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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

Hi everyone! When this newsletter is published, I will be at Zzyzx carving soapstone. At present I have not a clue what I will carve but I love making dust.

This month I will begin with the **FACILITY FUND COMMITTEE**. The goal of this committee is to begin the process of fund raising which will allow CFMS to be able to purchase property. This property is to be centrally located and the perfect property will have facilities to have the Earth Science Studies program & fall business meetings, storage for CFMS, and maybe even be able to have the CFMS shows. There is even the possibility of expanding the Earth Science Studies program that would be focused on the junior members. But a piece of property that has the potential to be upgraded to meet the CFMS requirements will most likely be we start. The committee team consists of Jim Brace-Thompson, Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Bural LaRue, Colleen McGann, Fred Ott, Dick Pankey and myself. It is our hope to build a solid foundation for this fund that will take us into the future to be able to achieve the goal of having a home for CFMS.

Next up is **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION** chaired by Jennifer Haley. Jennifer sends out information that affect CFMS societies and clubs to the directors by email. The directors then can send the information on to the members. It is important that Jennifer has the correct email address of your society's director.

Now here is a committee that is near and dear to my heart. The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** chaired by Shirley Leeson with Joe Geotz, Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Jennifer Rhodes and Frank Mullaney on her team. Jim Brace-Thompson is the alternate. As to why this committee means so much to me is that without officers to serve on the board there is no society or club. I have always believed that when I belong to a society that I would hold an office or chair a committee. Each year the Nomination Committee begins the search and reaches out for members to run for an officer position on the CFMS Executive Committee. This year the officer position is for secretary and next year will be treasurer. The secretary and treasurer serve for two years in their

position before moving up to 2nd VP, then 1st VP and finally president. Yes this is a five year commitment but well worth the time.

On to **SCHOLARSHIP - CFMS** chaired by Gary Atkins and **AFMS JURY OF AWARDS** chaired by the CFMS 2nd VP, Tony Fender. The CFMS Scholarship Committee receives nominations for honorees from the CFMS Societies and Clubs. The honoree then selects a college or university. These schools then select an undergraduate student to receive the scholarship. This is an award for recognition of a member's support and hard work. The Jury of Awards receives nominations of individuals who will select a college or university which in turn will select two graduate students to receive a scholarship. This is an AFMS award.

More information on the committees is on the CFMS website. Please take some time and check it out.
Margaret Kolaczyk.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 31. Officer Chairmen change form due
Apr 5. Deadline for May newsletter
June 9-11. AFMS/CFMS Show–Ventura

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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.

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.**



**ENHANCE THE CFMS,
ENDORSE THE AFMS**

By Colleen McGann, Chair

DONATIONS NEEDED for our June joint show. Send donations of carvings, minerals, jewelry, books, etc. for the AFMS Endowment fund raffle at our show. Send to Cheryl Neary, 42 Jefferson Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772, 516-449-5341, ciervo.neary@gmail.com.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for clubs and members to purchase: one for \$5 and five for \$20. You do not have to be there to win. Contact Colleen McGann for tickets or buy at the show. kmcgann0009@gmail.com or 831-212-1951.

HELP make our CFMS/AFMS show a macro success. Thanks.



THINGS TO DO WHEN ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL SHOW!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017
CFMS-AFMS Show Publicity Chair

On behalf of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, I've been issuing invitations to attend and exhibit at this year's national CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11 in Ventura, California. For those making such plans and traveling from across the country, I want to alert you to the many other things to do while in SoCal (short for Southern California)!

We have great fee digs up and down the state for rare and valuable gemstones and fossils, including giant shark teeth at Shark Tooth Hill near Bakersfield or several tourmaline mines near Pala in San Diego County. We also have world-class museums. For instance, one of the exhibits at the Show will feature minerals from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and another will highlight meteorites from the UCLA Meteorite Gallery. Both places are within easy driving distance of Ventura—so long as you don't hit the freeway during morning or evening rush hours (or any time in between). In SoCal, you'll also find the La Brea Tar Pits, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History with great fossil and mineral displays, and more. For those looking for attractions above and beyond rocks, Ventura County is also home to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum, some 30 minutes from the Fairgrounds.

To find out more about these and other attractions, go to the show website at <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com>. We within the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society look forward to hosting you at the national show and convention—and to helping you enjoy your visit to Southern California!

The **Nominating Committee** is accepting nominations from the CFMS clubs for **CFMS Secretary**. Please send a resume of your nominee to:

Shirley Leeson, Chair at shirleyleeson@gmail.com

Thanks in advance.



AFMS Judges Training Seminar

June 6-7, 2017

Clocktower Inn

Ventura, CA

By Jennifer Haley



There is a lot of excitement about attending this seminar. When it was heard through the grapevine last summer the seminar was being arranged for 2017, everyone was cheering. The seminar is for judges, exhibitors, and anyone who would like to better understand the AFMS Uniform Rules.

B. Jay Bowman, renowned across the country for his teaching skills in AFMS Judges Training Seminars is leading the course. Jay's class is two days of classroom study of the AFMS Rules book and then a day of practice judging on Friday, June 9th at the Ventura Fairgrounds, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Miquel/Anacapa Halls.

The classroom can take up to 50 people, so we hope to see many of you there. There will be people attending from other federations too, so be sure to get your registration in soon. The fee for the course is \$25 and includes lunch both days. By taking the seminar, you will be able to improve your personal exhibiting skills, and be able to better assist your home society and neighboring societies in their annual showing of exhibits, with the knowledge you've gained.

For those who want to stay at the inn, we were able to get the best room rates in town for you, along with free parking for guests staying at the inn and for those attending the seminar. Free parking in Ventura is rare, so we are happy we could do this for you.

Deadline for registering for the seminar is April 30, 2017. For more information on registering at the inn, and for the seminar, please see the AFMS Judges Training Seminar Registration Form on the CFMS Website. There is a link on the CFMS Calendar.



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt, chair

garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

Greetings rockhounds. I am so glad to see how many of our societies have taken advantage of the Rockhound of the Year award to honor those members that have gone above and beyond the norm in order to benefit their society. I will be bringing the certificates and pins to the Federation show. In order to keep the costs down (postage), please stop by and pick up these awards. The recipients noted below are for 2017.

I am honored and privileged to present **Darren and Julie Smith** as the **Mother Lode Mineral Society's** Rockhound of the Year for 2017. Though they are relative newcomers to the society their very hard and persistent efforts have resulted in a significant increase in the number of raffle prizes for our annual show. Throughout their daily business activities and contacts they are constantly requesting donations to our annual raffle. It has resulted in significantly increasing our show raffle income by pushing our ticket sales up to nearly 5000. It also has increased our show attendance.

At the last Stanislaus County Fair where they had a business booth they also expended considerable time and effort representing the society. They handed out many society information booklets and spent time discussing the benefits and social interaction activities of the society including recruiting new members. They helped their son Jaiden set up his own booth where he handed out polished rocks and club brochures to all the children who stopped by. This effort brought new family members to the society.

Submitted by Bob Rush Federation Director

I am proud to honor an outstanding Jr. Rockhound of the Year for the **Mother Lode Mineral Society**. **Jaiden Smith** has captivated the attention and admiration of all the members of our society through his diligence, hard work and promotion of the society's Junior Rockhound Club. He has enthusiastically participated in the monthly junior meetings and activities and worked hard to learn

all that he could about the earth sciences subjects of the meetings. As he has travelled to events with his parents

Darren and Julie Smith he is constantly promoting the society's junior programs to his friends and classmates. As a part of a 4th grade class assignment he studied and researched the subject of fossils. His presentation was so well received that he was asked to repeat it for each of the schools 2nd grade classes. He gave out fossils to a total of 92 students.

Each of our society's general meetings is preceded by the Junior Rockhound Club meeting. At our last meeting Jaiden asked his classmates and friends to come to the junior meeting as guests. This act swelled our junior attendance by 13. Of course each of these juniors was accompanied by their parents so many more people got exposed to what we do as a society and they are potential new members.

Submitted by Bob Rush Federation Director

Jimmy Peterson is the **Anaheim Searchers'** 2017 Rockhound of the Year.

He is undoubtedly the most complete rockhound I know. If you need an expert digger he is in the hole already braking out rock. He will give it to other members and then bring back rock for silent auctions and/or the work shop. Need a guest speaker? call him the last minute and he will do that for you. Very effective communicator. Almost never absent from any of the field trips. His rig anchors the field trip, the sign center, the potluck on Saturday night and is the convenient stop for new guests. Need an award for a member, plaque, sphere, belt buckle, clock he is your man. He is the consummate Rockhound!

Board involvement-Jimmy has been 2nd VP (field trip) and Board of Director more times than I can remember.

Submitted by Robert Burson, Field Trip Board Member

LAST CALL FOR DUES AND INSURANCE!

A \$50 late penalty will apply to all payments not postmarked by April 1. Reminder letters were mailed to all clubs not paid in full on March 6.



CFMS RULES COMMITTEE
AFMS Uniform Rules Manual
by Jennifer Haley

The AFMS Uniform Rules manual was developed following 1947, when regional conventions began being held, and competitive exhibiting became a popular, fun and valuable part of the shows. Soon it was realized there was a need for a standard set of uniform rules for showmanship, which every federation would follow when it came to competitive exhibiting. Over the years, additions and changes have been made to the manual, to address the expanding areas of interest in our hobby. An example of how the manual has come a long way; is that spheres used to compete with cabochons for the same trophy, and micromounts no longer competes with cabinet minerals.

The manual is dedicated to the work of museum curators, many judges, competitive exhibitors, mineralogists and others. Only time will tell what changes and additions to the manual will be made. The purpose of Uniform Rules is twofold; it sets the standards for our members to be able to create successful competitive exhibits, and is a judge's guide in the judging process. AFMS Uniform Rules was created to be supportive of our members, because the points a competitive exhibitor receives only belong to the individual, instead of exhibitors competing against each other.

Let's celebrate the CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention, *Ventura Rocks the Nation*, with having a huge amount of you enter competitive exhibits. Let's make time to help the juniors in our societies enter too. Your exhibits are a beautiful and educational introduction to the public about our special hobby and the world of the earth sciences. You are the rock stars, so let's show them what we've got. Have fun and happy exhibiting!

Deadline for entries is April 30th.



TAX TIME
By Don Warthen

Hi everyone, it's that time again. Time to file your Society's taxes. Your Society's tax return is due by May 15, 2017.

The first question you may have, is we made less than \$10,000 last year. Do we really need to file? And the answer is **yes**, all non-profit organizations must file an information form with the IRS (form 990, 990ez or 990n).

If your society had a gross income of \$50,000 or less last year you will fill what is called an electronic postcard, form 990n (e-Postcard). There is no paper version of the 990n, if you really want to fill a paper return you can elect to file 990 or 990ez however form 990 is 12 pages and 990ez is 4 pages and that's not including any attachments or schedules that need to be attached. Use the e-Postcard.

The hardest part of filing electronically is getting logged into IRS computer. After you're in there it is easy to file your return.

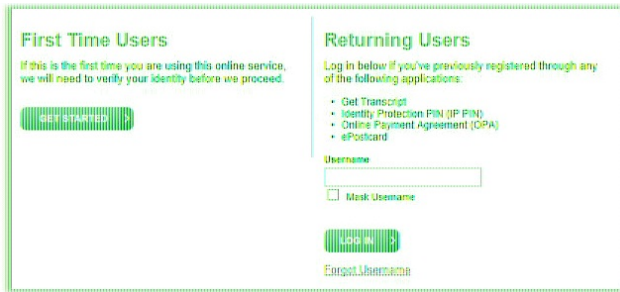
Before you get started you need:

1. Your Employer identification number (EIN) or Taxpayer identification number (TIN).
2. Legal name and mailing address of the society.
3. Any other names the society has uses (DBA)
4. Name and address of a principal officer
5. Web site address of the society, if you have one.
6. Confirmation that the organization's gross receipts are \$50,000 or less.

Please note that "Gross receipts" are the total amounts the organization received from all sources during its annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.

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Log on to www.irs.gov/990n go to “How to file” and click on [Form 990-n filing System](#) and you will get this.



If this is the first time you have filed this e-postcard return, click on the first time users. Please note that when they ask if you are a first time user they mean; you as a person, not the society. After that just follow the instructions on the screen.

You must also file with the State Franchise Tax Board. Go to www.ftb.ca.gov then click on [Businesses](#) then in **Online Services** click on [199N e-Postcard](#).

You will need your:

1. California Corporation Number
2. Fed. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
3. Your mailing address
4. Any other name that your society may use (DBA)
5. Name & address of principal officer
6. Web site address of the society, if you have one.
7. Gross income

Good luck with your tax return and remember that failure to file could lead to the suspension of your tax-exempt status.



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Al Bolshazy, Paradise Camp Manager

YOU MISSED CAMP ZZYZX. WHAT CAN YOU DO? COME TO CAMP PARADISE AND SPEND A WEEK OR TWO!!!

Yes Camp Zzyzx is over and it was very successful. Folks had a great time and learned a lot. You missed a great camp, but all is not lost.

You can come out of the desert and into the pines with all the luxuries of a 1930's military camp grounds. What I am trying to say, it is a rustic camp but, oh my, what you can learn there is almost beyond words. (Except for Marion Roberts... oh boy, he has words for everything!! (LOL))

All kidding aside, this is a wonderful place to learn various disciplines, learn from great instructors, have fun with fellow students, enjoy well made meals, and just kick back and enjoy a week or two of tiring relaxation. You can even take a swim in a beautiful pool.

I have to keep this short so our dates are:
Week 1: Registration is August 27th with classes starting on the 28th.
Week 2: Registration is September 3rd with classes starting on the 4th.
Camp is over September 9th.

Get your registration form from your CFMS rep or online at www.cfmsinc.org.



Comment letter on the Proposed Rule under the PRPA and DAC meeting report: Focus on Fossils

by Lisbet Thoresen, Representative of Public Lands for San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.

Chair, PLAC-South, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

The Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) convened in Barstow on February 25th in a day-long meeting that marked significant transitions in BLM personnel and in the council itself. The agenda featured presentations on key land use plans and proposed regulations that will affect hobby collecting on public lands. Fossils were a recurring theme carried over from the previous day's field tour – an entire day devoted to visiting some of Southern California's most famous fossil localities: Amboy Crater, Marble Mountains, and Pisgah Crater. All three are now within the boundaries of the Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM). A brief overview is posted on BLM's Facebook page (see short URL: <https://goo.gl/BuUXIM>). The article features photos that captured a beautiful day.

Both the Field Tour and the DAC meeting agenda commemorated the Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 2009 (PRPA). As most CFMS members are aware, on February 6, the comment period concluded on a Proposed Rule under the PRPA. More than 460 comment letters were submitted, including a detailed letter written by Karol McQueary, president of the Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS). Her letter incorporated input from Andrew Hoekstra, Paleontology Resources Specialist, CFMS; Linda McCall, president, North Carolina Fossil Club;

Mike Nelson, PLAC Chair, RMFMS; and Lisbet Thoresen, PLAC-South Chair, CFMS. The letter addressed problematic language in the proposed rule. The application of both its general intent and detailed specifications exposes hobby collecting of fossils, minerals, and rocks on federal lands to potentially onerous constraint or curtailment. Given the scope of PRPA's authority and the far-reaching impact of implementing its regulations, the SCPS letter garnered a lot of support. It was submitted by Karol McQueary with 64 signatures of officers representing gem-mineral, lapidary and fossil clubs from throughout the United States, AFMS and five of its seven regional federations, including CFMS, several other non-profit organizations, and several credentialed professionals.

Although not explicitly stated by the BLM, coincidence seems improbable for the Fossil-focussed agenda for the February Field Tour and DAC meeting. It appears more plausible that the agenda was prepared with due regard for the Rockhound-Fossil community's input submitted on the proposed Rule under PRPA.

The key DAC meeting agenda of particular interest to Rockhounds included the PRPA, MTNM, Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), and Disturbance Caps. Damage caused by OHVs during the King of the Hammers event (February 3-11, 2017) elicited spirited and extended discussion initiated by Council member Billy Mitchell, who represents Ranching and Grazing. Conversely, the desert tortoise relocation program received scant mention, despite being both controversial and enormously ambitious – 1500 tortoises are slated to be relocated onto BLM land (see: [https://www.blm.gov/press-](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/update-blms-record-decision-tortoise-relocation-public-lands)

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A full report of the DAC meeting appears in the April 2017 issue of the San Diego Mineral & Gem Society's bulletin, *The Pegmatite* (<http://www.sdmg.org/pegmatite-online/sdmg-pegmatite-2017-apr.pdf>).

A condensed overview of the three primary presentations and comment on them is given below.

I. PRPA

BLM has few paleontological specialists, so Phil Gensler from the Santa Fe, New Mexico field office was tapped to come and make a presentation. Ms. Thoresen took the opportunity to give him a copy of the SCPS comment letter on the PRPA letter and spent time reviewing it with him. The letter was also entered into the DAC record as part of comments delivered by Ms. Thoresen and other Rockhound advocates, including Marcia Goetz, Ruth Hidalgo, Sam Merk, and Ofelia Warthen. The number of signatories (64) to the letter was reiterated aloud to impress upon all present that the Rockhound community is a consequential Stakeholder whose opinion on the PRPA's rule matter.

II. MTNM – Management Plan

Kyle Sullivan came from Colorado to take on management of the MNTM. At this point in time, the Stakeholders are much more familiar than he with the traditional uses of public lands in the Southern California desert and the accommodations which have been made to the disadvantage of Stakeholders in deference to renewable energy projects. It is now a sobering realization that overlaying management plans, travel plans (e.g., WEMO), and land use amendments (DRECP) cannot be reconciled to produce a management plan for MTNM within three years of the national monument

proclamation. No one at BLM is going on record saying that the federally mandated deadline will slip, but unofficially, five years is looking like an optimistic goal.

In the meantime, a subgroup to the DAC for MTNM has been created. Applications are being accepted through April 10, 2017 (see: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/get-involved-rac-california-desert-district-mojave-trails-subgroup-application.pdf>). The successful candidates will be announced at the June DAC meeting. Only then can the management planning process really begin. A Rockhound advocate needs to be on that sub-group.

Unofficially, one of the new DAC members confided to Ms. Thoresen that the MTNM Management Plan is being observed from Sacramento and Washington D.C. as the beta model for BLM administration of public lands under the National Monument designation. MTNM could have been brought into the National Park Service. Instead, the MTNM administered by the BLM will test the efficacy of making accommodations traditionally disallowed under protective designations or under administration of other agencies (i.e., National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service). MTNM needs to be successful under BLM administration, not only for BLM and local special interest groups, but also because, if done well it will be a blueprint replicated elsewhere in the United States. A bad process or a bad outcome for MTNM could be the nail in the coffin for accommodations that otherwise might be contemplated for BLM management of other National Monuments in the future.

III. DRECP – Transitioning to Implementation (100 Day Plan)

Russell Scofield relocated to Southern California from the BLM office in

Sacramento last year to oversee implementation of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) with the local counties. He announced the drafting of the First 100 Days Plan at the DAC meeting held in Riverside in October 2016. The Plan is a schedule of actionable items, then priorities, budget, and scoping. He assured the DAC members and the public that the Plan would be developed in consultation with Stakeholders, including recreation groups. Omitting Rockhounds from the recreation groups he cited, several Rockhound advocates self-identified as Stakeholders gave public comment, speaking about Rockhounding values and asking to be consulted during the planning and implementation process.

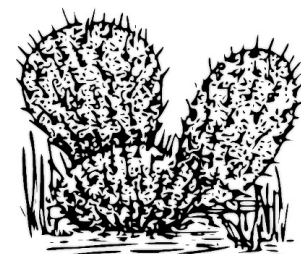
The initial draft version of the First 100 Day Plan was presented at the February 25th meeting in Barstow. A hard copy of the 51/4-page document was distributed to the DAC members but not to the public at the time the presentation was made. It was emailed to the attendees who requested it on February 27th. It has been uploaded to the SDMG website at (short url) <https://goo.gl/mfxls6>. During his presentation, Mr Scofield reiterated his commitment to public engagement, saying that the First 100 Day Plan had been developed in consultation with Stakeholders. The hard copy document included a list of solar project permit petitions, but Mr. Scofield did not cite them in his oral presentation.

Critical comments were made by both DAC members and the public. First, upon reviewing the document just made available to the Council members, Leslie Barrett cautioned Mr. Scofield on the importance of public engagement and transparency throughout the process, admonishing him to make documents available for public review in advance of the DAC-BLM meetings. Mr. Barrett cautioned

that the DRECP team could not expect to enlist public trust late in a process that did not include their input or consultation from the beginning. Perusing the hard copy of the draft, DAC chairman Randy Banis alerted Rockhounds in the audience to the list of solar project applicants petitioning for permits to build in Development Focus Areas (DFAs) that encroached into known Rockhounding localities.

The comments by Mr. Banis and Mr. Barrett prompted Lisbet Thoresen to give comment that no one at CFMS had been consulted on the First 100 Days Plan despite Thoresen having reached out to Mr. Scofield in October. Ms. Thoresen also called attention to the explicit assurance made by DRECP Program Manager Vicki Campbell in a conference call on September 13, 2016 that DFAs were changed in the final Record of Decision (ROD) where they intruded Rockhounding localities. Ms. Campbell said that the changes were made in response to numerous detailed comment letters submitted to the DRECP (comment period closed on February 23, 2015).

Needless to say, the DRECP implementation process is off to a bumpy start. A DRECP subgroup to DAC was formally approved at the February meeting and applications may be found on the BLM Web site at: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/get-involved-rac-california-desert-district-drecp-subgroup-application.pdf>. Clearly, a Rockhound advocate needs to be on the DRECP subgroup advising the DAC.



MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

By Al Bolshazy, PIAC North

We have a new Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. It is important to know something about the new Secretary and his beliefs on Public Lands. It is with great enthusiasm and high hopes he will support access to public lands and, for us, recreational rockhounding.

Ryan Zinke is the 52nd Secretary of the Interior. One of the Secretary Zinke first statements was, “to position himself in line with Teddy Roosevelt’s belief that public lands are for the benefit and enjoyment of the people”.

Secretary Zinke served as a U.S. Navy seal from 1986 to 2008 retiring at the rank of Commander. Secretary Zinke was elected to the Montana Senate in 2008, serving from 2009 to 2011. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2014. While in Congress, he served on the Committee of Natural Resources. He also served on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

A couple of the areas of interest of the committee are: Mining interests generally, including all matters involving mining regulation and enforcement, including the reclamation of mined lands, the environmental effects of mining, and the management of mineral receipts, mineral Land laws and claims, long-range mineral programs and deep seabed mining. Mineral resources on public lands.

Secretary Zinke frequently voted against environmentalists on issues ranging from coal extraction to oil and gas drilling.

His address in Washington DC is:

113 Cannon Horse Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-3211
Fax: 202-225-5687

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I believe that with Secretary Zinke we have an ally in Washington DC, and I strongly recommend that we all send Secretary Zinke a letter of welcome and support. If every person in every club, association, society, and Federation send a letter, our voice would be loud and clear in support. As the first ones to welcome him, we will make the best impression. We need to express our interest in keeping Public Lands open and accessible for recreational rockhounding.

(In doing my research I did not find any indication on his feelings about National Monuments.)

Source: Internet

LAPIDARY LOVERS—A BLOG JUST FOR US!

By Donna Albrecht, member Antioch Lapidary Club
and Contra Costa Gem & Mineral Society

Lapidary lovers now have a blog just for us! www.lapidarywhisperer.com has just come online and I hope you will check it out. It’s an online community for lapidary lovers where I’ll post a new blog entry every other Wednesday.

Yes, rocks and slabs whiper and tell me what they want to be, then I commit lapidary on them to bring out their stories.

I’d love to hear what you think about the blog. Please write me directly at donna@lapidarywhisperer.com or if the comment box isn’t showing at the bottom of the blog entry, click on “no comment” at the bottom and the comments block will appear.

Let’s enjoy this wonderful art and craft together.



Your Lapidary Whisperer,
Donna Albrecht



BUILDING A WORKABLE CFMS SAFETY MANUAL

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee
Chair

Our member gem, mineral and lapidary organizations are similar to small businesses. We have a mission, a board of directors and employees (volunteer members). In exchange for the support of our members we provide services. Some of those services include educational programs, workshops and field trips - our "working environment". Studies have shown that a safe work environment produces happier employees (members); everyone wants to go home safe each day! A properly managed safety program shows commitment to safety by the management - in turn creating a great safety culture where everyone wants to be safe!

As managers of our clubs and societies we all want our members to be safe when they participate in our programs, workshops and field trips. The problem we face is that we all come from different educational and career backgrounds, and may not have had the training to develop and communicate a safety program to our members.

In January, CFMS President Margaret Kolaczyk accepted the Safety Committee's offer to create a Safety Manual for our clubs and societies. This manual is expected to provide guidance for club management's effort to be able to evaluate safety and to identify hazards in their meeting rooms and workshops. With this manual workshops can be kept to higher standards for safety, cleanliness, and housekeeping. The Field Trip section will assist field trip leaders and participants to reduce the exposure to hazards that can be avoided or minimized.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is committed to the Health and Safety of all our members!

I realize that there are a lot of knowledgeable men and women in our clubs who have experience in safety in the shop and field. Please help the CFMS develop this

manual! We have a preliminary document prepared and we need people to be involved by reading the material and suggesting edits, additions or deletions. It is an ambitious undertaking, and we want to have a draft prepared for the CFMS Directors to approve at their meeting at the CFMS/AFMS Convention and Show in June. This document will be reviewed annually.

We are embarking upon a memorable, if not historic, milestone in our Federation's development. It would be wonderful if every club would designate someone to work on this document! To join the effort email the person's contact information, including club, to the committee at: <Safety@cfmsinc.org>.

Our goal is to eliminate or minimize hazards that can cause accidents. Together we can achieve a safe environment for us rockhounds!

FOLLOWUP ON MARK'S ARTICLE ON PHISHING

Please take the overzealous efforts of potential identity thieves and others discussed by Mark in a recent article seriously. I serve as the Treasurer of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and because of that I receive numerous requests from unknown parties requesting wire transfers, disclosures of account balances and even requests for specific amounts of money to pay some vendor somewhere. All of these have supposedly been sent by either the current AFMS President or a recent past President. Sometimes I get multiple requests each worded somewhat differently from the same person the same week. These guys don't give up.

I urge the treasurers of all our societies to be vigilant at these brazen attempts to steal your club's funds. If the bad grammar and poor use of the English language doesn't flag the email as suspect, verify with the officer who supposedly sent it as to whether it is authentic. Whatever you do, don't open any attachments or respond. Delete it immediately!

Pat LaRue

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2017

March 18, 2017: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 W. Alvarado St.
Hours: 1-4 pm
Contact: Lea Barton 760-728-1130
Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.fgms.org

March 18-19 SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Santa Clara Co Fairgrounds-Pavilion Building
344 Tully Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: June Harris 408-265-1422
Email: info@scvgs.org
Website: www.scvgs.org

March 25 – 26: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Dave Muster (209) 518-8795 or Anna
Christiansen (209) 847-1173
Email: annachristiansen7132@comcast.net
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 25 – 26: ROSEVILLE, CA

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

April 1 – 2: CHICO, CA

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

April 1 – 2; TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
3341 Torrance Blvd (Enter on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Nancy Pekarek 310-257-8152
Email: pekareks@hotmail.com
Website: www.southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

April 7-9: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum
2040 N Santa Fe Ave
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Ray Pearce 760-535-5524
Email: raysrocks@cox.net
Website: www.vistarocks.net

April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of
Mariposa on Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 – 6; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan 559-868-3535
Email: [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmcc@sti.net)
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 22-23: NEWBURY PARK, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Rd at Borchard Rd
Hours: 10-5 daily
Contact: Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734
Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 22-23 PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Tina Clark 805-305-0246
Email: slrockhounds@gmail.com
Website: www.slrockhounds.org

April 29-30: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd Street West
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: CJ Quitoriano 661-209-9092
Email: cjq_62@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 29-30 SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
307 Church Street
Contact: Dean Welder
Email: wdeanwelder@gmail.com
Website: www.scrockngem.org

May 5-7 YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St
Hours: Fri 6-10, Sat 12-10, Sun 12-6
Contact: Lee Peterson 909-794-0731
Email: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 6-7, JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49-88)
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Gaylene Lichty 209-245-5388
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website:
www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 6-7, RENO, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 N. Wells Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis 775-359-6068
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 6-7 ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth 909-815-3045
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

June 2-4, LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Fri 5-8 pm, Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: Armando Perdoza 909-455-6800
Email: forestandson@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 3 – 4, ESCONDIDO, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Dawn Vickers
Email: dawnjvickers@gmail.com
Website:
www.palomargem.org/Documents/GemShow2017.pdf

June 3-4, GLENDORA, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website : Facebook Glendora Gems

June 9, 19, 11, VENTURA, CA
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“VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION”
INFORMATION UNDER
NATIONAL/REGIONAL SHOWS

June 17-18, CAMBRIA, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cambria Vets Hall
1000 Main St
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Kim Noyes 805-610-0603
Email: kim@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/4-shows.html

July 8-9, CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz 310-850-4398
Email: janicemt@yahoo.com
Website:
www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm

August 19-20 SAN FRANCISCO, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
SF County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Ellen Nott
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgms.org

November 4-5 CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Harry Nichandros 925-289-0454
Email: showinfo@ccmgs.org
Website: www.ccmgs.org

November 4-5, RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours 9-5 daily
Contact: John DeRosa 760-375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslextreme.com

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation
June 9, 10, & 11 2017: VENTURA, CA
“VENTURA ROCKS THE NATION”
2017 CFMS/AFMS Show &
Convention
Hosted by Ventura County G&MS
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 – 5 Sun; Sun 10 – 4
Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-8467
E-Mail: info@vgms.ormineralsocietyg
Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

Eastern Federation
67th Annual EFMS Convention
October 21-22, 2017
Beals Community Center
Bristol, CT

Midwest Federation
Hosted by Cuyuna Agate & MC
Crow Wing County Fairgrounds
May 6-7, 2017
Brainerd, MN

Northwest Federation
79th Annual Show “Dig This”
Hosted by Bitterroot G&MS
First Interstate Center
Ravalli County Fairgrounds
May 19-21, 2017
Hamilton, MT

Rocky Mountain Federation
Hosted by The Albuquerque G&MC
March 17-19, 2017
Albuquerque, NM

South Central Federation
SCFMS Convention
Hosted by Houston G&MS
Humble Civic Center
Nov 10-12, 2017
Humble, TX

Southeast Federation
Oct 20-22, 2017
Knoxville, TN

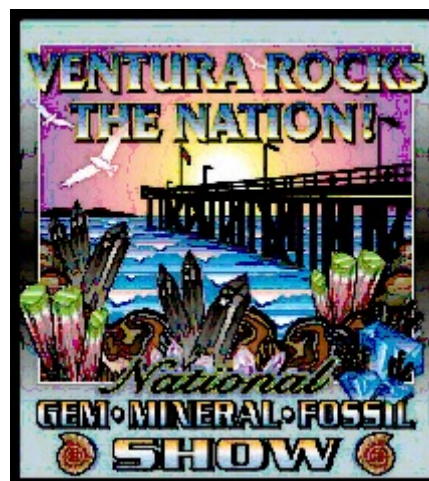
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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1 will incur a \$25.00 Administration Fee.
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Please Note: Sign In will be on Sunday, August 27th and Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 4 PM
 CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approx. 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms with double beds (for couples) and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. **Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.**

CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - **Preference will be given to first time students.**
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A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received information.

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