



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

I have returned from Zzyzx and I had a wonderful time. This was my fourteenth year at Zzyzx and my first time to go on a field trip.

Actually this is the first time I have ever gone on a field trip. I collected some Mohave Jasper, seam agate and of course the infamous Leaverite. The trip to the collecting site was as much fun as looking for rocks. If you have not been on a field trip, please consider going on the next trip your society has planned. Even if you do not find that perfect stone, the scenery alone is worth the trip.

The AFMS/CFMS Show being hosted by the Ventura County Gem & Mineral Society is just around the corner. I spoke with Diane Cook, the show chair, and it sounds like the VCG&MS is pulling out all the stops. Please check out the website www.2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com for the latest and greatest news. Hope to see you at the show.

Another event coming up is the Earth Science Studies program at Camp Paradise. The ESS has some of the best instructors around and the price is very reasonable. This is the perfect time to try out something new and/or improve on your lapidary skills. If you have questions please contact Marion Roberts, Al Bolshazy or myself. Our contact information in on the CFMS website cfmsinc.org.

Now this month's committee is the CFMS Newsletter Editor chaired by Pat LaRue. Pat receives articles from the CFMS Committees, Executive Committee and CFMS Members and organizes how best to put the newsletter together. If you want to know what is happening and/or learn something new take the time to read the CFMS Newsletter. The effort put in to get out the newsletter is for the societies.

Margaret Kolaczyk



*Happy Mothers
Day*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 5. Deadline for June newsletter
May 26. Deadline for Convention packet items
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:

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.**





ENHANCE THE CFMS ENDORSE THE AFMS

By Colleen McGann

DRAWING PRIZES ALREADY RECEIVED are Dinosaur footprint, multi-colored fresh water pearl necklace 48", red jasper rough, Brazilian amethyst plate on wood stand, framed fossil fish, Brazilian agate on wood stand, Covellite pendant with sterling silver wirewrap, Moroccan Vanadinite specimen, botryoidal grape agate cluster. More are needed to reach total of 30 prizes for the drawing. Photos are on the AFMS website www.amfed.org. I am especially looking for donations from California.

DRAWING DONATIONS ARE STILL 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](tel:516-449-5341), ciervo.neary@gmail.com.

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

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

It's Show Time!

by Jennifer Haley, Rules Committee

We are extending the **deadline for Competitive Exhibit entries to May 15th**. Typically most of you wait until the last two weeks before the due date to send your forms in, but it gives all of us who are involved in making sure we get enough entries for the show, the heebie-jeebies. This happens every year, but this year, we'd really like to see a huge pile of entries come our way.

The "Ventura Rocks the Nation" is a particularly special show for our federation, because as the CFMS we only have an opportunity to celebrate a joint CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention every seven years. It's our time to shine, so let's show them what we can do. Visit the show website for the entry forms, and important information regarding electrical cords, lighting, set up times, etc. If you don't have your own display case, you will be able to rent one for \$10. We look forward to seeing you at the show



AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

June 6-7, 2017
Clocktower Inn
Ventura, CA

By Jennifer Haley, Rules Committee

We've extended the registration deadline for the AFMS Judges Training Seminar from April 30th to May 15th. 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 considering the season, 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 to get the reduced room rate at the inn is May 15th. 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.





Checking Your Workshop For Safety – An Easy-To-Use Checklist

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee Chair

In the lapidary hobby the two main exposures to accidents are the Workshop and the Field Trip. A safety inspection should be done annually to assure that the workshops will be safe for those using it! Club officers and workshop supervisors should get together and review the workshop for safety compliance. The following are items that should be on the check list. Take this list when it is posted in PDF format on the CFMS website, post it into an Excel Spreadsheet, and put column spaces next to each item for Yes, No and N/A. Obviously, not all items on the checklist will be applicable to every club - so a check under the N/A column is all that's needed. Put a date on your checklist and file it with the club secretary before and after any corrective items have been completed.

GENERAL SAFETY

- Spaces between and under benches, cabinets and equipment
- are accessible for cleaning.
- Walkways/floor areas are clear of obstructions and trip hazards (e.g. electrical cords).
- Floor surfaces/coverings are even, not slippery and are in good condition.
- All areas have adequate lighting.
- First aid kits are available and stocked.
- Compliance with seismic safety is maintained.
- Good housekeeping is maintained - the general area is tidy and free of obstruction and mess.
- Stairways are maintained in a safe condition (no worn or broken treads).
- Handrails present, secure, and in good condition.
- Landings are clear of obstruction.
- Lighting adequate and operational.
- Temperature is comfortable.
- Area is free from odors.
- Noise level is acceptable or controlled to an adequate level.
- Ventilation is adequate.
- Hand basin or alternative means of decontaminating hands is available within the workshop.

- Facilities for the storage of outer garments and personal items are available outside the working area.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

- Exits are clearly marked and unobstructed.
- All emergency equipment is accessible and storage is maintained appropriately.
- Fire doors are unobstructed.
- Fire extinguishers are available and certified.
- Fire alarm audiovisual devices are easily seen and free of obstruction.
- No smoking policy is enforced.
- Employees are trained in emergency preparedness procedures.
- Materials that are subject to spontaneous combustion, such as oily rags and paint rags, placed in approved oily waste cans that are emptied daily.
- A first aid kit is located in the near vicinity and personnel are available who are trained to use it.
- An emergency eye wash kit or station is functional and easily accessible.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Electrical items are in safe working condition.
- Electrical cords are used in an approved manner (no temporary or makeshift leads/power boards, double adaptors, overloading).
- Clearance is maintained around electrical and circuit breaker panels and they are labeled.
- Safe access is provided to all electrical switches and disconnects.
- Electrical machines and equipment is tested and tagged annually.
- Electrical outlets, power leads and switches are in good condition (not broken).
- Extension leads / power boards are used as designed

GENERAL WORKSHOP AREA SAFETY

- Machines, equipment, and work area are in good condition.
- Belt-driven machines have proper belt guards.
- Lockout/Tagout procedures are followed.
- Shop personnel are trained and safety topics are reviewed.

- Proper personal protective equipment is available and used.
- Local exhaust / ventilation is provided as required.
- Machine guards are in place and required warnings are posted.
- Hazard assessments are performed annually.
- Frequently used items are stored within easy reach between knee and shoulder height, heavy items stored at waist height.
- Step ladders or stools are accessible to access items stored on high shelves, if required, and are in good condition.
- Materials handling equipment available for heavy or awkward items and loads

CHEMICAL SAFETY

- Chemical bottles are labeled and closed.
- Hazardous materials are stored and disposed of properly.
- Flammable liquids are within allowable quantities and stored appropriately.
- Acid quantities are less than 15 gallons and stored appropriately.
- A chemical spill kit is available if needed.
- Appropriate personal protection equipment is available (for example safety glasses and gloves).
- Emergency eyewash and safety showers are available.
- Food, drinks, or pets are not allowed in the work area.
- MSDS's are accessible and the chemical inventory list is current.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available and in good condition.
- PPE is stored appropriately.
- Chemicals stored in appropriate containers.
- Containers are labeled correctly (e.g. not handwritten, label contains chemical common name).
- Chemicals are stored according to compatibility.
- Dangerous goods cabinets are used and maintained in accordance with the relevant standards. Spill clean-up materials are available and maintained.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Waste, oil and other containers are stored and labeled properly.

- Waste containers are not held over 9 months.

COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS

- Compressed gas cylinders are properly stored.
- Incompatible oxygen and fuel gases are segregated.
- Compressed gas cylinder contents are appropriately identified.
- Cylinders are secured appropriately by bracket or chain.
- Empty cylinders are separated from full cylinders and clearly labeled.
- Appropriate resources (eg. cylinder hand cart) are available for transporting gas cylinders.
- The regulator is appropriate for the gas being used.
- Gas lines are labeled and free of leaks, kinks, signs of wear and tear.
- Gas use is confined to areas with good local exhaust ventilation.
- Cylinders, pipes and valves are protected from mechanical damage.

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

It would be wonderful if every club would designate someone to work with the Safety Committee this year. To start, email the person's contact information 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 and environment for we rockhounds!



**REMEMBER
MEMORIAL DAY**



ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD NEWS

by Ofelia Warthen,
Chairperson

I am happy to announce that we met our 2016 contest deadline with some exceptional Society entries. I like to thank our Judge Chris Ward for his amazing willingness to help in the process. The winners will be announced at Ventura AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral show, June 9-11, 2017.

This was my first year as Chairman and found the project to be very beneficial to help promote membership involvement. I visited several Societies to announce the AACA award program & became aware that much knowledge is needed. I feel early awareness is very important.

What you need to know about the All American Club Yearbook...

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook, highlighting a Society's activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for attendance at regional and national shows, participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, and involvement in ALAA – all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

Now, take a look at what your Society has already started this year. NOW, is the best time to start logging the 2017 activities your Society members are contributing to the yearbook. The excitement in collecting the yearly information does help members become aware of their contribution to their Society and serve as a historical document for the club, as well as an excellent tool to encourage prospective members.

Need more information, Call/email:
odwarthen@hotmail.com

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!!!

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Al Bolshazy, Camp Manager

Camp Zzyxx was an exciting week. Winds at over 75 miles per hour, camp tent totally destroyed, snakes and scorpions, and yet, a wonderful fun time by all. I am very excited to tell you Camp Paradise is happening in just a few short months. That's right, in just a few months we will get together in Clipper Mill and have a camp like you never seen before. (Unless you have been there)

Have you ever thought about trying your hand at faceting? We have wonderful instructors that will take you step by step through your first project which takes about three days. When done, you will have a beautiful faceted stone one you will be very proud of. I know you will say, did I really do that? And yes... you did! Wahoo!!!!!!

That is just one of about 13 different disciplines we have a Camp Paradise. What are you interested in? I bet we have it and you can jump right in and create an outstanding piece. Of course, you have to put your application in and you should do this right away as we will fill up pretty fast. Now, if you have a question about how much room there is left, you can call Margaret Kolaczyk. You will find her number on the CFMS web site (cfmsinc.org) under Camp Paradise. You will also get the application there or on the back for the CFMS newsletter. You can also get an application form your CFMS rep.

If you hear a rumor that camp is full, PLEASE call Margaret first. Last year a rumor kill the second week of camp so please do not listen to any rumors about our camp. Just give us a call.

So for a week (or two) of pure fun and exciting crafts, three meals a day, rustic buildings, a fabulous swimming pool, a beautiful area with tons of pines, and like minded people, you got to come to Camp Paradise. Start saving your money now. It is only \$400.00 for one week which includes all the above. The only other money you will need is for supplies you buy from the instructors, silent auction, equipment sale and other miscellaneous items you may want to purchase. You can't find a better deal anywhere.

Camp starts with registration on August 27th and classes start on August 28th. The second weeks starts with registration on September 3rd and classes start on September 4th.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Gary Levitt

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 to benefit their society. I will be bringing the certificates and pins to the Federation show.

Don Seifer, The Lake County Rock Hounds

The Lake County Rock Hounds would like to nominate Don Seifert for 2017 Rock Hound of The Year. He has been an active member since 2004 and has been a rock enthusiast for at least 30 years. Don became our Field Trip Director in 2006 and held that position for many years. He remains as a consultant for field trips because of his vast knowledge of Lake County and Northern California hounding sites. Don has also served as Vice President for our club. Don, whom is still fit at 80 years young, goes rock hounding 4 to 5 times a month. He contributes lots of materials for our fund raisers. Don and his wife, Peggy, have an extensive collection of rocks and lapidary equipment. Don is always willing to share his knowledge with anyone interested.

Submitted by Melinda Daunis, CFMS Representative

Rex Nishimura, Pasadena Lapidary Society

Rex Nishimura - 2017 Rockhound Of The Year Rex has been an active member of the Society for several years. He has led the effort to obtain donations and to keep the equipment at our Workshop in good operating condition. He frequently foregoes his own lapidary projects in order to help new members learn their basic skills. He has attended BLM regulatory meetings where he has voiced the opinion that our Public Lands should remain open to educational rock and mineral collecting. His report is on the PLS Website. Rex and his family have attended the Society's field trips, as well as the 2016 AFMS Annual Convention and subsequent field trips. Rex Nishimura is a true model of what a Rockhound Of The Year should be!

Alyson Nishimura - 2017 Junior Rockhound Of The Year

Alyson Nishimura's love of rock hunting and lapidary skills are an asset to our club. Her latest showcase featured Botswana Agate, which she obtained on the January PLS field trip to Quartzsite. In addition, her congenial demeanor and enthusiasm at our rock show welcomes children at the sand scoop and encourages

prospective rockhounds to join PLS. By sharing her knowledge, new members feel welcome and are willing to participate in club activities. Her last speech on Thundereggs, at the May 2016 general meeting, kept the audience captivated and well-informed. Alyson has attended 10 field trips in 2016, and reads the Rockhound Ramblings newsletter conscientiously, because she loves to search for the answer to the junior question of the month. She attends workshops to advance her skills and knowledge base. Alyson Nishimura is a great asset to our society and an exceptional candidate to represent PLS as Junior Rockhound of the Year.

Submitted by Mark Nelson

Ginger Wolnik, The Peninsula Gem and Geology Society

The Peninsula Gem and Geology Society would like to recognize and honor Ginger Wolnik as our Rockhound of the 2017 year. Ginger joined our club and immediately set to work and created our original website. This website was so good it placed in the CFMS competition its first year. She has continued to improve and enlarge the site every year, providing more information to our members and to newcomers to the site. She has arranged ease of joining our society via the website. Now she has taken on the job as membership chair. She enrolls newcomers, updates our roster, and is maintaining our mailing list for our show promo postcards. She also sends update information to our club members for news and events occurring between newsletters. Her recent trip to Tucson was well documented and made for an informative meeting program. Ginger is a great asset in our club.

Submitted by Colleen McGann, Federation Director and Jo Burchard, Editor



PLAC NORTH

By Al Bolshazy

Columbian Mammoth in Nye County Nevada--Yep! That's right... a 20,000 year old mammoth found in Nye County, Nevada, about 100 miles north of Las Vegas. Steve Rowland, Professor and Palenontologist at the University of Las Vegas heading the excavation. Rowland said this is a massive creature. The Columbian mammoth was the largest mammoth that ever lived. This Mammoth was probably stuck standing in a large pool and fell forward as the tusks went straight down. This is a really an exciting find. You can join in the excavation and all it takes is a rather large donation of \$500 or \$1000.00. You can contact the University if you are interested. Better hurry as this excavation is moving along pretty fast.

Mining Districts. We talked about mining districts before. Good news... there is progress. Various members from different groups such as the Mineral and Mining Advisory Council have gone to Washington and met with members of Congress and were well received.

As a reminder, the concept of Mining Districts was established back in the 1800's. The Mining Districts controlled mining in their respective areas free from governmental control beyond the General Mining Act of 1872 . Over time they slowly disbanded. Now they are coming back. A mining district is controlled by the local mining claim owners as a group, and NOT a state or federal governmental agency. Pretty exciting isn't it!!! There is a new Sheriff in town Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke has already made some positive changes. No longer are the environmentalists in charge. Not only Zinke, but Secretary of the EPA Scott Priutt is now in charge of pollution control issues. While he was the Attorney General for Oklahoma, he sued the EPA 14 times. President Trump previously wanted to disband the EPA, but with Priutt in charge, perhaps that will change. We have a great chance to see the reversal of many of the regulations created by the environmentalists during the past eight years and now a more open policy for our public lands, and for us rockhounds. There is serious concern in the Department of Defense regarding the sourcing of critical minerals, including rare earths. Perhaps we will see some of the recent federal land grabs (aka new National Monuments) reversed or at least recreational rockhounding written into the management plan.

ROCKHOUNDS ALSO COLLECT STAMPS

By Dick Pankey

For as long as I can remember I and the members of the Contra Costa M&GS have snipped canceled stamps to donate to Easter Seals. It is just something we did and but really didn't know much about the "why's" and "where for's" of the program. We snipped the stamps, took them to the CFMS Directors' meeting each year and passed them on to someone who took them to Easter Seals. This is all true but not complete and accurate.

The complete story starts with the Sacramento Philatelic Society (stamp collectors). In 1957 they held their first show and sale with the proceeds going to the Easter Seals Society. The first year they donated \$200. Donations have increased every year and for the past many years have been around \$5000 or more. CFMS involvement has a long history. It started in the late 70's or early 80's. For many years CFMS Past President Ellen Schulte accepted and took the CFMS stamp donations to the Sacramento Philatelic Society for their sale. Debbie Bunn assumed the duties from Ellen some 15 to 20 years ago. At the Directors' Meeting people would parade up to Debbie to present the stamp donations. The stamp parade has been growing bigger each year.

How does the stamp sale and donation to Easter Seal work? The Sacramento Philatelic Society holds the sale each spring. The stamps are soaked off the envelope and dried. For the sale the stamps are piled onto large tables for the public to sort through and buy for \$.02 each. Sort of like sifting through dirt and sand looking for crystals. Left over stamps are sold to bulk dealers by the pound.

So how does this whole stamp project work for CFMS? It starts at the club member level; it is easy to do; when you get your mail each day just cut the stamps off of the envelopes and stick them in a Ziploc bag or envelope. When the bag is full give it to the Federation Director to take to the Directors' meeting. I will accept the stamp donations at the meeting and arrange for them to get to the Sacramento Philatelic Society for the next sale. The Society then donates the proceeds of the sale to the Easter Seals Society. All donations stay in California.

I am sure someone will ask, "How does this benefit CFMS? What do we get out of this?" I can think of several benefits: It involves society members in the work of the CFMS, it gives the Federation Director another reason to come to the Directors' meeting, and most of all it is a worthy philanthropic project for a diserving worthwhile charity for very little effort. How big will the "stamp donation parade" be at our Directors' meeting in Ventura and will you be in the parade? Have your society start snipping stamps now and join the parade at Ventura.

CFMS SHOW DATES

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SHOW DATES

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!*

2017

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.wik.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: mcmc@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
CFMS/AFMS SHOW
“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: janicemtz@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

September 23-24. REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave.
Hours 10-5 Daily
Contact: William Spence 408-398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website:
www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

October 8, FALLBROOK, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Building
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9-4
Contact: Janice Bricket 760-728-1130
Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.fgms.org

October 14-15, TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild 760-372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

November 3, 4, 5 EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Toni L Tyson 707-502-9574
Email: bluiis911.msn.com

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@dslextrême.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

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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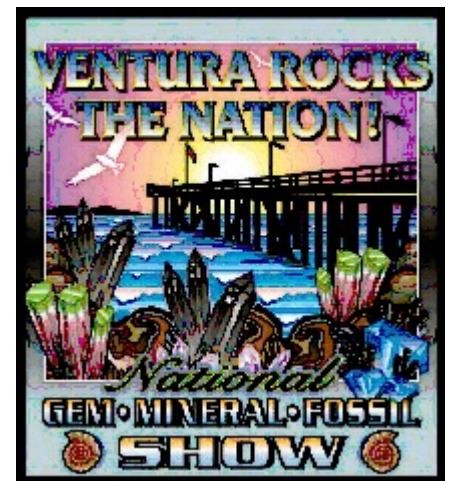
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