



# CFMS NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Margaret Kolaczyk

June is here and that means summer is just around the corner and school is out for many students. Time to plan some summer activities. A great activity would be to attend the AFMS/CFMS Show in Ventura. There will be something for one and all to enjoy.

**Long Range Planning** chair is John Martin. This is the committee that looks to the future. This committee is made up of the past CFMS presidents and the Executive Committee. If you have ideas to improve CFMS, then please contact any of the committee members.

**Show Dates** chair is Jennifer Rhodes. If your Society is having a show, please contact Jennifer to have your show information placed in the CFMS Newsletter.

The **Executive Committee of 2017** is made up of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee puts forth the list of individuals running for each office. These individuals are then elected by the Federation Directors at the Fall Business Meeting.

I have discussed most of the committees at the CFMS level. If you have question or would like to help, it is my hope that all societies and their members will reach out to the committee chairs.

The more involved you are, the better the committees can support the needs of the societies.

*Margaret Kolaczyk*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

June 9-11. . . . . AFMS/CFMS Show–Ventura  
July . . . . . Deadline for August newsletter  
Aug 27-Sept 2. . . . . Week 1 Camp Paradise  
Sept 3-9. . . . . Week 2 Camp Paradise  
Nov 10-12. . . . . Fall Business Meeting–Visalia

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net). “snail mail”? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657.

**DONATIONS**

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

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

Your donations should be sent to:

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.**

**MAKE A NOTE...**

Because the show this year is in the month of June there will be no newsletter published for the month of July.

The next newsletter will be published for the month of August. Deadline for all input is July 5.



## CLUB CENTRAL AT CFMS SHOW

By Joe Goetz

The excitement generated at a show such as the Federation show by the public in learning about our hobby needs to be captured. And while the host society is hoping to gain some new members, it is not possible for all of the public with the new found interest to join the host society, due to geographical distances.

The idea of Club Central is to have representatives from various clubs have the ability to seize the opportunity to interest the public to coming to their society and possibly join them. This would allow for the increase of the number of people in the hobby.

The way it will work is Ventura Gem & Mineral Society requests two people from your society to come to the show. Admission and parking would be free (ADMISSION PASS). One person would be assigned a space at a table and the other would volunteer to help out at Ventura Society's areas as assigned by their Volunteer Chair. After working for ½ day you would be free to see the show.

Space is limited and first come and first served. Ventura Gem & Mineral Society would like to know if your society is interested and if so submit the following information:

Society name?

Would your society prefer the morning or afternoon shift?

Preference of day(s)?

Phone Contact #

This information will be useful in scheduling of the club representatives at the Club Central Tables and the volunteers.

Please contact Joe Goetz at (626) 260-7239 to schedule a spot to represent your society.



## CFMS EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES Camp Zzyzx 2017

by Jennifer Haley, Camp Manager-South



Camp Zzyzx, it's a funny and unusual name, and I still have to remind myself how to spell it sometimes. CFMS has used this camp location in Southern California for 32 years. Everyone that has attended camp just loves it, and holds dear a lot of special memories from the experience of ESS camps. The Zzyzx environment is something unique and very special to us. It's why so many people come back each year, no matter how many times they've been there. The camp has picturesque views of the desert and sunsets like rainbow sherbet.

This year we had a full camp with 68 students. There were 15 first time students, and 8 day trippers who stayed in a hotel and drove into camp each day for classes and meals.

Classes taught: silver fabrication; precious metal clay; faceting; wire art; beading; soft stone carving; lapidary; alternative casting; and field trips. We are fortunate to have two great cooks who have been with us for quite a few years, and they do a wonderful job, everyone loves them. Their tip can was full by the end of the week!

Attendees always have great stories to take home with them. This year, the wildflowers and cactus were starting to bloom and the desert was greener because of the rain. John Martin kindly removed the rattlesnake that was too close for comfort further away from camp; and the sylphs of the desert decided it would be fun to create a historical wind storm of 74 mph for part of a day.

This was my first year as Camp Manager, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am looking forward to next year to do it all over again! I want to thank the heart of the camps, Marion Roberts-ESS Chairman and his wife Vivien, for mentoring me this year; our fun and wonderful instructors; and all the people who work behind the scenes to help make things run smooth and easy.

**Camp Paradise** is just around the corner. An application is included in this newsletter and is available on the CFMS website. Hopefully Al Bolshazy's articles have you all ready to sign up if you haven't already done so.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee Chair

As summer nears, we rockhounds will be taking advantage of the warm weather to plan trips to rock and gem shows and places to do some mineral collecting. We'll trek over hills, streams and deserts - and then take our finds back to our work shops to turn them into art. So many of our activities involve environmental conditions that are warm. Most workshops don't have refrigerated air conditioning and can heat up during the summer. So do halls where we hold our shows!

Members of our society or club will look to its leaders to make them aware of the conditions that will enable our members to enjoy our hobby safely. A weak and tired person can get hurt at a workshop or damage equipment and on a field trip they are more likely to trip and fall. Mishaps of this type can affect us directly (by falling into us) and indirectly (losing access to a work shop or shortening a field trip to take someone to the emergency clinic).

An altered mental status due to fatigue and dehydration puts all of us at risk of injury, and one of the primary causes of this is the failure to drink water regularly during activity! Water regulates our body's temperature, lubricates joints and helps transport nutrients for energy and health. If we aren't properly hydrated we won't be able to perform at an acceptable level and may become a hazard to ourselves and others.

Two-thirds of the human body is made up of water and the body of a person of 154 pounds contains about 1500 ounces of water. Almost 70% of this water is inside the body's cells, 20% is in the space surrounding cells, and slightly less than 10% is in the bloodstream. The water in the human body is essential to keeping it healthy. We lose water constantly. Humidified air leaves our body when we breathe. We sweat to cool the body and we eliminate water and waste by urinating or having a bowel movement.

How many times at our shops and during field trips have we seen our members seek a chair, rock, or stay in the car to "sit this one out"? One of the first signs that the body needs water is a lack of energy. This is often followed by the reduced volume and darker yellow color of urine, dry or sticky mouth, dry skin, mild headache and slight

muscle cramps. **Thirst** is generally NOT the first indication that the body needs water!

How much water should I be drinking? There are no set guidelines for water intake because everyone is different. Sweat rate, heat, humidity, activity intensity and duration are just some of the factors that must be considered. A simple way to make sure you're staying properly hydrated is to check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated. Dark yellow or amber-colored urine is a sign of dehydration. When the amount of water you intake matches the water you excrete, the body's water supply will be balanced. A healthy person of about 150 pounds and not sweating excessively should drink at least 65 ounces a day. This is (4) 16-ounce plastic bottled water units. For a hot workshop or vigorous collecting activity it is recommended to increase this to 100 ounces. As a rule of thumb I advise field trip members to drink one 16 ounce bottle for every hour of an active, warm field trip.

If you don't want to carry plastic water bottles around, there are some options. CamelBak Hydration makes a 100 ounce bladder with a drinking tube that can be slipped into a knapsack and is available for \$25.20 from sporting goods stores. Target and Walmart sell similar products in a variety of sizes and colors - such as the 2 liter Outdoor Products H2O Performance Hydration Pack Water Bladder for \$22.99. Negotiate a group purchase and have your club's logo printed on them!

As we enter into the warmer months we need to preach the most basic of safety rules: **DRINK WATER !**



## CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chairman

The CFMS/AFMS Show and Convention is coming right up on June 9, 10 and 11 in Ventura CA. The Endowment Fund will be represented there in a booth on the show floor. Everyone is invited to stop by, even spend some time helping with our fundraising efforts. We will have rockhound related items for sale i.e. rocks! fossils, magazines, jewelry, opals and other gemstones and beads, all at advantageous prices. This fund is the backbone of the CFMS so we need everyone's input. Bring your check book and donate as an individual or as a society as well as helping by putting in some time in the booth. We would love to see you at the show. Donations are tax deductible. [Sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:Sharonrr@cox.net)

## VISUAL LIBRARY

By Sharon Rogow, Chairman

Just a brief update:

✓ Presently the one and only (unfortunately) entry to the AFMS 2017 program competition Titled "Gem Village" is being juried. While we greatly appreciate the entry, we wish to encourage more societies to enter next year. Although much energy, effort and time is involved, the rewards, satisfaction and contribution to education makes it well worth it.

✓ Requests for programs have been very slow! Yes, there are other sources for programs but we have many societies, so if many clubs use our program library even twice a year, we would be able to collect much more in the way of fees which help support CFMS. Think of our library for your program needs.

✓ Currently, many of the quality slide programs are being reviewed and will be converted to disk format. Those chosen are ones produced by AFMS or one of the regional Federations.

✓ If you need ideas, just go on the CFMS web site and/or contact me.

✓ The procedure is: use the form on the web site or call me to choose and order a program; make the request 15 to 30 days in advance of the showing date; after receiving and using the program, return it within ten days to two weeks with the \$10.00 fee and the feedback form.

✓ We hope that all of the societies will make an effort to support the Federation and enjoy the educational and entertainment aspects of the programs as the same time.

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**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Pat LaRue, Editor

The CFMS Newsletter is currently published 11 times per year with no newsletter published for the month immediately following the annual Show and Convention. Currently clubs are entitled to receive three complimentary hard copies to club members whom you designate. Those wishing to subscribe to the newsletter can do so for \$5.50. Our postage is the non-profit bulk rate with a minimum of 200 identical mail pieces to qualify for the rate. I negotiated a discounted copy price several years ago with Office Max (now Office Depot) and was able to continue that rate when the two companies merged.

Although I remain resistant to the idea, there has been talk of eliminating the hard copy newsletter and moving to an electronic version. Anyone can access the newsletter on the CFMS website and read and/or download and print. Currently many of you have indicated that you do not wish to receive a hard copy. If this is your preference, please let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list. What are your feelings? Do we move to an electronic format or keep things as they are. Let's hear from you.

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### CFMS LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

John Martin – Committee Chair 2017

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There will be a Long Range Planning (LRP) committee meeting in June during the AFMS/AFMS Convention and Show. All Past CFMS Presidents present during the show are invited to attend as they are members of the committee. If there are any items that need to be discussed at the meeting please let me know, via email, as soon as possible so the issue can be added to the meeting agenda.

If any CFMS Member has an item that is important to the long range planning of CFMS please let any member of the current Executive Committee (EC) or any past CFMS President know of the issue and it then can be added to the meeting agenda.

Thank you for your support.

## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

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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, who 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

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### **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!

Submitted by Mark Nelson, editor

### **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, editor

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### **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



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

### See You at the Show!

Here's hoping you and your club's junior members and pebble pups have made arrangements to attend this year's nationwide combined CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention taking place in my very own hometown of Ventura. We welcome one and all and promise a good time on the beach! In case you haven't yet checked it out, to get more info please visit the Show website at <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com>.

In addition to overseeing publicity efforts, I'm putting together and running the Kids Booth. Already, I've had members from clubs near and far volunteering their services to donate materials as kids prizes and to help manage the varied activities, which will include a spinning wheel, grab bags, coloring book and "Paint-a-Fossil" sales, sand sifting, a "Make-Your-Own-Collection" activity with egg cartons, and more. We'll also have a host of free activities and educational displays, including a "dino dig", a coloring corner, and wonderful displays on the three rock types provided by the Del Air club. Here's to welcoming you to Ventura—and to having fun!



## ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX

*M-44: Who, What, When and How*

John Martin – CFMS PLAC  
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Thanks to Keith Fackrell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Lauren Williams, Vice President of the American Lands Access Association for bringing this issue to my attention.

While Rockhounding on Public Lands, mostly in the Western States, and on private lands, with the permission of the land owner, be aware that the M-44 in use in areas where coyote, feral dogs and other predator wildlife are a threat to grazing livestock and domestic farm and ranch animals. If a M-44 device is found, "Let it Be", Do not touch, consider it as a "Live Bomb" – because it is and it can Kill People and domestic dogs!

Safety tips for people to follow are talked about, discussed and even published. Some people are trained to take care of most dangers that are encountered while hiking, camping and, yes, even rock hunting. One danger that I have never seen on a list of safety tips out there is the M-44. In some areas where Rock Hounds are, there may be an M-44 "cyanide bomb", which is EXTREMELY LETHAL!

The **M44 cyanide device** (also called a 'cyanide gun' or a 'cyanide trap') is used for the elimination of coyotes, feral dogs,

and foxes. It is made from four parts: a capsule holder wrapped with cloth or other soft material, a small plastic capsule containing 0.88 grams of sodium cyanide, a spring-powered ejector, and a 5-7 inch stake. When the trap is triggered, the spring propels a dose of sodium cyanide into the animals' mouth, and the sodium cyanide combines with water in the mouth to produce poisonous cyanide gas. In addition to the cyanide, the capsule contains Day-Glo fluorescent particle marker (orange in capsules used by the Wildlife Service, and yellow in capsules prepared for other users).



The M-44 consists of a capsule holder, a cyanide capsule, a spring-activated ejector, and a stake. Bilingual signs warn about the device.

When the trap is set, only the capsule holder and capsule protrude above ground level.



The M-44 device uses a cyanide capsule that is registered as a restricted-use pesticide by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). can be used only by trained certified applicators. Wildlife Service Officers are authorized to use M-44 cyanide capsules to control

coyotes, wild (feral) dogs, and red, gray, and arctic foxes which are: suspected of preying upon livestock, poultry, or federally designated threatened and endangered species; or are vectors of communicable disease. The program's use of M-44 devices strictly conforms to EPA label instructions, directions, and use-restrictions; applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations; and agency and program directives and policies.

Wildlife Service personnel do not use M-44s on any property unless requested by the land's owner or manager; a valid written cooperative agreement, agreement for control, Memoranda of Agreement, or other applicable document must be in place.

USDA Fact Sheet – 2010:

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife\\_damage/content/printable\\_version/fs\\_m44\\_device.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife_damage/content/printable_version/fs_m44_device.pdf)

**Bottom Line:** When Rockhounding, be aware of your surroundings and if one of these M-44 devices are found, keep away. If you have your pets with you, be sure to keep a close eye on them. Pet dogs have been known to find and set off these devices and in most cases it is fatal for your family pet.

I have sent inquires to 4 state legislators and 3 federal legislators asking what the status of the M-44 usage is in California. I have not received any response as of this being published.

## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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*CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

*Please submit your*

*Show or Event as soon as possible*

*to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email or mail to:*

**SHOW DATES**

*Use the Online Show Form*

at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

*(click on Shows)*

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

2017

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](mailto:forestandson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://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](mailto:dawnjvickers@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.palomargem.org/Documents/GemShow2017.pdf](http://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  
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June 9, 10, 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](mailto:kim@slogem.org)  
Website: [www.slogem.org/4-shows.html](http://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](mailto:janicemtz@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm](http://www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm)

August 4 - 6, NIPOMO, CA  
Orcutt Mineral Society  
Nipomo High School  
525 Thompson Avenue  
Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Wayne Mills, (805) 481-3495  
Email: [wwmills50@hotmail.com](mailto:wwmills50@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

August 19-20, SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
SF County Fair Building  
9<sup>th</sup> Ave & Lincoln Way  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Ellen Nott  
Email: [ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org)

September 16-17, REDWOOD CITY, CA  
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society  
CANCELLED IN 2017  
WILL BE HELD IN 2018

September 23 - 24, MONTEREY, CA  
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311  
Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.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](mailto:fgms@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.fgms.org](http://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](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
Website:  
[www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

October 21 - 22, PLACERVILLE, CA  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: (530) 676-2472  
Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
Website: [www.eldoradorocks.org](http://www.eldoradorocks.org)

October 21-22, SANTA ROSA, CA  
Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society  
The Veterans Memorial  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Jolene Coon, 707-849-9551  
Website: [www.SRMGS.org](http://www.SRMGS.org)

October 28 - 29, LOS ALTOS, CA  
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society  
Los Altos Youth Center  
One North San Antonio Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384  
Email: [steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [www.pggs.org](http://www.pggs.org)

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](mailto:bluiis911.msn.com)

November 4 - 5, ANAHEIM, CA  
American Opal Society  
Business Expo Center  
1960 S. Anaheim Way  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959  
Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

November 4-5, CONCORD, CA  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Rd  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: Mary Hicks 925-289-0454  
Email: [maryhicks@comcast.net](mailto:maryhicks@comcast.net)

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

November 11 - 12, YUBA CITY, CA  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696  
Email: horita@comcast.net  
Website: [www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

### National/Regional Shows:

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2017 CFMS/AFMS Show &  
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Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 West Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-8467

E-Mail: [info@vgms.ormineralsocietyg](mailto:info@vgms.ormineralsocietyg)

Website: [2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com](http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com)

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**67<sup>th</sup> Annual EFMS Convention**

October 21-22, 2017

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Ravalli County Fairgrounds

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