



CFMS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Tom Burchard



We are all back from Camp Paradise. Another very successful Seminar. Both weeks were full, much fun was had by all, only a few things went wrong. We do need to report that there will be an increase in the cost of renting the facility next year, which will require that we increase our participation fee. We have not decided yet how much the increase will be. As always we will try to keep it at a minimum. There will be no increase for Zzyzx in 2016.

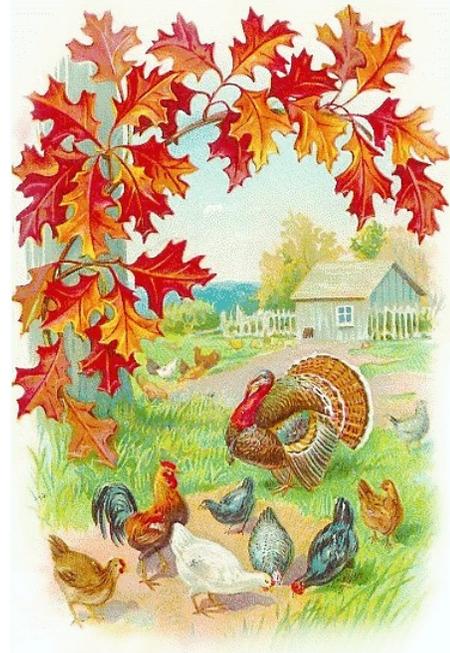
The Application for Zzyzx-2016 will be included in this newsletter. The application will be posted online at the CFMS web site in time enough for everyone to have a fair shot at getting their applications in. DO NOT mail your applications in before midnight DECEMBER 1ST. The 'window' for receiving applications will be the first two weeks of December. During that time, Audrey Harvey our Registrar will note the date and time received and give "First Timers" (people who have NEVER attended either Camp Paradise or Zzyzx) preference. We, the committee, have established that 20% is probably the most fair and desirable goal for 1st Timer participation. Then, all who have attended either camp will be counted in according to reception date and time.

If I was a machine, I'd schedule myself for a complete systems check. I was absolutely sure I had composed and sent in an October Presidents Message. Imagine my chagrin when I opened the October CFMS Newsletter, and there was no message. A big ol blank space where it should have been. Yikes! I think I have a better understanding why some people have personal secretaries. It is to keep them on track and on time. Rather late in my life to consider going there.

So, onward and upward. Off to Austin for the AFMS Meeting, and then Visalia for the next CFMS Directors Meeting, November 17th. See You There?

Until Then, Rox Vobiscum

Tom Burchard



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 5. deadline for Dec newsletter
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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The CFMS website is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org the email for the web site is cfmswebsite@yahoo.com. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website.

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 bjplarue@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:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

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.**

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair



Hi,

I know we lead busy lives. There is always another rock to find and/or cut & polish and business to attend to. But taking 1 hour to nominate, write up, and send to me who you think deserves to be your club's ROTY, adult & junior, should be easy.

I've had only 11 clubs this year send me anything. You have 2 more months, the cut off is Dec. 31.

Thanks,
Nancy



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 Wyndham–Visalia (formerly Holiday Inn), 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. This is the same hotel we've used in the past. As of September 1 it became part of the Wyndham hotel family. I am assured that they will honor the \$89 room rate. Since some of the people working the reservation desk may not be aware of the arrangement, it is suggested that you ask for Vanessa or Evelyn in the sales department Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm . Do not try to register online!

Room reservations 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. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel 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



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

What Age Is Best for Recruiting Junior Members?

If you're looking to build a pebble pup and juniors contingent within your club, what are the best ages to target?

I've been asked that question many times over the years, and I usually give an answer based on gut feelings and informal observation: if you go too young, kids lack the attention span and any activities you attempt to undertake often devolve into babysitting services. Older kids, as they get into junior and senior high school, start having many more demands on their time and attention—sports, music, videogames, cars, and chasing the opposite sex. I've always suggested there's that "middle ground" of kids at the elementary school level who tend to have the highest interest in rocks and who will likely form the core of your youth group.

Thanks to the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society (CVGMS), I finally have some firm quantitative numbers to confirm my gut feelings and informal observations. CVGMS periodically partners with their local Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History for "Science Saturdays" directed at kids and their families. Each year, there's a different theme and CVGMS brings specimens and leads activities tailored to the theme. This year's theme was "Fossils".

And this year, the Museum kept track not only of the number of kids in attendance, but their ages as well. 63% fell into the elementary school bracket, between the ages of 5 and 10. This is approximately the range of kindergarten through fifth grade. 27% were 4 years old or younger and only 10 percent were 11 to 17 (with only 1% of that total being high school age). Thus, if seeking to build up your society's pebble pups and juniors program, your first stop should be at your local elementary schools, and any recruitment efforts should be targeted first-and-foremost in that direction. Ages 5 to 10—kindergarten through fifth grade—that's apparently the sweet spot for seeking kids who will find our hobby both interesting and fun!





SAFETY AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee
Chairman

John Martin, the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Committee Chairman, notified us of the new USFS regulations permitting collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils in the national forests. These are excerpts from a publication issued to assist rockhounds in the national forests of Oregon.

Rockhounding:

The bulletin states that semiprecious gemstones, mineral specimens and invertebrate fossils (such as snail, clam and leaf fossils) may be collected from public lands (that are open to rockhounding) in reasonable amounts for public use. It advises to always follow the “Rockhounds Code of Ethics” and lists the AFMS Code of Ethics.

Safety:

- Stay out and stay alive; abandoned mines are potential killers. Rotten timbers, open shafts, toxic gasses and lack of oxygen can be deadly.
- Rockhounding is mostly a rugged and dirty pastime. Clothing, especially footwear, should be serviceable for hiking in rugged terrain, digging and weather conditions. Boots are recommended.
- Be prepared for extreme weather conditions including rain or snow at any time of the year. Carry extra food, water, clothing, fuel and other supplies.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.
- Always wear proper protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, etc.) when striking or breaking rocks.
- Rockhounds may unknowingly create hazards through careless digging. Undermining the root of a tree is both destructive and dangerous, as it may cause the tree to fall. Tunneling through unsupported soil or under overhanging banks may cause cave-ins. Deep or steep sided pits or trenches should be filled upon completion of digging, as they pose a hazard to people, livestock and wildlife.
- Be aware that roads leading to rockhounding sites may be used by heavy trucks carrying logs, gravel, livestock, etc. Travel at your own risk.

Unimproved roads can be dangerous to travel when wet, muddy or snowy. Rockhounds should inquire with BLM or USFS about possible road closures and fire restrictions prior to visiting the rockhounding sites.

- Watch for rattlesnakes may be found in rock slides, around damp areas, under old buildings, ledges, etc. Prompt medical treatment is always advisable if bitten.
- In the Spring wood ticks in sage brush and timber fringe areas where they can hang on the tips of bushy twigs and transfer to any person or animal that brushes past. Ticks can carry spotted fever and other infections. Ticks should be removed promptly and bites should be treated.
- Protect your pets by keeping them under control at all times.

The publication discusses fire safety and states that this policy applies to all public lands managed by the USFS and the BLM.

The full text of the document can be obtained as a PDF download at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5385347.pdf



WHY DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE? (CONTINUED)

by Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

Without Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, each officer and director of your society can be held personally liable for decisions and actions made by your Board of Directors!

For those societies that have not yet purchased Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.....is it too late? The answer is: no! Societies can apply for coverage at any time. However, the Federation’s D&O policy renews each October and the \$275 premium is not pro-rated. What this means is that, if your society applies for coverage this November, the \$275.00 will provide coverage through October of next year. However, if your society waits until (as an example) May of 2016 to apply, the same premium of \$275 applies but coverage would be for less than 6 months.....through October of 2016.

If your society has not yet purchased Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, I strongly encourage you to have them apply now.



**HELP WANTED!
BULLETIN AIDS
CHAIRMAN**

By John Martin, 1st VP

I was looking through the CFMS Website and under the FORMS tab. There it was the 2015 CONTEST FORMS and right below that was the 2015 CFMS Bulletin Contest forms. I started thinking about the 2016 Contest and Breakfast with the Editors during the 2016 CFMS Convention and Show. Then it dawned on me that there may not be a Bulletin Contest or a Breakfast because the Bulletin Aids Committee Chair has not yet been filled and time is getting short until the November Directors Meeting. Hard as I have tried to find a person to fill that committee chair all I have received is several "Thank You" for offering but I can not take on a committee chair this year. So as of now there may not be a Bulletin Contest or a Breakfast with the Editors in 2016. The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies have some really great club and society editors which continue to produce award winning bulletins and newsletters. I know out there somewhere there is an editor, former editor or an organizer who is really ready for a challenge and there is no bulletin to produce or publish. To find out more about the committee go to the CFMS Website www.cfmsinc.org, look under FORMS and there it is Number 5. CFMS Officers & Chairmen's Manual where you can read all about the Bulletin Aids Committee Chair. Remember a committee is not comprised of only one person, so you do not have to do all those things in the description by yourself. If you are that person or know a person that needs a little nudging, just drop me a line or note and we will see what transpires.

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EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES - 2015 REPORT

By Tom Burchard, Chair

2015 was a very good year for Earth Science Studies Seminars. All three weeks were full. We have some new Instructors and are training a few students who have expressed an interest in becoming future instructors. Unfortunately we are looking at a price increase for Paradise next year and are seriously considering raising the participation fees for Paradise in 2016, and Zzyzx in 2017 to cover this increase. We have not made a final determination



**WANTED
AN ORGANIZED MIND**

by Mark Nelson AFMS BEAC

I'm Mark Nelson, chair of the AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee, and I'm looking for an organized mind to help me and the bulletin editors of the California Federation! We need a person - whether he or she be a newcomer or veteran, rockhound, business person, executive or scholar, employed or retired - your experience and background is not as important as your ability to organize material sent to your attention by California Federation editors.

I am looking for someone to work with me as the California Federation's Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee chair. The requirements for the job are that the person have basic computer and email skills and be able to recognize and organize material submitted to him during the bulletin editor's contest and forward it on to those who will judge the material. A club's bulletin is the lifeline to attracting and retaining members. The bulletin editors contest encourages our editors and writers to rise to excellence and to raise the standards of a club's bulletin. This is a vital position to our clubs and to the California Federation!

You will work with the CFMS President and will be a member of the AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee. I'll work with you as you need it, as will our retiring BEAC and other California members of this AFMS committee.

If this interests you, please email me at: mnelsonair@aol.com or our CFMS Vice President, John Martin at plac@antelecom.net. If you are a club officer reading this, please identify an organized mind in your group and see if they will lend their talents to this great work!

Earth Science Studies.....

on how much the increase will be, but as always we will endeavor to keep the increase at a minimum to stay in line with our federations 501(c)(3) status. We will have published the Zzyzx-2016 Application in the newsletter and online by the time this report is read and will expect another full session

USPS REGULATIONS AFFECTING BULLETIN EDITORS

By Mark Nelson, AFMS BEAC

Postal processing centers around the U.S. are adopting regulations which affect our lapidary society bulletins. Lapidary club bulletins which are 8.5 x 11 inch sheets folded to a final 8.5 x 5.5 inches for mailing are considered Folded Self-Mailers (FSM). Other sizes of informational mailers may also be included in the folded self-mailer standards. Some Post Offices and postal sorting stations are currently returning FSM mailers that do not meet the standards. All postal stations are expected to enforce the standards this year. When mail is returned the reason for the return is not always specified, and left for the editor/mailler to figure out.

Do you get feedback from your members complaining that their bulletin arrived in poor condition? As a result of the high incidence of damage caused to the mailers, and to the modern high-speed processing machines, new standards have been put in place effective January 5th, 2013 in the U.S. and January 14th in Canada. These standards are:

1. **Maximum dimensions:** height of 3.5”-6”, length of 5”-10.5”. Canada: max 245 mm in length, 156 mm in width and 5 mm in thickness.
2. **Weight:** Up to 3oz (Canada-50 grams or 1.7 oz)
3. **Paper minimum weights:** 1oz or less = 70 lb book grade paper (28 lb bond paper), >1oz to 3oz = 80 lb book grade paper (31 lb bond paper). Canada: 60 lb book grade paper (24 lb bond paper).
4. **Folding:** It is very important to make the final fold on bottom edge.
5. **Panels:** are formed when sheets of paper are folded for mailing. A typical small 8-page bulletin of 4 two-sided 8 ½” x 11” pages, folded in half for mailing, will result in 8 two-sided panels. The maximum number of panels allowed is 12.
6. **Sealing:** Use 1” round mailing seals. Do not use staples. The use of staples puts the mailer in the “hand-process” category and will cost the sender an additional 21¢ each. Place one mailing seal high on the leading edge (right side as you look at the address). Place a second mailing seal high on the following edge (left side as you look at the address).

7. **Address panel:** Allow a 5/8” clear space along the bottom of the piece above the fold line for the USPS routing barcode to be applied.

Standards can be referenced on-line at:
<https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=fsm>

from *AFMS Newsletter*, September 2015

Comments from your editor:

When I first became responsible for the preparation of the CFMS Newsletter in 2001 the process was fairly simple and required no more than putting the label on the last page and bundling it according to groups of the first 3 numbers of the zip code. Boy have things changed.

When the price to mail it flat increased, I decided to go the extra step and fold the newsletter, add a couple pieces of tape to the sides and attach the label. A few years later the postal service determined that non profit mailing rates could no longer support the use of staples anywhere on the mail piece. After a few months of mailing the newsletter “loose leaf” with no staples, I made the decision to begin mailing the newsletter in an envelop so it wouldn’t fall apart when the reader attempted to look at it. If staples were used, “hand processing” rates were applied.

If you qualify to use bulk mail rates to send your newsletter, you are well aware of these regs. They’ve been around for awhile and now it appears that first class mailers have the same regs to follow.

Now you have a short history of how the process of getting your CFMS Newsletter ready for the mail has evolved over the years. One positive: now the only pieces that get returned are because it couldn’t be delivered to the address on the envelop...no more mutilated newsletters.





WHAT IS SCRIBE?

By Carolyn Weinberger, AFMS
Editor

Now in its 41st year, the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (SCRIBE) was founded to improve communications and public relations among gem, mineral, and fossil societies, their federations and other related organizations through involved bulletin editors and authors. In addition, SCRIBE is a forum for advising and assisting new editors and authors by sharing old and new ideas and allowing all editors and authors to have a forum for sharing all ideas for publishing better club bulletins. There are many benefits to belonging to SCRIBE.

Members receive:

- four electronic issues of the organization newsletter each year.
- a membership list with club affiliation, names, addresses and e-mail contacts for all members.
- members may participate in a get-together held just after the annual AFMS “Breakfast with the editors and Webmasters” event during the annual convention (this year in Austin, TX).
- a DVD containing a compilation of bulletins, articles, clip-art etc. contributed by members. These items can easily be reproduced and used in other club publications.
- New editors may have their club bulletin evaluated in order to gain assistance in producing a better product.
- Members may participate in an on-line discussion group with the idea of gaining insights for improvement or obtaining help with problems

Membership is open to all editors, past and present, authors and others involved in the creation of gem, mineral or fossil society club bulletins. The cost is a very reasonable \$6 per year for individuals, \$8 per couple or \$12 per club. Payment may be made either by check or via PayPal.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, October 2015

For an application go to the following link and click on join SCRIBE: <http://scribe.rbnet.net>

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair

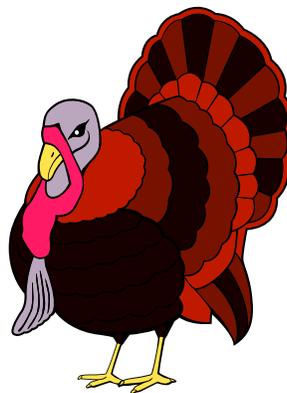
The **Conejo Gem & Mineral Club** nominates Mike Havsted as their ROTY this year. Even though a fairly new member (2010), he became the CFMS Federation Director and a volunteer extraordinaire at our shows working on the silent auction and set up and take down. He also has run our workshop.

Mike also works with the Cub Scouts and Webelos helping them earn their Gemology and Geologist Badges. He has won many awards and honors for his cases, including the esteemed RAY MEISENHIEMER MINERAL Award presented by the Conejo Club.

He is also a speaker on Meteorites, Camp Paradise, and the Tuscon Gem Shows. Additionally, Mike presented his program on Meteorites at the CFMS 2013 Show & Convention sponsored by the Tri-Clubs of Ventura Co.

We are proud to nominate him for the honor of Rockhound of the Year.

Submitted by Rob Sankovich
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club President



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: slechaisson@yahoo.com

Or use the Online Show Form

at www.cfmsinc.org

(click on Shows)

*You should receive a confirmation
within 5 days after submitting your
Show Date information !*

2015

October 17: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours 10am-5pm
Anita Niles (818) 349-2943
Info@rockchippers.org
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
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
<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
<http://opalsociety.org>

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@dslextreme.com

November 7 & 8: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Josephine Martinez (805) 701-1826
josephinecmartinez@gmail.com
oxnardgem.com
www.oxnardgem.com/html/gem_show.html

November 7 & 8: SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Road
Hours: Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 10-4
Bob Hancock (619) 889-6886
gemdiego@sdmg.org

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
mktalternatives@comcast.net

November 14 & 15: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Katie Slightam (530) 673-9649
www.sutterbuttes.net

November 21 & 22: APPLE VALLEY, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Miner Club
Victor Valley Museum
11872 Apple Valley Rd.
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Ed Skidmore (760) 243-2330
vp-shows@vvgmc.org
<http://www.vvgmc.org/gem-show>

November 21 & 22: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Live Oak Grange
1900 17th Avenue
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Julia Cornblatt (831) 687-0509
Julia.cornblatt@gmail.com
www.scmgs.org

December 5 & 6: BARSTOW, CA

MDGMS
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m.
Danny Watts (760) 373-1309
dvwatts@msn.com
www.mdgms.net

December 5 & 6: LAKESIDE, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue Road
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Mary Ness (619) 449-0759
ecvgms@gmail.com
www.ecvgms.org

December 12 & 13: RIALTO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Across the Street from Rialto City Hall
105 S. Palm Avenue
Hours: 9a.m. – Dusk Daily
Jessica Pierson (909) 381-0089
obmsrocks.yolasite.com

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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
www.tulegem.com

February 12-21: INDIIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date
Festival
82-503 Hwy 111
Hours: 10am-10pm Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
Bert67@verizon.net

February 20 & 21: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Gem Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours 10-5 Daily
Brenda Miguel (925) 301-6957
brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 27 & 28: VALLEJO, CA

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

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
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
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
joannaritchey@gmail.com

March 12 & 13: SPRECKELS, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckels Vets Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233
Kcbakes27@yahoo.com
Salinasrockandgem.com

March 19 & 20: LEMOORE, CA
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Christopher Wertinberger (559) 309-3433
kimmorrell@hotmail.com

March 26 & 27: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All America Blvd. (off Washington)
Hours: 10a.m. – 5p.m. Daily
Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
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martin@safarigold.com
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