



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tony Fender

The November meeting of the Directors at Visalia is coming up quickly, and there are things to take care of before the meeting. We ask that all Committee Heads prepare their reports and send them to Pat LaRue so that she can forward them to the Executive Committee ahead of time and copy them to put in your packet at Visalia. Having the reports in the packet allows the attendees to review your report before the meeting gets started and allows the meeting to proceed at a faster pace. We try and get the business carried out before lunch, but this requires an organized meeting, and your help is appreciated by everybody.

If you plan on attending the banquet for Marcia's installation, please let Pat know before the beginning of November. Pat needs to let the catering staff know how many people will attend the banquet ahead of time.

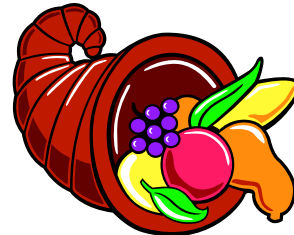
One of the actions at the Visalia meeting is the election of your officers for next year, and there is still time to let Heidi Hall know of people that you would like to see on the Executive Committee. Having been on it for nearly five years now, I can assure you it is a rewarding experience. I know some people are afraid of "can they do it" but there is a large body of past officers who will help you, all you need do is ask. You are not alone.

The time is running out for your submission for Rockhound of the Year for this year. Please send in your nomination to Gary Levitt, the Chairman of the Rockhound of the Year Committee so that he can get the certificates and pins ready in time for the Visalia meeting. Also, submit your nominations for the CFMS scholarship award and the AFMS scholarship award to Marcia Goetz. These awards are to recognize a person who has served your club or your community. The award gives the recipient the honor of selecting a student or institute of higher education to receive the scholarship monies. The selection of the recipients takes place at the Visalia meeting, and the awards are made the following year.

Earth Science Studies classes at Zzyzx. Space usually fills up fast so attendees need to submit their applications as soon after November 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. People that have never attended an ESS camp should mark their applications with "new student" as the ESS Committee gives preference to new students.

Margaret and Pat are working hard on planning and organizing the CFMS show in Lodi for 2020. Plan on attending, exhibiting, competing, helping etc. I'm sure that there will be plenty of things to do.

*Tony*



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November 1<sup>st</sup> is the earliest date that applications for the

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 1. . . . . Deadline for Directors Mtg reports  
Nov 5. . . . . Deadline for December newsletter  
Nov 8-10. . . . . Fall Business Meeting-Visalia  
Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for January newsletter  
Apr 5-12, 2020. . . . . Zzyzx

### CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

McDaniel Insurance Services  
PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024  
Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288  
Fax (805) 646-9976; email: [mcins@west.net](mailto:mcins@west.net)  
Web Site: [www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com](http://www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com)

Fred Ott  
3420 Coach Lane, Ste 4  
Cameron Park, CA 95682-9113  
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[fred@fredott.net](mailto:fred@fredott.net)

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### CFMS WEBSITE

The CFMS website is accessible at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) the email for the web site is [cfmswebsite@yahoo.com](mailto:cfmswebsite@yahoo.com). Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website.

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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  
Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)

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 acknowledgement. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the meUmo section.

### REPORTS FOR VISALIA DIRECTORS MEETING PACKETS

The deadline for committee reports for the Fall Business Meeting are due November 1. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring 50 copies of your report for distribution at the meeting. As in the last couple years, I no longer mail packets to member clubs/societies not attending the meeting. Most reports will be included in a future newsletter as are copies of the officer change form and dues/insurance form. If unable to attend you can arrange for someone from a nearby club to pick up a packet for you.

## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2020 Officers will be held November 8-10, 2019 at the Wyndham-Visalia, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$99 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **October 24, 2019**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 9, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Marcia Goetz will have a brief meeting of her 2020 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

### Banquet Menu

#### Beef and Chicken Duo

Marinated Charbroiled Bistro Filet Served with Cabernet Reduction  
Grilled Chicken Breast in Mushroom and Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce  
Chefs Choice of Starch  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Mixed Green Salad  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Chef's Dessert Buffet Extravaganza

\$40 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

**Make banquet reservations by November 3, 2019.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

To make a guest room reservation under the following block: CA FEDERATION MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY on November 8-10, 2019, \$99+ (12.19% tax) room rate on standard rooms--

You can call the following and mention your date, and block name:

Stormy Myers  
Sales Administrative Assistant  
[smyers@altamonthotels.com](mailto:smyers@altamonthotels.com)  
(559) 651-5000

Or go to:

[www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)

1. Enter dates
2. Click on "special rates and codes"
3. Click on "group code"
4. Enter 11077020CA

Please reserve no later than October 24, 2019. Cancel at no penalty by 4 pm one day prior to arrival if needed, to avoid one night's room/tax penalty.

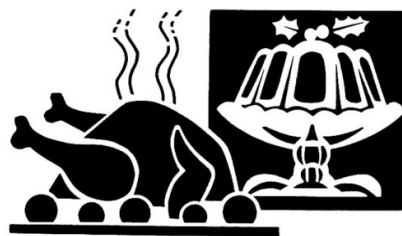
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### Slate of Officers for 2020

President.....Marcia Goetz  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/President elect.....Juanita Pardun  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Jim Barton  
Secretary.....Kimberly Fiola  
Treasurer.....Bob Rush

Submitted by Heidi Hall, Chairman



*Happy Thanksgiving*



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS & AFMS Juniors Chair

### Encourage “Cub Reporters” within Your Society!

The CFMS and AFMS Bulletin Contests award kids who write articles for club bulletins. I judged this year’s AFMS Juniors Articles, and I thank all newsletter editors who provided submissions. Regrettably, this year marked an all-time low with just five junior articles submitted to AFMS competition from across all seven Regional Federations. Let us all encourage kids to write for our society newsletters, and then enter them into competition to reward them for their efforts. Plus, there’s a Communications badge in the AFMS/Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program as added incentive.

I admit, getting kids (or even adults) to write is not easy. After many years of struggling with this, my own Ventura society just last month *finally* got one of our junior members to send in an article. It takes patience, more patience, and persistence, persistence, persistence!

It also takes help, advice, and suggestions so that kids aren’t starting out blind, so to speak. To help them along, here are some ideas you might give to your own club pebble pups and juniors for potential articles:

- When did you get started in this hobby and what do you like most about it?
- Describe your rock/mineral/fossil collection and offer advice to fellow collectors just starting out.
- What is your favorite specimen in your collection? Why?
- Describe a field trip adventure you’ve taken. What was most fun about it?
- Tell about a trip you’ve made to a gem show or to a museum.
- Do you like to make jewelry (cabochons, wire-wrapped creations, gemstone trees, etc.)? If so, what do you like to make and how do you go about it?
- Or—write about any rock, fossil, or lapidary related topic that interests you!

After providing suggested topics, let kids know they don’t need to write a long book. A paragraph or two will be just fine! As a start, they may want to sit down

with a parent to talk about their interests as the parent takes notes. Then, let the kids transform those notes into their very own article.

In addition to the possibility of awards from CFMS and AFMS competitions and the AFMS/FRA Communications badge, you might also provide further incentives in the form of a special mineral or fossil specimen for kids who provide articles. My own Ventura club offers “Pebble Pup Bucks” that can be cashed in during club silent auctions.

In short, encourage and reward (bribe?) your club’s kids to sit down with paper and pencil or to cozy up to a computer keyboard along with parents, think about what interests them most, then strike out a story (or two) that might appear in the very next issue of the club newsletter. Who knows? They may find it fun!

## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

[garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net)

Greetings! Rockhounds. This year has been a bit problematical as far as presenting information on the Rockhound of the Year via our newsletter. As far as a temporary solution was suggested previously which was:

Contact me (via email) and I would send you (via email) the appropriate files for you to fill in the required information. If there were any questions/issues, we would converse via email. You may be surprised by how effective this is! Just look below..

### Jim and Karen Wood, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society

It is with great pride that the members of the SJVLS nominate Jim and Karen Wood as Rockhounds of the year. They have been very active members of the Club for about four years. They attend meetings regularly and go above and beyond when it comes to supporting our fund raisers activities and members in need. Karen had for 3 years purchased fabrics especially for children, teens, adults, seasons, and interests of all kinds for the grab bags that just plain knock your socks off. She has made about 700 to 800 bags each year. Karen has sewn and strung them as

well. We have two major events and she does that massive job voluntarily. Beside that, Karen and Jim, her husband, also tumble the rocks from our fieldtrips for all the grab bags. We are deeply indebted to them for their immeasurable contribution to the San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society. They always have smiles on their faces and contribute joy to our meetings. They are our unsung heroes to us but now we would like them to be recognized for the wonderful members they are and for us we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Jim and Karen Wood.

Submitted by Bernie Bentsen, President

### **Kale Foxgrover, Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Junior**

Kale Foxgrover is our most active Junior Rockhound as well as one of our newest. His keen interest in rocks and minerals is seen by his participation and involvement in club activities. He regularly attends General Meetings. He went out on all our Field Trips so far this year. He participated in two club work parties, where we worked on club rocks. He worked on setting up the club's Junior Display Case at the AVGMC Show, and on setting up the Junior Display Case for the AV Fair, which won first place and Best of Division. He is a positive, active, and interested in rocks young man, that the AVGMC proudly recommends for the CFMS Award "Junior Rockhound of the Year".

Submitted by: Jim Betz, AVGMC President

### **David and Susan Chaisson Walblom, Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club**

The AVGMC proudly requests the CFMS "Rockhound of the Year" be bestowed to long term club members, David and Susan Chaisson Walblom. David has held a Directorship on the AVGMC board 5 out of the last 6 years. Susan is our current Treasurer and has been for the last six years. She is also the editor and publisher of The Chip & Tumble, our monthly newsletter. She is also our club's Federation Director for the CFMS. She has been the AVGMC Gem and Mineral Show Chairman for the last three years in a row.

The time and service this dynamic couple has dedicated to our club is enormous. No one has worked harder or more effectively for the club. They are major components of the AVGMC organization and have been for years. Susan's leadership ability and diplomatic attention to her teammates made this year's AVGMC Show the spectacular success it was. David's lifetime knowledge of the value of rocks, minerals and every lapidary tool needed in the Rockhounding world is irreplaceable.

Besides our club, they are part of the "bedrock" of the Rockhounding community, working several gem and mineral shows each year, servicing lapidary vendors the supplies and tools that they need to do their work and to sell. They are tireless passionate advocates of our rockhounding heritage. Their contribution to the success of the AVGMC and the workings of our Lapidary Community at large has earned them our request for the CFMS award of "Rockhound" of the Year.

Submitted by: Jim Betz, AVGMC President

### **Aurora Cook, Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Junior**



Aurora attends the Petrified Pup's regularly. She is happy to and offers to assist with set-up and clean up afterwards. She is a shy and quiet girl and we all notice when she joins in with information. This past May Aurora crafted and wrapped in silver a tri-colored marble cabochon

which she entered the San Bernardino County Fair. For her work she earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place, best in Class, Judges Award and Best in Show. We are so proud of her. I spoke with her father Jonathan and he is proud to have her name submitted for the Junior Rockhound of the year award. We are so proud of her. When we have a scheduled field trip, Aurora and her father Jonathan are happy to come her way. Aurora is 13 years old.

Submitted by Joyce DeGarmo Petrified Pup Leader



### **Pam Taylor, Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society**

Pam does a significant amount of work for the VGMS Club. She took on the Show Chair for the 2019 Gem and Mineral Show. She organized the event which went smoothly and was one of the club's best years ever. Pam also stepped up to fill a Director at Large position on the Board of Directors. She has been a valuable contributor to the Board. Pam also volunteered to run the Member's Sales during the VGMS Open House during the Solano County Fair. She organized the other Members and the Fair Sales went smoothly. She also set up a Gem Tree Making Workshop in preparation for the Fair which were used on both the Wheel of Fortune and the VGMS Sales. She also found a way to reduce cost for polished rocks and other materials we use for both the G&M Show and the Fair. She submitted the plan to the Board and spent her own time implementing the plan. In addition, she is a foreperson and volunteers many hours in the shop helping other Members.

Submitted by Aubrey Daniels, Federation Director

We will have a roulette wheel, as usual, for kids of all ages and where everyone wins!

Donations may be made by a number of methods: using the form that is in the newsletter, delivering a check at a business meeting (there are two per year) or bringing checks or items to the Endowment Fund Table at CFMS Shows. Additionally checks may be mailed to Pat LaRue at: CFMS, PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657 or send rock, gem, mineral, jewelry and related items to: Sharon Rogow, PO Box 35078, Las Vegas, NV 89133-5078

All proceeds go to the Endowment Fund.

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## **VISUAL PROGRAMS**

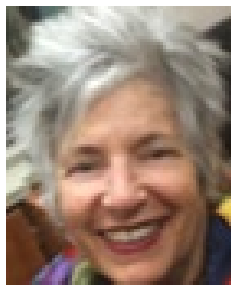
By Sharon Rogow, Chair

There have been more requests for visual programs starting in the second half of the year than in the slower first half of the year which is welcome news. The not so good news is that some requests come in with barely enough time to deliver the disc in time for a review before the showing. Also, do not hesitate to contact me to confirm that I have received your information. Always include your phone number! Here is the procedure for requesting visual programs: Access the listing of programs on the CFMS web site. Choose a program then use the online form and email it. You should receive the DVD a week or so prior to the use date as long as you have made the request in advance. Please return the program within 10 days of use with the \$10 fee per disc and the completed feedback form. If you need additional information, just call or text Sharon at (702) 499-0272. Because requests for the video format of programs from our lending library have not been made for over two years, I have submitted the possibility that the video collection be retired by either selling, donating or possibly digitizing the programs (or all three)! The subject will be or may have been already considered by the executive committee at Visalia, depending on when you are reading this. Think of the visual programs for general club meetings, kids meetings, at shows as an additional activity or for any other use that your creative minds come up with. There are rockhounding, educational, instructional and mine location with a description of the material there, among many additional programs. These are all available as a service to CFMS member clubs. Hoping to hear from you soon.

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## **CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND**

By Sharon Rogow, Chair



With the Endowment Fund being a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services that CFMS provides to its members, we greatly appreciate the

member clubs and individuals who frequently donate money, rock related items and jewelry.

Donations may be made for many reasons, among those being, "in memory of", "in honor of", "in celebration of" or for any other reason that your creative mind may choose, or for no reason at all, just to feel good! Between now and June of 2020 when the CFMS Show and Convention will take place in Lodi, CA, your donations will be especially appreciated as we will be conducting a raffle of high value items. In addition, the Endowment Fund will have tables set up where we will be selling a variety of donated items including handmade, natural and commercially produced items.



## BULLETIN AIDS

By Suzanne Webb, Chair

Thanks to an autumn date for the 2020 AFMS Convention and Show, the editors have a little longer time in which to get the work done for the 2020 Bulletin Editors' Contest. Those of you who have participated for the last two years are to be congratulated. You worked hard under extremely difficult conditions with very tight deadlines.

The California Federation maintains the same categories for bulletin editors as the AFMS lists on the AFMS website *except* CFMS does not accept entries in the Special Publications category. If a club or society has a special publication it wishes to enter into competition, it may do so by submitting it directly to AFMS. Send any such publication to me, clearly marked "For direct submission to AFMS." All other submissions will then be forwarded to the CFMS judges for the appropriate categories.

The schedule determined by AFMS BEAC (Mark Nelson) is as follows:

12/1/19 Local bulletin editors send December bulletins to members.

**1/15/19 Local editors submit materials to CFMS BEAC (Sue Webb) for judging.** Remember that items published in 2018 December issues are eligible for the 2020 contest.

1/31/2020 Entries will be sent to CFMS judges.

3/15/2020 Scored entries returned to CFMS BEAC.

4/1/2020 Federation entries submitted to AFMS judges by CFMS BEAC.

5/1/2020 Judged entries due back to AFMS BEAC Mark Nelson

6/25/2020 CFMS Awards for CFMS contest and (probably) AFMS contest presented at CFMS Convention and Show, Lodi, CA.

10/16 to 18/2020 AFMS contest awards presented at AFMS Convention and Show, Knoxville, TN

Also CFMS will have new Junior categories: Drawn Feature—Under 12, Drawn Feature—12 & up, and Poetry—under 12, and Poetry 12 and up.

Please also be aware that 2018 and 2019 winners are ineligible in the category in which they won, but may compete in a different category, e. g. an original adult article advanced category winner could compete in the Features category.

CFMS first place winners for 2018 and 2019 were:

### Large Bulletin

2018 Angela Brown, editor *Rockhound Rambling*  
Ventura GMS

2019 Laura Driskell, editor *The Rock Bag*,  
Oxnard GMS

### Small Bulletin

2018 Wayne Mills, editor *Ore-Cutts* Orcut  
Mineral Society

2019 none submitted

### New Editor

2018 Laurie Pudwell, *Rockonteur*, Santa  
Lucia Rockhounds

2019 Elisabeth Nybo, *Or-cutts*, Orcutt Mineral  
Society

### Adult Feature, Drawn

2018/19—none submitted

### Adult Article, Original

2018 Thomas Nichols Volunteer!

*Conglomerate*, Reno GMS

2019 Dale Sworthout Rock On!

*Conglomerate*, Reno GMS

### Adult Article, Advanced

2018 Jim Mills Did You Know?

*Rockonteur* Santa Lucia Rockhounds

2019 Barbara Bilyeu Five Fine Jaspers

*Rockonteur*, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

### Original Article, Junior 11 and under

2018/19—none submitted

### Original Article, Junior 12 – 17

2018/19 none submitted

### Poetry

2018/19 none submitted

### Junior Poetry—under 12 (new category 2019)

2019 Katherine Nybo "Mountains" *O r -*

*cutts*, Orcutt Mineral Society

### Junior Drawn Feature—under 12 (new category 2019)

2019 Katherine Nybo "Mountains" *O r -*

*cutts*, Orcutt Mineral Society

### Written Feature

2018 Robin DeVisser President's Message  
*Conglomerate* Reno GMS

2019 Wayne Mills Reading a Lot into Geology  
*Or-cutts*, Orcutt Mineral Society

Note also, please that there are several categories for which no CFMS editor submitted an entry in 2019:

Small Bulletin  
Mini Bulletin  
Adult Drawn Feature  
Original Article Junior—under 12  
Original Article Junior—12 -17  
Adult Poetry

The drawn feature and the Junior original article categories have gone fallow for two years. As has the Mini Bulletin category. Many thanks to those editors who have been participating. Surely we, the CFMS Federation editors, can do better.

If you are an editor who has never submitted an entry to the CFMS Bulletin Contest, relax. It's not difficult. Contest guidelines are posted on the AFMS website. To decide if you have a "worthy" entry among those you have published in 2019, take a look at the judging score sheets that are posted on the AFMS website. Unfortunately, as of this writing, the forms are unavailable on the CFMS website. They are, however, essentially the same as the AFMS forms which will give you an excellent idea of what the judges are looking for, and what they consider important. Then pick out your best, and send them to me by January 15.

Guidelines. It indicates the key items that will be judged.

All of the Contest forms are being posted on the current web site, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org). Click on "Contests". There will be an announcement when the new CFMS web site is available and how to access the forms on that site.

Please contact me at [mvoneill@comcast.net](mailto:mvoneill@comcast.net). I'll be happy to email you the forms and help with any questions you might have. Be sure to review the Score Sheet Guidelines. It gives the key items that will be judged.

The outcome of the contest will be announced during the Banquet at the 2020 CFMS Show and Convention, which will be held June 26-28, at the Grape Festival Fairgrounds in Lodi, California. Details about how to attend the Banquet will be available in the CFMS newsletter and also posted on the web site in advance of the event.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## 2020 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

Merryan O'Neill  
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

All CFMS Society Webmasters are invited to enter the 2020 CFMS Web Site Contest.

The object of the Web Site Contest is to assist societies to attract new members, provide information for its members, public advertising of society activities including shows, and offering educational information. This contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of the society's web site in providing such information. It is not to determine the quality or capabilities of the society.

The Guidelines are full of valuable information whether or not you enter the contest. The score sheet summarizes the key items. If you have features on your web site that you don't believe are covered on the Score Sheet, be sure to note these features at the bottom of the Contest Entry form. Judges get their "clues" from this form. Also, be sure to review the Score Sheet





## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

*Sponsored by*

*CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

*Please submit your*

*Show or Event as soon as possible  
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email 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!*

November 2 - 3: 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: [opalsociety.org/](http://opalsociety.org/) [Show Page](#)

November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Mike Hopkins  
Email: [mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net](mailto:mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net)  
Website: [contracostaminalandgemsociety.org](http://contracostaminalandgemsociety.org)

November 2-3; Ridgecrest, CA  
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours 9-5 Daily  
Contact: John DeRosa; 760-375-7905  
Email: [jfrocks@dslextreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextreme.com)  
Website: [www.indianwellsgemandmineral.com](http://www.indianwellsgemandmineral.com)

November 9-10, Yuba City, CA  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds  
Franklin Hall, Franklin Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Karen Horita, 916-677-6696  
Email: [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: [sutterbuttesgem&min.org](http://sutterbuttesgem&min.org)

November 16 - 17: LAKESIDE, CA  
El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
12584 Maplevue Street  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759  
Email: [bspcat@cox.net](mailto:bspcat@cox.net)  
Website: [ecvgms.org](http://ecvgms.org)

November 23-24, Oxnard, CA  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Laura Driskell 805-394-8002  
Email: [show\\_info@oxnardgem.com](mailto:show_info@oxnardgem.com)  
Website:  
<http://oxnardgem.com/home/gem-show>

December 7-8; Barstow, CA  
Mojave Gem and Mineral Society  
Cora Harper Community Center  
841 Barstow Rd  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Danny Watts; 760-373-1309  
Email: [vivlea22@yahoo.com](mailto:vivlea22@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.mdgms.net](http://www.mdgms.net)

## 2020

January 18-19; Exeter, CA  
Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building  
324 N Kaweah Ave.  
Hours: Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4  
Contact: Gayle Bingaman; 559-802-6029  
Email: [bandgbing@aol.com](mailto:bandgbing@aol.com)  
Website: [www.tulegem.com](http://www.tulegem.com)

February 14-23; Indio, CA  
San Geronio Gem & Mineral Society  
Riverside County Fair & National Date  
Festival  
82-503 Hwy 111  
Hours: 10-10 Daily  
Contact: Bert Grisham; 951-849-1674  
Email: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

February 15 - 16: ANTIOCH, CA  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10th Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Brenda Miguel  
Email: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com)  
Website: [antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://antiochlapidaryclub.com)

February 22-23: Vallejo, CA  
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano Co Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Debra Duhon; 415-254-1506  
Email: [dduhonvvgms@gmail.com](mailto:dduhonvvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.vjgms.org](http://www.vjgms.org)

March 6-8; Newark, CA  
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Ave  
Hours: Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-305-4196  
Email: [cdmiller59@gmail.com](mailto:cdmiller59@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

March 7-8; Ventura, CA  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Richard Slyker; 805-312-8467  
Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

March 21 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA  
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: (408) 265-1422  
Email: [info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

March 28-29; Angels Camp, CA  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Rd  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Robin Williams; 209-728-8277  
Email: [robinski@yahoo.com](mailto:robinski@yahoo.com)  
Website:  
[www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

March 28-29; Roseville, CA  
Roseville Rock Rollers  
@the Grounds  
800 All America City Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: James Hutchins; 916-995-7380  
Email: [jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

April 4-5; Reno, NV  
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc  
Reno Convention Center  
4390 S Virginia St.  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Contact: Daniel Ellis; 775-229-2442  
Email: [greybeard65@hotmail.com](mailto:greybeard65@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

April 25-26; Lancaster  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Avenue H  
Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4  
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
661-406-0143  
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June 1 - 2: CAMBRIA, CA  
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cambria Veterans Hall  
1000 Main Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603  
Email: [kim@gmail.com](mailto:kim@gmail.com)

## National/Regional Shows:

California Federation  
June 26-28, 2020  
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Lodi, CA  
Hosted by California Federation of  
Mineralogical Societies  
Details to Follow

Eastern Federation

Midwest Federation

Northwest Federation

Rocky Mountain Federation

South Central Federation

Southeast Federation

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