  
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily  
Harry Nichandros (925) 289-0454  
[Show-c@ccmgs.org](mailto:Show-c@ccmgs.org)  
[http://www.ccmgs.org/gem\\_show/](http://www.ccmgs.org/gem_show/)

### Sept. 19 & 20: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
Harvest of Gems & Mineral Show  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily  
Carol Corden  
[cordencarol@yahoo.com](mailto:cordencarol@yahoo.com)  
[www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org)

### September 19 & 20: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily  
John Scott (530) 343-3491  
Cell (530) 321-6331  
[jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
[featherriverrocks.org](http://featherriverrocks.org)

### September 26 & 27: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Janis Rovetti (831) 372-1311  
[janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.cvgms.com](http://www.cvgms.com)

### September 26 & 27: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockeford Street  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Jerold Kyle (209) 368-9411  
[jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)  
[stocktonlapidary.com](http://stocktonlapidary.com)

### September 26 & 27: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Wells Fargo Center for the Art  
50 Mark West Springs Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Jolene (707) 528-7615  
[Jolene@SRMGS.org](mailto:Jolene@SRMGS.org)  
[www.SRMGS.org](http://www.SRMGS.org)

### September 26 & 27: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Elks Lodge  
11233 Woodruff Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551  
[nancybird@verizon.net](mailto:nancybird@verizon.net)

### Sept. 30 – Oct. 4: JOSHUA TREE, CA

Hi-Desert Rockhounds  
Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree  
6225 Sunburst Street  
Hours: 9a.m. – 6p.m. Daily  
Judy Thompson (760) 902-5340  
[rogerthompson@mac.com](mailto:rogerthompson@mac.com)  
<http://jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html>

### October 3 & 4: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: Sat.10-5; Sun 10-4  
Ray Pearce (760) 535-5524  
[vistarocksgms@gmail.com](mailto:vistarocksgms@gmail.com)

### October 3 & 4: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron Park  
12000 Boron Avenue  
Hours: 9 am – 4 pm Daily  
Steve Breckenridge (760) 559-0872  
[rock5b@starband.net](mailto:rock5b@starband.net)

### October 10: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hours: 10am – 5pm  
Nikki West (209) 742-4234  
[mgmcc@sti.net](mailto:mgmcc@sti.net)

### October 10 & 11: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLG&MS Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat. 7-5 & Sun 7-4  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
[slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
[www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/)

### October 10 & 11: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fairgrounds  
1890 Briggs Street  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Kelly O'Leary (530) 722-7133  
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### October 10 & 11: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily  
Anita Wald-Tuttle (530) 277-6195  
[anitaw1t3@gmail.com](mailto:anitaw1t3@gmail.com)

### October 11: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
123 West Alvarado Street  
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Fallbrook G&M Society (760) 728-1130  
[fgms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net)  
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### October 17: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church  
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Anita Niles (818) 349-2943  
[Info@rockchippers.org](mailto:Info@rockchippers.org)  
[www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

### October 17 & 18: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Avenue  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

### October 17 & 18: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily  
Karen Newlin (530) 676-2472  
[info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
[www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

**October 24 & 25: LOS ALTOS, CA**

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One No. San Antonio  
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5p.m. Daily  
Steve Jobe (480) 834-5384  
[Steve\\_jobe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net)  
<http://pggs.org/>

**November 7 & 8: ANAHEIM, CA**

American Opal Society  
The Phoenix Club  
1340 South Sanderson Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959  
[info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
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**November 7 & 8: RIDGECREST, CA**

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours: 8am – 5pm Daily  
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905  
[jfrocks@dslextrême.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextrême.com)

**November 7 & 8: OXNARD, CA**

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Josephine Martinez (805) 701-1826  
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**November 14 & 15: YUBA CITY, CA**

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds-Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Katie Slightam (530) 673-9649  
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**November 21 & 22: APPLE VALLEY, CA**

Victor Valley Gem & Miner Club  
Victor Valley Museum  
11872 Apple Valley Rd.  
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[vp-shows@vvgmc.org](mailto:vp-shows@vvgmc.org)  
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**November 21 & 22: SANTA CRUZ, CA**

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Live Oak Grange  
1900 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily  
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[Julia.cornblatt@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.cornblatt@gmail.com)  
[www.scmgs.org](http://www.scmgs.org)

**December 5 & 6: LAKESIDE, CA**

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
12584 Mapleview Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Mary Ness (619) 449-0759  
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**January 16 & 17: EXETER, CA**

Tule Gem & Mineral Society  
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building  
324 N. Kaweah Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Margaret Buchmann (559) 799-6034  
[Margaretbu03@gmail.com](mailto:Margaretbu03@gmail.com)  
[www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)

**March 4 – 6: NEWARK, CA**

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Avenue  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007  
Cell: (510) 305-4196  
[showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
[www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

**March 5 & 6: VENTURA, CA**

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 West Harbor Boulevard  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Show Chair (805) 312-8467  
[info@VGMS.org](mailto:info@VGMS.org)  
[www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

**March 5 & 6: ARCADIA, CA**

Monrovia Rockhounds  
L.A. Arboretum-Ayres Hall 301 North  
Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9am - 4:30pm Daily  
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
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**March 12 & 13: SPRECKELS, CA**

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
Spreckels Vets Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233  
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