



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By John Martin

Happy Holidays Rockhounds. You now have a new President and CFMS has a new Executive Committee for 2017. This year has been a real experience for me and Susy. I do not think I would have missed it and I am glad I was able to travel throughout the Federation and see and visit with Rockhounds through out the CFMS.

There were a few bumps in the road and we were able to traverse them without any major accidents. We had two good ESS Camps, a wonderful CFMS Convention and Show, a lot of outstanding local shows and there are a lot of great and wonderful Rockhounds through out the Federation. It was my privilege to serve the Federation as the 2016 President and to represent the 8474 members at the AFMS Convention and as the Rockhound Ambassador when engaging with government agencies on Rockhounding issues. This year we managed, through a lot of hard work by many Federation Members, to have the first National Monument which allows Recreational Rockhounding as a recognized activity though still only temporary and more work needs to be accomplished to make Rockhounding enduring. After several years of negotiations we were able to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to continue our access and collecting in the Hauser Geode Beds for all Rockhounds and the public to enjoy.

As I leave the Presidency of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, I want to thank my wonderful wife Susy for her help in getting to and from all of the meetings and activities that were requirements over the last several years. I want to thank all of the officers of the executive committee for their dedication and

support in making the Federation run smoothly and all of the committee chairs whose hard work keeps the Federation going. I want to thank all of the Clubs, Societies and Members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies for making your Federation what it is today and for many years to follow.

As I leave, I know the Federation is in good hands and the new Executive Committee will continue to keep the Federation on track and headed in the right direction. I wish you all Happy Holidays, thank you for your support over the last several years and may God Bless.

John Martin



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Dec 5. deadline for Jan newsletter
Jan 5. deadline for Feb newsletter
Mar 26-Apr 1. Zzyxx Camp

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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. "snail mail"? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657.

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EXHIBIT CASES WANTED

By Jennifer Haley

Now and then we hear from clubs asking if there are exhibit cases available they can buy. If you know of any that are retired and in good shape, please let me know and I will be sure to get the message out. Right now there is a club looking for some, and most likely there will be a need in the future. If you want to make an exhibit case, but don't have the standard instructions, I can mail or email them to you.



INTERNET SAFETY FOR LAPIDARY CLUB MEMBERS

By Mark Nelson, EMT

As we approach the holiday season and the new year we will see a lot of advertising on the radio, television and Internet – seeking to get our attention and our cash for our gift purchases. Internet sales have increased an average of 15% per year over the last 3 years, and it is likely that we will make some of our purchases over the Internet this year. Unfortunately, this is also a time when Internet thieves seek to get our attention and our bank and credit card information! Here are five simple rules to safely operate our computers and internet-connected devices.

1. Never give strangers access to our computer!

An elderly client of my wife called her to help him get back on his computer after having repairs done. She helped him with all of his Internet and financial affairs and was unaware that anyone had called a computer service company. The client's operating system was Microsoft Windows 7 and he said that Microsoft had contacted him via email and notified him that his computer required an update. They gave him a toll-free phone number to call and said that they could fix it from their offices without his needing to bring his computer - he would just give them access to his computer. After the "Microsoft" tech was done, the computer password had been changed and the client no longer had access to his own property. Further, the credit cards he had used for on-line purchases were being used for unauthorized purchases around the world! Remember that Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

2. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know!

Another scheme going around is for the thieves to use a sender name, such as Susan Dayton, to send us a Word document, or photo, as an attachment. We may not know the name of the sender, or it might be something vaguely familiar. The reference section of the email is vague, and we may not remember why they would be sending us a document file. But what you might not know is that viruses can sneak in through the Microsoft

Word files that receive via email. Your own documents could be an open door for viruses to wreak havoc on your computer. Computer viruses are like small software programs. Typically, they are downloaded inadvertently, buried within a file. When you open the file, the virus activates. The virus could damage your system, steal your identity information, infect files that you send out or even send itself to everyone in your email address book.

3. Never use a thumb drive that you get for free at a convention or store!

The latest craze in computer storage, the thumb-sized USB drive, is so convenient and small that it's become a fashionable accessory. The drives come on key fobs and in such novelty designs as Lego bricks or sushi. They're given out at conventions and trade shows on lanyards complete with promotional materials you can download later. USB storage devices have gotten so popular that cyber criminals are starting to write viruses and worms that specifically target them. If someone plugs an infected USB drive into their home computer they could inadvertently upload the bug and potentially cripple the machine. If they connect to their office network the worm can upload and replicate itself.

4. Never conduct private business on a public WI-FI system!

We occasionally connect to an open Wi-Fi hotspot in coffee shops, libraries, airports, hotels, universities, and other public places - they are convenient, but often they're not secure. Such Wi-Fi networks are generally unencrypted – you can tell because you don't have to enter a password when connecting. Your unencrypted network traffic is then clearly visible to everyone in range. People who have certain computer tools can see what unencrypted web pages you're visiting, what you're typing into unencrypted web forms, and even see which encrypted web sites you're connected to — so if you're connected to your bank's website, they'd know it. They can pick up everything that you type, although they may not know what you were doing, and study it later. To protect your information when using wireless hotspots, send information only to sites that are fully encrypted, and avoid using mobile apps that require personal or financial information.

5. Never post vacation plans on Facebook or Twitter

There may be no better way to say "Rob me, please" than posting something along the lines of: "Count-down to Maui! Two days and Ritz Carlton, here we come!" on Twitter. But it's hard to think of one. Are you only sending the information to Facebook "Friends"? Do you personally know all 600+ friends (and their friends) enough to trust them not to steal from you? There are many reasons to stay off Facebook while on vacation, returning to find your house robbed is a good one. Robbers are searching Facebook and Twitter for people away from their homes on vacation. For examples, put "facebook robbery vacation" in your Internet search engine! Post the photos on Facebook when you return, if you like. But don't invite criminals in by telling them specifically when you'll be gone.

6. **Protect our computer devices**

Make sure that your computer has a good anti-virus protection software installed – and that it is current. A few well-known anti-virus programs are those by Norton Security by Symantec, McAfee® AntiVirus and Trend Micro™ Maximum Security.

Readers are welcome to use this information in the "Hints, Tips and Safety" section of your club or society's bulletin. You can get the text of this article in the "Newsletter" tab at our web site: www.cfmsinc.org.

We lapidary enthusiasts have a wealth of experience in a broad range of activities. Share it with the CFMS! The CFMS welcomes your safety comments and information from your own experience - on any aspect of safety, including the Internet. Send your articles, suggestions for future articles, tips and comments it to me at mnelsonair@aol.com.

Sources for this article include:

Frank Abagnale, AARP Fraud Watch Network Ambassador

www.microsoft.com/en-us/safety/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams

Brett Scudder, owner at The IT Security Suite Network, a New York City computer security consultant.

"Your Security Resource" - Norton Anti-Virus Software, by Symantec

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information web site.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/media/6-things-you-should-never-share-on-facebook/3/>

<http://www.northeastern.edu/>



DECIPHERING INSURANCE POLICIES

By Fred Ott

Have you ever tried to read an insurance policy? They always seem to be written in a foreign language!

It's no different with the Federation's insurance policy. Attempting to read all of the 'insuring clauses', 'exclusions' and 'exceptions' can drive one to drink!

Fortunately, every question has a specific answer and McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. and/or I (as the Federation's Insurance Committee Chairperson) are here to help. Additionally, CFMS societies have two great resources to assist in understanding the policy and its provisions:

1) **CFMS website:** on the Home Page of the website (www.cfmsinc.org), you will find (in the left-hand column) a link entitled: CFMS INSURANCE & OTHER FORMS in which articles and forms about the various aspects of the Federation's insurance program are addressed in detail.

2) **Annual Certificates of Insurance :** following the anniversary of the Federation's insurance policy each October, McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. mails a certificate of insurance and an informational brochure to each CFMS society which does an excellent job of providing a synopsis of the various coverages (Including Optional Additional Coverages) that are included in the Federation's insurance program.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions (530) 677-5322 or fred@fredott.net.





ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

Rockhounding on Public Lands

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Recreational Rockhounding is defined as the Non-Commercial collecting of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils, according to established laws, rules and regulations, for personal and educational use, see:

Part **8365 of Title 43 CFR** [Code of Federal Regulations], which provides for the collecting of “reasonable quantities” of rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for personal use.

Legal Definition of Recreational Rockhounding as defined in Title 43 CFR § 8365.1-5 Property and resources.

(a) On all [public lands](#), unless otherwise authorized, **no person shall** (1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;

(2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as [permitted](#) under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or

(3) Use on the [public lands](#) explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens [permitted](#) under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on [developed recreation sites and areas](#), or where otherwise prohibited and posted, **it is permissible to collect from the [public lands](#) reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:**

(1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;

(2) **Nonrenewable resources such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;**

(3) **Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;**

(4) **Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and**

(5) Forest products for use in [campfires](#) on the [public lands](#). Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the [public lands](#) **for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an [authorized officer](#)** in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

[[48 FR 36384](#), Aug. 10, 1983; [67 FR 68778](#), Nov. 13, 2002; [75 FR 27455](#), May 17, 2010]

Source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/8365.1-5>

More on Code of Federal Regulations can be found at <http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html> near bottom of page under *United States Code - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*

“Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands”



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt, chair

Greetings fellow rockhounds. I will be involved with the Rockhound of the Year award. In the future, please send your inputs for the award to me at GaryTheRockhound@sbcglobal.net

Considering the number of societies which comprise our federation, it is surprising how few "Rockhound of the Year" certificates and badges are requested. Our organization, like most nonprofits are based in a manner that we all get the same "compensation" (i.e., nothing!). Thus, even those members who are hard workers sometimes don't get the credit they deserve. Hopefully, recognition via this award helps. And it is paid for by the CFMS! And I know that every society has some "super workers" that deserve recognition. Here is your chance.



San Joaquin Valley
Rockhound of the Year
Bernie Bentsen has been named our Rock Hound of the Year. He has done so many things to help our club, and members that it is hard to list them all. He is our field trip leader, vice president, and has seen to it that our shop is equipped and well run. He

was just nominated to be our club president for 2017. He has gone the extra mile on field trips to keep us safe, happy, and with transportation. As our new president I am sure he will lead our club into a positive future. He is a well-deserved candidate and we are grateful to have him.

Submitted by Sally Larsen
SJVLS president 2016

JUNIOR ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

The **Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society** nominates Dakota McMicheals for our junior rockhound of the Year.

Dakota is 11 years old. He has been a member of our club for 2 years. He LOVES rocks.

Dakota has been out searching for rocks on fieldtrips with our club, but he also has his eyes on the ground

wherever he is! His grandma is a rockhound and so when he goes to grandma's house you know what he does, yep, he rockhounds in her yard. He found a beautiful piece of agatized petrified wood in a creek at horse camp, and he is always bringing home rock finds from school. He also went on a trip to Arizona and got to hunt for onyx.

The most amazing thing about Dakota is that he doesn't miss a Junior workshop day! Every Saturday you will find him and his dad Rob at the shop cutting, grinding, and polishing. He has his own box of finished cabs, and he can identify many rocks and minerals! He loves to share his knowledge with everyone!



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Shows and Events

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Please submit your

*Show or Event information **THREE MONTHS** prior to your show*

Email or mail to:

SHOW DATES

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

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November 5 – 6: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 -6 Sun 10 -5
Contact: Veronica Pupura (714) 509-9959
E-Mail: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 5 – 6: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond eim
Hours: 9 – 5 Daily
Contact: John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
E-Mail: jfrocks@dslextreme.com

November 5 – 6: SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Blvd
Hours: Sat 9:30 – 5:00, Sun: 10:00 – 4:00
Contact: Bob Hancock (619) 889-6886
E-Mail: rtourmaline2@aol.com
Website: www.sdmg.org

November 12 – 13: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10 -5 Daily
Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger (916) 662-5819
Email: webadmin@sacramentomineralsoc.org
Website: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

November 12 – 13: YUBA CITY, CA.
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mintamral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Avenue – Franklin Hall
Hours: Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 -4
Contact: Karen Horita
E-Mail: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 19 – 20: OXNARD, CA.
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Cen ter
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 10 -5; Sun. 10 – 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 647-8517
E-Mail: johndianedaisy@yahoo.com
Website: www.oxnardgem.com **Show Page**

November 11 – 13: RENO, NV
Artisan Craft Fair–Sponsored by Reno
GMS
Reno Town Hall
Corner Pickham & S. Virginia
Hours: Fri 10 – 5 Sat 10 – 5 Sun 10 -3
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

December 3 – 4, 2016 LAKESIDE, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem & Minerai Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Hours: 9 – 4 Daily
Mary Ness (619) 449-0759
E-Mail: ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: www.ecvgms.org **Show Page**

December 3 – 4; BARSTOW, CA.
Mojave Dessert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contact: Danny Watts (760) 373-1309
E-Mail: dvwatts@msn.com
Website: www.mdgms.net

December 9 – 10: RIALTO, CA.
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
City Hall Lot
105 South Palm Avenue
Hours: 9 – Dusk Daily
Contact: Jessica Pierson (909) 381-0089
E-Mail: OBMSTailgateinfo@gmail.com
Website: <http://OBMSroks.volasite>

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January 21 – 22: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veteran's Memrorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 – 5 Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Laura Manser (539) 303-0632
E-Mail: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 17 - 26: INDIO, CA.
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date
Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 – 10 Daily
Contact: Bert Grisham (915) 849-1674
E-Mail: bert67@verizon.net

February 18 -19; ANTIOCH, CA.
Antioch gem Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel (925) 301-6957
E-Mail: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 25 -26; VALLEJO, CA.
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack
Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707-334-2950
E-Mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vigems.org

March 11 – 12: SAN MARINO, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 – 5
Contact: Cathy Miller (510) 305-4196
E-Mail: pasadenalapidary@aol.com
Website www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org
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March 11 – 12: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavillion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 – 5
Contact: Cathy Miller (510) 305-4196
E-Mail: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 4 – 5: ARCADIA, CA.

Monrovia Rockhound
L. A. County Arboretum & Botanical Garden
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9:00ch – 4:30 daily
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
E-Mail: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 4 – 5: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Christopher Wertinberger
(559) 309-3433
E-Mail: kim-morrell@gmail.com

March 4 – 5: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Terry Wilson (805) 312-8467
E-Mail: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

March 11 – 12: SPRECKELS, CA.

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckels Veteran's Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10 -5 Daily
Contact: Gary Beck (813) 679-2896
E-Mail: garybeckpca@yahoo.com
Website:
<http://salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com>

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March 12 -13: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry Millin (209) 524-3494
E-Mail: Bud mcmillin.b7yi@statefarm.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 25 – 26: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fair Fgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (Off Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
E-Mail: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com Show page

April 1 – 2: CHICO, CA.

Paridise Gem & Mineral Society Paridise
Sulver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Kevin Wright (530) 990-0211
E-Mail: agatecorca@netcom.com
Website:
<http://pgmclub.wix.com/paridise-gem-and-mineral-club>

April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA.

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Firhrounds Road (South of Mariposa
on Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4 ne
Contact: Merrdith Meehan
(559) 868-3535
E-Mail: mcmc@sti.net
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

June ?? - ??

Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
E-Mail: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website : Facebook Glendora Gems

**June 9 -11, 2017 VENTURA CA
VENTURA ROCKS THE
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**2017 CFMS/AFMS Show &
Convention**

**Hosted by Ventura County Gem
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Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 West Harbor Blvd.

**Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 5 Sun; Sun
10 – 4**

**Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-
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AFMSShow.com**

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