



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Can you believe it is May already! This year seems to be traveling at a swift pace, full of enthusiastic momentum, and busy as bees. As I am writing this, I am on a plane to Raleigh, NC, to attend the AFMS Show & Convention. It's a little cramped on the plane, my elbows are tucked in tight to my waist to be able to type, and I can now empathize with how the T-Rex must have felt trying to use those short arms. Susy Martin, Tony & Sandie Fender are on board too, and we'll be catching up with Margaret Kolaczyk arriving on another flight. Pat and Shirley, you were missed in Raleigh!

Just two days ago, I returned from Camp Zzyzx at the Desert Studies Center in the Mojave Desert. For those of us who arrived early to set up camp, John & Susy Martin cooked us a tender prime rib in a cast iron pot. We sat around the pot tending to the coals in the desert wind, while keeping ourselves warm and enjoying conversation. We are pretty sure half the bottle of wine actually made it into the pot to add to the juices, but there was some confusion about what happened to the rest of it. We couldn't find carrots in Baker, but we did find potatoes and onions to toss into the pot. Boy, was that ever good.

As our CFMS members were driving into camp, a group of earth science students from the University of Sussex, England, with their professor Dr. Frogley, were driving out from their stay. We had a full camp with 12 first timers and members from at least 14 societies. Everyone feels at home at camp. It is a fun time to catch up with old friends and wonderful new friendships are made, while playing with the various lapidary arts and crafts, and hanging out together during meal time. The neon pink flowering cactus were starting to bloom, we had a "blue moon" over the desert, and stunning springtime weather most days. There always seems to be a beautiful sadness when it's time to leave that special place.

AFMS-Raleigh, NC News--It was wonderful to see familiar faces and to get to know each other from the various federations better. We saw rocks, minerals and gems from the east coast at the natural history museum, with a few up for sale at the dealer tables. One vender

had an impressive collection of geodes in graduated piles from the smallest all the way up to jumbo size, with saws ready to cut for customers. Had the airlines been receptive with the weight, I would love to have come home with a couple of jumbos. I did come home happily with some good slabs and specimens. There were 3 competitive cases with close to equal amounts of non-competitive cases at the show. However, we were told there is more interest in displays further around the Eastern Federation. There was a discussion about the AFMS annual events being 3 days instead of 4, due to cost of facilities. Most likely the length of events will be decided upon by the hosting societies. The 2019 AFMS Show & Convention-Cedar Rapids, IA, dates have changed to March 23rd-24th. CFMS did come home with awards! The CFMS chairmen will be announcing those soon. Congratulations to you all for work well done, and the fun you put into the contests you participated in. A big thank you to our CFMS and AFMS chairmen who work hard behind the scenes coordinating their efforts to make these contests easily available to our members.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 5. Deadline for June newsletter
June 5. Deadline for July newsletter
Aug 26-Sept 1. Camp Paradise wk 1
Sept 2-8. Camp Paradise wk 2
Sept 15-16. CFMS Convention

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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.**

President’s Message cont.....

As society editors, junior activities chairmen, show chairmen and webmasters, I hope you are enjoying using the gift from Diamond Dan’s Publications this year, of the Mini Miners Monthly. For those of you with pebble pups, how about creating a fun project with the kids of sending Darryl a thank you note, along with notes from the “pups” about their favorite parts of the publication, or a project from the publication they had fun exploring?

To all of us who enjoy the Earth Sciences, and the Practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts, "go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories. It's what we do best and it is our gift to give. Never forget to create fun and good memories for others, for in time they will become a special part of history." Let's make it great year!

Jennifer



DOES OUR SOCIETY NEED D&O INSURANCE?

By Mark Nelson, Insurance Committee

If you've ever considered joining or are currently sitting on the board of a nonprofit corporation, you might have some questions about your potential personal liability. While you may well believe in the nonprofit's mission, it's unlikely that you actually want to put all of your family's assets at risk through your board service.

In the United States, and in California particularly, you can be sued by anyone for seemingly anything at any time. Many of these suits will be frivolous. Some of these suits will be brought by folks who have no standing to sue you or have no cognizable claim against you. Directors and Officers Insurance can cover the cost of the attorney you retain to get rid of these frivolous cases.

Here are some examples of claims from different types of claimants:

Members – Mineral Society has some real property that has been owned by the society for many years. The building is dilapidated and the board has decided to sell it and use the proceeds for another purpose. Not all of the members support this decision and a suit is filed against the members of the board of directors alleging improper actions with society assets.

Donors – Claims resulting from those who make donations to Mineral Society. A person or organization donated equipment or mineral specimens with the stated purpose that they be used for educational activity. Mineral Society gave or sold the donated material to its members or the public. When the donors requested evidence of that Mineral Society was using the donation for the stated purpose and discovered that it had been used for a purpose other than that intended, they sued Mineral Society's board of directors, alleging misrepresentation.

Third Parties – Third party lawsuits can be filed for various reasons, including infringing upon the claimants intellectual property rights. The claimant can file suit seeking injunctive and monetary relief for Mineral Society's alleged improper use of trademarked property while promoting their fund raiser or other printed or electronic media.

Volunteer Employees – Whether paid or unpaid. The most common claims made by this group involve discrimination - including allegations of violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), sexual harassment and multiple incidences of unwanted physical contact, wrongful termination, retaliation and hostile work environment. Similar claims, even those which were dismissed due to a lack of evidence, incurred more than \$10,000 in defense costs.

Retaliation – as in the case of a Mineral Society member who was terminated otherwise ignored after she reported illegal

monetary transactions and who files a claim against the directors to protect the members' interest. In similar cases a member has sued the organization in order to have the transactions halted. While there was no monetary settlement, the defense costs were \$15,000.

An important reason to buy the D&O insurance for your nonprofit is to pay for legal defense costs should your group be the target of one of these types of lawsuits. Defense costs average \$115,000 to \$150,000 for nonprofit organizations. Even in cases where the claimant dropped the claim, costs averaged \$19,000.

Another important reason to buy insurance — or make a good faith effort to purchase insurance — is that the controlling state corporate law may make this a precondition to excusing volunteer Ds and Os from personal liability to third parties.

For example, California Corporations Code Section 5239(a) states that there is to be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages for a volunteer director or officer so long as:

- the act was within scope of that person's duties,
- the act was undertaken in good faith,
- the act was not reckless, and
- damages caused by the act are covered by insurance (or good faith efforts were taken to obtain insurance).

There are some exceptions to this broad exoneration of liability, including proceedings brought by the state Attorney General. Concerning insurance, also note that the Code offers useful specifics about what counts as a good faith effort to obtain liability insurance (see California Corporations Code Section 5239(h)).

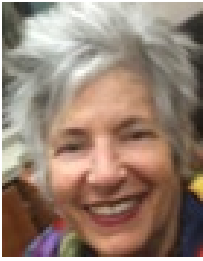
The CFMS Insurance Committee gets regular questions about this type of insurance coverage. These questions include:

Do directors and officers of non-profits need D&O insurance? Yes, absolutely. Do suits arise frequently? Not at all. Nonprofit D&O insurance is relatively

inexpensive because it is unlikely to be used (especially compared to public company D&O insurance, for example).

How much insurance should you buy? You probably do not need very much, even for larger societies and clubs. Remember that you are buying these policies mainly for defense costs.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies has negotiated an excellent D&O insurance program, with a cost of only \$275 per year. Information about the program can be found on the web site www.cfmsinc.org, under the tab **FORMS**, and by scrolling down to the section called **Directors and Officers Liability Coverage (for Nonprofit Organizations)**. Please let me know if I can answer any questions about insurance for your group! Email your questions to mnelsonair@aol.com.



CFMS ENDOWMENT

by Sharon Rogow, Chairman

CFMS Endowment Raffle donations are beginning to come in! Winners will be announced at the CFMS Convention & Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Show, on Sunday, Sept 16 2018.

Donations are needed from as many of you as possible for the raffle and Endowment tables. We need quality slabs, rough rock, affordable jewelry, beadwork, rock hobby and rock craft related items. Let's make this a good year for the federation while enjoying a fun and wonderful show together!

For raffle tickets & making donations for the raffle and tables

Contact: Sharon Rogow
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(702) 499-0272, Email: sharonrr@cox.net

Pictured are two beautiful necklaces donated by Reno Gem & Mineral Society, by club member and artist-Jennifer Rhodes. Handmade chain of copper, nickel, brass links, pendant is sterling silver and copper framed around occluded quartz cabochon. Beautiful workmanship and gorgeous stones. Each valued at \$60.00 Thank you RGMS!



DUES ARE STILL DUE!!

Most members are current as this is written but a few clubs/societies have yet to send payment for dues and insurance coverage under the CFMS general liability policy. A \$50 late payment penalty is now in effect. Any questions or concerns should be directed to me at bplarue@earthlink.net.

PROMOTING CAMP PARADISE

Part 6

by Jill Atkins, Attendee

So far, I have covered the layout of the camp, that the food is great, the accommodations rustic, and overall there is no better bargain than \$400.00 for one week of learning about jewelry. But now we continue the tour of the barn. We have covered lapidary and soft stone carving and faceting in month two. Month three was about silversmithing both beginning and advanced. Month four was Ming trees and bead making, and month five you learned about dichroic glass and precious metal clay.

This month I take you to Cheri's beading class. She has beads and beads and beads. Did I mention she has beads? She also has books and magazines and all items associated with making amazing beaded jewelry. To look at Cheri's leaves is to gaze upon a leaf in the forest that has just dropped from a tree. Flowers? It is as though her fingers had fertilizer. (If she is reading this she is probably saying a few other things about fertilizer.) Her imagination and technical skill is wonderful. You will learn various patterns and how to connect the individual beaded elements together, and you will certainly enjoy her class.

Next to Cheri is Ron who teaches advanced wire wrapping. I don't know Ron very well as he is new to Camp Paradise's teaching staff. But what I do know is that he is very talented. I am always surprised and amazed when I see someone take a straight piece of wire and bend it without kinks and wrap it around a stone or piece of glass. The technical skill is through practice, but the artistic skill is innate and that is what sets him apart in his artistry.

Next to Ron is lovely Sandi, Ron's wife. She teaches beginning wire wrapping. What a team! Sandi will show the beginner how to keep the wire straight, how to keep it in place, how many wires are needed for a particular pattern, and all about the various tools needed to produce a true work of art. These guys are the real deal.

By now I hope I have given you enough information about Camp Paradise that you will be ready to sign up for an opportunity to fine tune your artistic skills. Registration opens May 1, 2018 and you can find the application on the CFMS website. More to come next month.

SPEAR PHISHING TARGETS ROCK AND MINERAL CLUBS

by Mark Nelson, AFMS BEAC

We know that “phishing” is an attempt by criminals to use means, such as the Internet and emails, to obtain money. Using emails, there are two ways you can send phishing campaigns: the first is ‘spray-and-pray’ which is a shotgun approach. Get as many email addresses from the organization you can, and send them all an email that they might click on. The second approach is decide what data you are after, then figure out who has access to that data, and specifically target those people. That is the spear phishing approach. There are thieves out there who believe that they need the treasury of rock and mineral clubs more than do the members of those clubs! Spear phishing attempts are not typically initiated by random hackers, but are more likely to be conducted by perpetrators targeting specific people or groups for financial gain. This was first brought to my attention in 2015 and it is still affecting rock and mineral clubs throughout North America. Knowledge is the best armor against becoming a victim of these criminals!

Spear Phishing is an email targeted at a specific individual or department within an organization that appears to be from a trusted source. It's actually cybercriminals attempting to steal confidential information or to convince a person to send them money. These criminals know that those in our hobby are staffed by volunteers untrained in cyber security. In our hobby we have web sites that serve to share our hobby with our members and prospective members. We post past issues of newsletters for reference and so that prospective hobbyists can see the enjoyment that we bring to those who will participate in it with us.

In a spear phishing attack, threat actors use their acquired knowledge of the potential victims to target them, and that approach allows them to tailor the attack. These emails are more convincing and harder to detect than regular phishing emails. The attacker knows exactly who and what they're targeting.

These cyber criminals use a technique called “Water-Holing”. This technique takes advantage of our hobby websites that people regularly visit and trust. The attacker will gather information about a targeted group of individuals to find out who to target at those websites. Often there are emails listed for key people and they know that. They mine our websites for terms such as “president” and “treasurer”, and they read more to get the emails of the individuals that they will be targeting from those groups – particularly for the club’s treasurer. Cybercriminals create bogus profiles to try to trick the person with the information or money that they want. They will impersonate a celebrity or one of your friends or colleagues. These profiles look very much like the real thing, and it’s easy to get tricked. They try to impersonate a person that the bad guys already know you like and trust. They will then send fake emails to attempt to steal money or information. These criminals are targeting institutions, businesses and individuals.

The examples and defenses can take a lot of explaining, but this is typical of how it works in our hobby:

1. The cyber criminals (we’ll call them the Red Box group) have identified the Ace Mineral Club as one that is active and that has a lot of members and activities. They know that activities need money and that members equal money. They know that most of these groups have vendors from which they buy supplies, equipment parts and such. The criminals also know that our clubs may have annual shows and at these shows are people we call vendors or dealers.
2. The Red Box criminals have identified Melinda Stone as the president and Alice Agate as the treasurer of this group.
3. With email providers such as AOL, Gmail, Hotmail and such, there is a simple way to have your outgoing emails read your name instead of your email address. This gives you the option to have your outgoing emails sent with a degree of personalization. Red Box changes the name on his email to Melinda Stone.
4. Alice Agate, the club’s treasurer, receives an email from Melinda Stone. It reads something like this:
Alice, What’s the status of the payment to the vendor? Has it been processed yet? Please send \$2,715.43 to Able Arnold, P.O. Box 243 in Random City as quickly as possible! I’m tied up in a project at work, please reply by email when this is done. ----- Melinda.
5. Alice has never been advised by Melinda to do anything that wasn’t in the interest of the Ace Mineral Club and she trusts her. What Alice does next will determine the fate of those club funds.

I know for a fact that these sorts of spear phishing activities have resulted in club monies being sent to the bad guys in response to fake requests. These criminals are not trying to take over your computer to try to get data. They are going after YOU instead. They know that they don’t need as many technical skills to find one person who might be willing, in a moment of weakness, to open up an attachment that contains malicious content.” This means it does not matter if your workstation is a PC or a Mac, a tower, laptop or workpad – the last line of defense is... you guessed it: YOU!

What can we do to prevent this kind of theft?

First - if the email request is unexpected, look at the email of the sender and hover your cursor over the name this may expose the true sender. You may also be able to right-click on the name to expose the actual sender. Many times the attacker will employ a slight-of-hand (like magicians do) so you think you are reading an email address correctly but they’ve actually switched out, added or replaced characters (commonly known as substitution and transposition). It’s common to see legitimate email addresses with an “m” replaced with an “r n”, a lower case “L” switched out with the number “1” or a .com email reading as .co instead. Even the slightest change in an email address means the email is going somewhere else. In the case of our president’s email of melindastone, the “r n” substitution would make it look real – rnelindastone.

Second - make sure that the members of your society or club's board of directors are aware of these rock-and-mineral-hobby attacks and that it has policies in place to prevent checks from being issued to the criminals. These policies should include:

1. All checks are kept with the Treasurer.
2. No signed or blank checks are given to anyone else in the club "just in case".
3. No checks are created without prior board approval that specifically lists the payee, expense category and the exact approved amount.

Third - forward all fraudulent phishing emails to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Computer Emergency Readiness Team's Anti-Phishing Working Group: phishing-report@us-cert.gov

I hope that this will help your club, society or federation. If you are targeted by these cyber criminals please forward the email to me so I can update my own knowledge. mnelsonair@aol.com.

PLAC SOUTH REPORT

By Lizbet Thoresen, PLAC South

BLM-related activities in Southern California have recently focused on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Land Use Plan Amendment (DRECP) and the West Mojave (WEMO) Route Network Project (WMRNP), which is a significant component of the DRECP, the largest land use plan amendment in California state history. The comment period on BLM's proposal to open the DRECP to plan-level amending closed on March 22, 2018. Only several days earlier, on March 16th, a 90-day public comment period opened for the Draft WMNRP LUPA/DSEIS.

While the DRECP is not in itself a travel management plan, all management plans to be drafted for different areas within its boundaries will have to conform to the guidelines applicable to the special land use designations set forth in the plan. The DRECP and the WMRNP are important to rockhounds, because the land use designations in the DRECP, and any significant revisions to them, will determine where and/or when hobby collecting may or may not be permissible, and the final WMRNP will determine what routes will enable continued motorized access to them.

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CFMS RULES COMMITTEE

By Jennifer Haley, Chairman

AFMS Judge Cards. It has come to my attention the AFMS Judges roster has not been updated since the 1990's. At the AFMS meeting in Raleigh last month I asked and was given permission to work on updating the roster to present day judges. I will be contacting each federation for their assistance. For those of you within the CFMS who have received AFMS Judge cards over the years, and as recent as last year's CFMS-AFMS Show, I need you to contact me now with the following: Your name, snail mail and email address, phone number, and a photo copy of your judge's card. These cards would have been given to you following an AFMS Judges Training Seminar or immediately after judging was completed at an AFMS Show.

CFMS Judges and Clerks. Those of you within the CFMS who have helped judge or clerk during our annual federation shows, but do not have a AFMS Judge card, but have an interest in continuing to assist, please contact me. Those of you who have received AFMS Trophies for your exhibits and are interested in judging or clerking during our annual CFMS shows, I would like to hear from you too.

AFMS Uniform Rules Committee met in Raleigh, NC last month. For those of you who sent in corrections to the manual, these are considered "housekeeping" corrections and don't require a vote. Corrections will be taken care of. There was one change to the Beading Rules, which was voted on and approved:

Division "I" I-8 Currently reads: "mixed bead embroidery and/ or bead weaving, w/wo stones approx. equal proportions."

New change to read: "Mixed beadwork- may include bead weaving, bead embroidery, loom work, and stringing."



SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM

Part 2

by Sharon Oswald

CFMS Juniors Activities Committee Member

When I do the school programs, I drive my SUV pulling a small covered trailer that houses 4 large industrial carts filled with rock specimens. Each layer of the carts has been labeled so that my job is a bit easier. One cart's bottom layer is for igneous and tectonic related materials. The top layer contains specimens of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. Each of these examples can be found in the student specimen bags. Another cart will have in its top tray, a large collection of minerals.

The bottom tray will contain a large amount of crystals. Again, each of these is in the student specimen bags. Another tray will contain geodes, while the other layer will house "common uses" of rocks. Students will be able to see the "rock/mineral," and then next to it the common use, ie: halite and a salt shaker. Another tray will contain vertebrate and marine fossils. The bottom layer will have plant fossils. This is especially important to the 2nd grade, as they study the fossilization process. .

As noted earlier, the student specimen bags are specifically made for the grade levels, depending on my available materials. This amounts to about 15-20 specimens. They include a polished rock, pyrite, selenite, igneous (Apache Tear), sedimentary (sandstone), metamorphic (slate), biotite, crystal, fluorite, petrified wood, marine fossil, chalcedony, azurite, sulfur, geodes or parts (if I have them), halite, serpentine (California's state rock), soapstone (#2 on Moh's Scale) . This list might have variations depending on what has been donated and how much.

To those of you that are considering trying to do this program, I congratulate you! Most of my middle schools now give extra credit to those students that attend our show.

This year was a banner year for kids in attendance. I am known as the "rock lady." I do this for fun. I make my schedule to fit MY PERSONAL schedule. I will bring my program to Senior Citizen groups, Scouts, and whoever needs a presentation. This is NOT a "dog and pony show." When in the classroom I am in charge. I have 3 simple rules when the students enter. These are established FIRST! Sit down quietly. Raise your hand

when trying to answer a shopping question. When I'm talking, you're NOT. I then have the students raise their hand to show that they understood. I always start off with an easy shopping question... What was the rock that was found over 100 years ago by the famous man named James Marshall? I then follow up with more questions related to gold. Then, on to Moh's Scale of Hardness and diamonds. I pass around my 1 ounce nugget for them to hold. My first 5 minutes is to grab their attention. I've found that most all kids still love rocks! Good luck!

PLAC south Report cont...

In addition to eight public scoping meetings, on March 20th, the BLM scheduled a special meeting of the Desert District Advisory Council (DAC), the first such public advisory committee meeting held in more than one year. The primary agenda was the DRECP – whether to open it to review (major overhaul) or leave it alone. Four rockhounds attended the meeting.

From a rockhound's perspective, an interesting takeaway from all the meetings and panel discussions on the DRECP was the misperceptions voiced by the public about what DRECP had done to close access to hobby collecting areas. In fact, DRECP did not take away access to any site. To be sure, hobby collecting accommodations have to be spelled out, in detail, in the travel management plans for different areas within the DRECP's boundaries, but it does not require plan-level amending of the DRECP to make such accommodations.

BLM is tentatively planning a DAC field trip and meeting in Ridgecrest on May 11–12. Agenda will include discussion of the DRECP land designations known as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and disturbance caps, which are especially concerning for small patented mining claims.

Editor's note:

Links were removed from the above piece since they do not direct the reader to the governmental source. Any statements are those of the writer and do not always reflect the opinions of the CFMS.

Interested parties can contact Lisbet directly at editor@sdmgs.org if interested in further information on the upcoming DAC fieldtrip and meeting.

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2018

May 4-6, Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St
Hours: Fri 6-10pm, Sat 12 noon-10 pm, Sun 12 noon -7 pm
Contact: Lee Peterson 909-794-0731
Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
Website: www.yvgms.org/wiki/

May 5-6, 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

May 5- 6: Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)
Hours: 10 - 4 daily
Contact: Cheryl Smith, (209) 296-4061
Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

June 8-10, La Habra, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Fri. 5-8, Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: Armando Pedroza 909-444-2727
Email: forestandSUN@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 9-10, Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Society
California Center for the Arts Escondido
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Michele Shephard
Email: pgmcsow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org

June 9-10, Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat, 10-5 Sun, 10-4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, 626-963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com
Website: N/A

June 23-24, Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz. 310-850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

August 3-5, Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 -4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, 805- 481-0923
Email: sylvianadon@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 4-5, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way , Golden Gate Park
Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Ellen Nott
Email: Ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgms.org

September 15-16, Chico, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc.
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair St.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: TBA
Email: TBA
Website: www.featherriverrocks.org/show

September 15-16, Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Contact: Janis Rovetti, 831-372-1311

Email: Janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.rocks

September 15-16, REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Harvest of Gems and Mineral Show
1400 Roosevelt Ave
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: William Spence, 408-398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

September 22-23, Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford St.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mike Mathis, 510-301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

October 6-7, Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke; 530-274-2425
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org

October 13-14, Los Altos, CA
Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Steve Jobe 408-834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org

October 13-14, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Bldg
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

October 14, Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, 760-728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 20-21, Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Inc
Santa Rose Veterans Hall
1351 Maple Ave
Hours Sat, 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene, 707-849-9551
Email: coons@sonic.net
Website: srmgs.org/gemshow.php

November 10-11, Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgem&min.org

November 17-18, Oxnard, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwra, 805-394-8002
Email show_info@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.ornardgem.com

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation
September 15, 16, 2018
Directors Meeting, Awards
Banquet, Endowment Table and
Raffle
Hosted by Feather River Lapidary &
Mineral Society, Inc. Show
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair St.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Chico, CA
Website: www.cfmsinc.org

Midwest Federation
Hosted by Lincoln Orbit Earth
Science Society,
Orr Building, State Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
October 6-7 2018
Springfield, Illinois
Website: www.loess.org/gem-show

Northwest Federation
Hosted by Yakama Gem and
Mineral Club
"Parade of Gems"
State Fair Park: Modern Living
Building & Pioneer Hall
1301 S Fair Ave
April 27, 28, 29
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-6 daily; Sun
10-4
Yakama, WA
Website:
northwestfederation.org/FederationShow.asp

Rocky Mountain Federation
Hosted by Western Dakota
Gem and Mineral Society
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Barnett Arena
444 Mount Rushmore Road
July 20, 21, 22, 2018
Hours: Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4
Rapid City, SD
Website: <http://rmfms.org/conventions>

South Central Federation
SCFMS Convention
Hosted by Lubbock G&MS
Lubbock Memorial Civic
Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
May 5-6, 2018
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Lubbock, TX
<http://www.scfms.net/show>

**EACH CLUB/SOCIETY
SHOW
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**DON'T FORGET TO UP-
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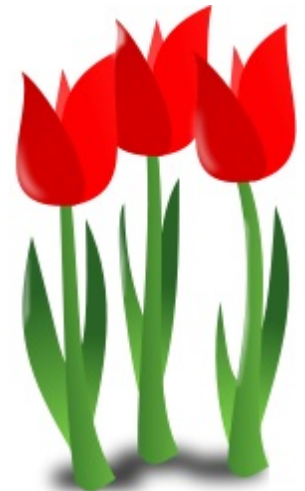
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2. Current events sections!
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5. Other Local Shows

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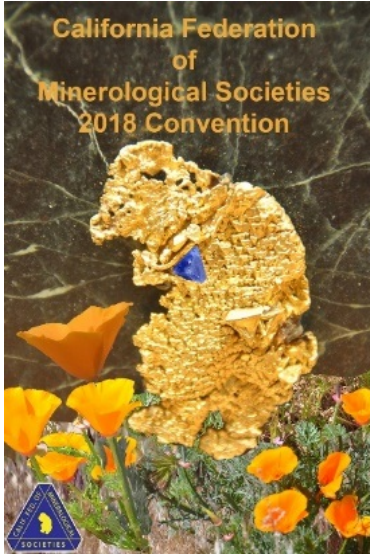
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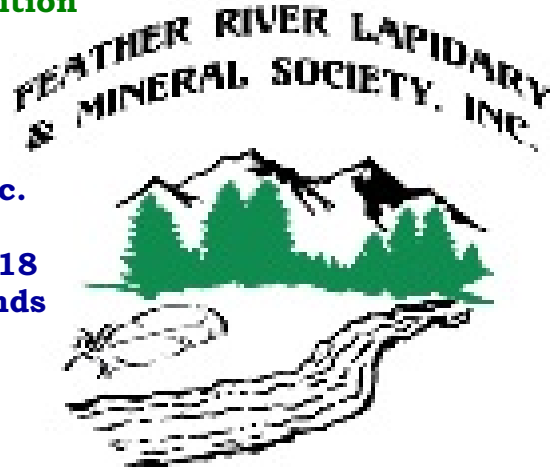


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California Federation of Mineralogical Societies



2018 Annual Convention
and the
**Feather River
Lapidary
&
Mineral Society, Inc.
Show**
September 15, 16, 2018
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
Chico, California



This society presents the **“Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest.”** They give out 3 cash prizes. See the society’s website for more information and about the deadline to register for the contest.

<http://www.featherriverrocks.org>

Apply early and take your time to tumble!

Cash prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places winners!

Trophy for the 1st place winner!

Winner will be announced in September 2018

CFMS 79th Convention

New Director’s Orientation Meeting

Directors Business Meeting

Awards Banquet

CFMS Endowment Table & Endowment Raffle

Schedule and further information TBA. Yes, we will have RV parking and a special hotel rate for CFMS.

Show Hours

Sat. 10AM-5PM

Gems-Rough Rock-Jewelry-Beads-Opals-Crystals

Sun. 10AM-4PM

Kid’s Activities & much more

Camp Paradise application not included in newsletter posted online due to formatting issues. It is available for download on the CFMS website.

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