



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tony Fender

It is difficult to believe that it has been a year since I became CFMS President. This year has gone by so fast and we have gotten things done. Sandie and I had the opportunity to travel to several of the Federation Shows through the year, and we made many new friends and reconnected with old friends.

We were able to collect some equipment for the Paradise and Feather River Societies which we hope will assist them in getting their lives back together. I want to thank everyone and every club that donated equipment and materials for the Paradise and Feather River Societies.

The support team that I had made my job easy, from the Committee Chairmen who ran their individual committees, the past Presidents who helped and mentored me when I asked for it, and especially the Executive Committee for all of their help and keeping me up to date and taking care of little things. I especially want to thank Marcia Goetz for all of her help and taking care of things when I couldn't. I'm sure that everybody will be very supportive of her this coming year.

Once again I want to thank the Pasadena Lapidary Society for putting on a great show in March. They did a great job, and speaking of shows I want to thank Pat LaRue and Margaret Kolaczyk for "stepping up" and arranging the show for 2020. The Antelope Valley Society bid to host the 2021 CFMS Show, so the Federation is in good shape for future shows.

Lastly I would like to thank Sandie, who accompanied me on this journey and made me look good.

Tony



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 5. Deadline for January newsletter
Jan 1. Dues are Due!
Jan 5. Deadline for February newsletter
Apr 5-12. Zzyzx
June 26-27. CFMS Conv & Show-Lodi

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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.

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AFMS Endowment Fund
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JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS &
AFMS Juniors Chair

Seeking Your Help & Suggestions

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to all our junior members and junior leaders out there! As the year rushes all-too-quickly to a close, I send two reminders and requests.

First, I'm updating our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Manual with a goal of issuing a Fifth Edition in 2020. As I work on this revision, I welcome suggestions from anyone and everyone for revisions of existing activities, new activities, new multimedia links (websites, YouTube videos, etc.), really, any suggestions at all!

Second, in *Rock & Gem* magazine (selected by AFMS as our "official" hobby magazine), I've run occasional articles about outstanding kids in an informal series called "Spotlight on Juniors." I would like to spotlight many, many more. We wish to highlight interests and accomplishments of kids, both to honor those who deserve special recognition and to provide role models for other kids. Do you have a pebble pup or junior member (up to age 18) in your society who is gung ho for our hobby? If so, please contact me with names and details. I'll follow up from there to connect with parents, gain further details, etc. As an easy start, consider kids that your society has nominated for Junior Rockhound of the Year recognition. Also, you don't need to think of just an individual child. I'm happy to put a spotlight on multiple kids or even on your club's entire program for Juniors. Do you have a full and active Pebble Pup or Juniors contingent? If so, let's honor your whole program while sharing the secrets of its success with tips for others within CFMS and beyond.

Whether you have ideas about the AFMS/FRA Badge Program or nominees for "Spotlight on Juniors," I welcome your good thoughts! Please contact me via snail-mail, e-mail, or phone: 7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003, jbraceth@roadrunner.com, (805) 659-3577. Here's thanking you in advance and helping all kids have fun!



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

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Greetings! Rockhounds..We will close out 2019 around December 10th. Hopefully you have already entered information on your societies' Rock Hound of the year. Remember you may be the 1st entry or rock into the year in 2020.

Carolyn Howe, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society would like to nominate Carolyn Howe for 2019 Rockhound of the Year. Carolyn Howe has been a fixture in our Shop for 18 years. After she retired, Carolyn has kept busy by volunteering. She became co-instructor of our Lapidary Class, Membership Chair and helms the Plant Sales at our Show. Her Jeep persuaded her to relinquish her co-Field Trip Chair position. But that hasn't stopped her volunteering for other projects and regularly providing refreshments at our general meetings.

Submitted by Stephanie Hagiwara, President

Lavelle and Bill Tomlinson, Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society

Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society (MDGMS) are naming Lavelle and Bill Tomlinson as rockhound couple of the year 2019. They have been active members for over 30 years. Lavelle has been a major backbone for this club, she has been our Secretary for a few years. She has been our critter maker, bag sewn lady, rock labeler, and helped with our newsletter. Bill has been a photographer and a go to guy, he would step up and get things done. These two have also given so much of themselves and donations a major asset to the club. We couldn't have done things without them, so thank you Lavelle and Bill Tomlinson

Submitted by Vivian Watts, Federation Director and past President

Shanna and John O'Brien, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

We would like to recommend Shanna and John O'Brien as the Woodland Hills Rock Chippers Rockhounds of the year. Shanna takes care of the

refreshments/supplies; also did a great job with the library, she is a co-director with John on the board-so attends meetings has great lapidary skills, - she shares knowledge, has helped me in class with projects, also helps with ways and means and silent auction too!

John has taken on several responsibilities as part of our organization. He serves as Ways and Means Chair, and on our Board of Directors. As a member of the Board his greatest asset is his ability to see a situation and offer a solution that shows a deeper understanding of what is needed.

If John says "I can do it" he really has considered it thoroughly. An example was his offer to serve on the Board as a "Co-Director" - with his wife being the other half (with one vote between them). Knowing he might not be able to attend some Board meetings he had concern for our having a quorum to do business. This was a unique solution for a legal way to cover what many societies do casually. We agreed and officially approved of that position.

When he took on the Ways and Means Chair he found that the monthly supplies for our raffles were helter-skelter in our storage trailer. With Shanna's help they removed, consolidated, updated and organized these supplies.

We are appreciative and are grateful for their contributions and team work supporting our society. Woodland Hills Rock Chippers acknowledge John and Shanna O'Brien as our Rock Hound(s) of the Year.

Submitted by Debbie Hirlinger

Demelza Adamson, Woodland Hills Rockchippers, Junior,

The Woodland Hills Rock Chippers nominate Demelza (Adamson) as our Junior Rockhound of the Year. In the short 2 1/2 years as a Little Chipper she has earned 10 badges towards her Rock Star Pin; she already earned her Rockhound badge (5 badges required). In addition to her FRA badge activities she designed, arranged, made labels and set up the Little Chippers showcase at our 2019 show, working along with a guest 8 yr. old, Aidan, who was interested in displaying too. As a special addition to her work on her Fluorescent Badge, she had a second exhibit at the games table at our show. With her parents help making a box with UV lighting, it became a showstopper with visitors to our

FRA booth. We are happy to nominate Little Chipper Demelza.

Submitted by Thalia Goldsworthy

Michael Hopkins, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

Mike has been a dedicated volunteer for many years. This year he has assumed the position of Show Chair with enthusiasm and energy. He has also taken information from the Mother Lode Mineral Society and made substantial upgrades to our membership table activities. Mike created a new, more functional lay-out for the show activities, enhancing traffic flow and making our membership table more visible and inviting. Mike created a new, more functional lay-out for the show activities, enhancing traffic flow and making our membership table more visible and inviting. Over the past eight years, Mike has been especially involved in events teaching the younger Webelo Scouts (Boy Scouts) about the Earth Sciences to earn their badges. Whenever there is work to be done, Mike is there with his upbeat attitude and smile.

Submitted by: Donna Albrecht, President

Jeanny Pierce, The Vista Gem & Mineral Society

We nominate Jeanny Pierce this year. Jeanny is a busy woman! She not only belongs to Vista (currently Secretary), but also Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral (past Sec. & Treasurer), and also Temecula Valley Prospectors & the Treasure Seekers of San Diego. From a little kid her mom had to check her pockets because she knew she had rocks in them! She has a rock shop in her home with lots of lapidary equipment. Now she is taking a silversmithing course at the Vista club so she can set her cabs. She loves the camaraderie at the clubs & shows. And she enjoys doing programs on fluorescent minerals and copper mines in Bisbee, AZ. and also leading field trips. Her true love is instructing young rockhounds on gems & minerals. We are lucky to have such a jewel to honor.

Mark Salais, President, Nancy Bird, Federation Director



Lynn Varon, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

We are extremely pleased to announce our "Rockhound of the Year" for Ventura Gem & Mineral Society in the person of Lynn Varon. If you feel you recognize this name, you are correct! For many years running, Lynn was none other than Managing Editor of Rock & Gem magazine, the official hobby magazine of AFMS. Lynn has been a VGMS member for only two years, but within that brief period she has put a definite stamp as Bulletin editor, upgrading an already award-winning bulletin with a refined graphic presentation. While stepping forward to take on a second year as Bulletin Editor for 2020, she also recently volunteered to help our annual show next March as Raffle Chair, which is a major money-maker for our society. In just two short years, Lynn has made herself indispensable and is always willing to help when something needs to be done. We proudly name her "VGMS Rockhound of the Year"!

Submitted by: Nancy Brace-Thompson, President

Michael Polasky, Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society

Michael Polasky is one of our newer members and has been involved with LBMGS for about 2 years. He came eager to dive into many unfinished projects and has helped us tremendously with fixing up our workshop, lapidary equipment and broken faceting machine. He has revived our library and we are grateful to be able to check out a book or DVD once again. Michael is talented at playing his Native American flute and charms us with melodies when tense moments bring us down. Congratulations for being our Rockhound of the Year, Michael Polasky

Submitted By: Karin Alvarez, Treasurer

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

SAFETY REPORT

By Joe Goetz, Safety Chair

This month I'm going to talk about breathing protection, both in the field and around the house or in the shop. There are some choices for different levels of protection. For larger dust particles or saw dust a fiber mask will do. It does a fairly good job. A problem is when you exhale and are wearing safety glasses they can get fogged up causing another problem of not being able to see. The next step up is still a fiber mask, however this one has an exhalation valve. That innovation won't fog up your eye protection unless of course you are wearing a face shield. The next version is a respirator type with one or two filters on the mask. What is nice about this is you can get filters that remove common dust to filtering molds and even make things smell better. All these are interchangeable on the mask. The next type is a respirator with a full mask and is a closed system with having a tank of compressed air or pure oxygen just like the ones firefighters wear.

Of course any of these masks could be compromised by someone with a full beard. Even though there is that problem, it's still better than a wet bandana in a dust storm. The other annoyance is there is no way for someone to be able to drink coffee or whatever when wearing any of these devices. You'll just have to take them off before drinking whatever.

Be safe!!



SHOW CONSULTANT SOUTH REPORT

Visalia, November 9, 2019
By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Exciting news!

The 2020 CFMS Show & Convention will be a self-hosted event, taking place in Lodi, California.

There is a bid to host the 2021 CFMS Show & Convention! The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club submitted a bid for the 2021 Show & Convention to the CFMS Ex-Board. The bid was discussed in Visalia & voted on. Hopefully I will be coming to you at the Directors Meeting on November 9th with a positive outcome from the Board Meeting.

The 2022 CFMS Show & Convention has an interested club from Bakersfield discussing with our President the possibility of hosting.

Hosting a CFMS Show & Convention can be a very rewarding endeavor for your Club/Society! Many, many CFMS Clubs/Societies have taken the opportunity of hosting this event over the past 50+ years and made it their own.

A few of the advantages of hosting a CFMS Show/Convention are:

- Gaining new Members!
- Showing your community what your hobby is all about.
- Making money for your Club/Society.
- Showing all of the other CFMS Clubs/Societies what you're all about.
- Each Show is unique in its own way. Think about the ways hosting a State Show/Convention could benefit YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY!

If you would like more information about possibly hosting a future CFMS Show/Convention, please contact me.

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BULLETIN EDITORS' ADVISORY

CFMS Fall Business
Meeting–Visalia–11/09/2019
By Suzanne Webb, Chair

Participation in the Bulletin Editors' contest for 2019 was, for the second year in a row, very light. I attribute that to the very early AFMS Convention and Show date yet again this year which forced what I consider to be unreasonably early deadlines for submission of entries. Nevertheless, there were 4 intrepid editors who sent in entries. Thank you. But consider: four out of over a hundred!

This year, the AFMS meeting is in October, so the deadline is much more reasonable—January 15 to me as BEAC. That allows judges plenty of time to get their work done before our CFMS Convention in Lodi in June. Phew!

Therefore, I am expecting a veritable flood of entries due to the pent-up demand the early dates have created. Those of you who are new editors, there's a category for you! Bulletin editors large, small, and mini—now is your chance. Send those entries! Will you need a reminder in December? Or in January? Please check the CFMS newsletter and/or the Website for dates and address. By the way, first place winners for 2018 and 2019 in any category are ineligible for this year's contest.

Federation Reps: please encourage your bulletin editor to submit the entire bulletin or at least an article, poem, feature, or drawing for this year's contest. You are the best and most reliable way to reach those editors, so PLEASE let them know about the contest. If they don't have an internet connection, please printout the information for them. Although digital submissions are requested, we cheerfully receive paper copies conforming to the rules printed under the contest information on the Website—also available at the AFMS Website.

DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1

CFMS FIELD TRIP SOUTH

CFMS Fall Business Meeting–Visalia, CA–11/9/2019
Bart Solomon, Chair

In order to provide Club field trip support; I plan to start a field trip information database including the material available at the site; directions to the site; GPS coordinates and latest information of the site. The database would be available to clubs thru the CFMS website and accessible using a pc or smartphone.

Steps Planned:

1. Development of the database – this has been started as a spreadsheet
2. Contact clubs for site information to be added to the database – I plan to start this after the Visalia meeting and acceptance of this plan
3. Development of a phone app for access (will use Appsheet)
4. Development of the website access
5. Field trip Chairman South would be responsible for updating the database with most recent site information

CFMS SHOW DATES END OF YEAR REPORT

CFMS Fall Business Meeting–Visalia, CA–11/9/2019
By Jennifer Rhodes, Chair

To date this year, the Show Dates Committee has received the following number of show submissions for Website Posting and inclusion in the CFMS Newsletter. Merryan O'Neill has been graciously filling in for the new webmaster posting the forms online, while I have been posting them for the CFMS Newsletter. We have been cross checking each other's work for errors.

- 18 Local Shows are listed to the end of 2019 and into 2020. These dates are received via email from an online form that members fill out and are then forwarded to my RGMS Director's email.

- Year to Date 56 Show submittals were received. The National and Regional shows are listed until the show is past. These shows are listed with bold font and are a larger font size to draw attention to them. The information is up-to-date for 2020.

- Each month I cross check all show information that appears online against what I have received to make sure we match. Merryan and I contact each other if we find missing submittals, so corrections occur monthly before the newsletter is published.

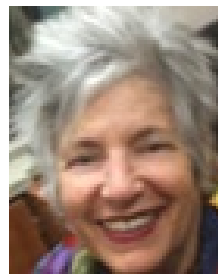
- I will always respond to the email submission that I received it . If you don't receive that email, I did not get your submission.

- Realize that this is free advertising and the longer it is posted, the more folks have a chance to see what is happening in the area they are visiting.

- Each month, I pull that printed copy of the show dates and I post those shows on my club's bulletin board so they are visible to everyone who visits.

- All submittals should be entered before month end to be listed two months from the date. The Show Dates article submitted in October will appear in the December newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Rhodes
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VISUAL PROGRAMS

CFMS Fall Business
Meeting–Visalia, CA–11/9/2019
By Sharon Rogow, Chair

As of this writing, we have had requests for 10 program discs with a fee of \$10.00 per program. An additional check will coming in November so it has not been included in the total yet for this year. This is not nearly the amount that we had hoped for. I would like to suggest that the program chairs consider requesting from our library as there are a great number and a great variety to choose from.

The most popular subjects were, Red Treasures of the Rockies (gorgeous rhodochrosite from the Sweet Home mine in Colorado with history of the mine) #57, German Agates #22, Flint Knapping #43, Franklin, NJ-Fluorescent Mineral Capital #3, Sedimentary and Vein Agates #4, and Tree Stories #2.

No postal fee are charged to CFMS as an anonymous donor covers them.



INSURANCE
CFMS Fall Business
Meeting–Visalia, CA–11/9/2019
By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

“Insurance Checklist”

With the many recent wildfires throughout California, it’s now more important than ever to make sure that the assets belonging to your society are properly covered with adequate insurance.

If your society owns a building:

- The amount of insurance coverage should reflect the ‘full replacement cost’ of a new building....including demolition costs....not the ‘market value’ of the property.
- The policy should include “building code upgrade” coverage (also known as “building ordinance or law” coverage) which would pay for the increased cost of construction as the result of ‘current building codes’.
- The policy should provide adequate ‘premises liability coverage’ to protect your society against claims and lawsuits.

If your society rents/leases a facility (whether for meetings, storage, lapidary, etc.):

- Be sure to purchase ‘premises liability insurance coverage’

If your society owns tangible business personal property (such as lapidary equipment, office equipment, supplies, furniture, etc):

- The amount of insurance coverage should reflect the ‘full replacement cost’ of all items, not the ‘Actual Cash Value/Depreciated Value’ of those items.
- Be sure to conduct a ‘photographic inventory’ of everything owned by your society and keep the photos ‘off-site or in the ‘cloud’

If your society owns vacant land or a claim:

- Be sure to purchase adequate “liability coverage” for any claims that might arise from the ownership or use of the property.

Are the members of your Board of Directors covered for their actions and decisions on behalf of your society which may jeopardize them personally and financially? If your society hasn’t already purchased Directors and Officers Liability Coverage, the Federation’s insurance program offers a very affordable D&O policy.

Sometimes it is difficult to recognize the value of the Federation’s Insurance policy and how it protects CFMS societies and their individual members, so I thought it best to provide a little ‘history’ as well as some examples of actual CFMS claims that have been paid throughout the years.

Almost 20 years ago.....prior to the current Chubb policy....and before McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. became the Federations’ insurance agent.....the ‘per CFMS member premium’ for the Federation’s General Liability Insurance policy was only \$1.00 per year per member; it is now \$6.00 per year per member. Things went very smoothly for many years; then all hell broke loose!

A claim involving the death of a CFMS member on a field trip cost the CFMS’s insurance company \$250,000 and the insurance carrier at the time, now recognizing the exposures posed by ‘rock and gem clubs’, dropped the Federation’s insurance policy ‘like a hot potato’ leaving Bob Stultz and Pat LaRue to frantically search for a quality replacement agent/carrier. Contrary to some beliefs, getting liability insurance coverage for rock and gem clubs whose activities include rockhounding, mining, lapidary, rock-and-gem shows, etc. was not then (and is not now) an easy task. Fortunately, Bob and Pat located Patt McDaniel and the relationship that they established with McDaniel Insurance Services has been excellent ever since that fateful era.

Some actual claims paid by our Federation’s insurance policy include:

- Theft of hand tools, tile saw, vacuum pump, air compressor and lapidary equipment,
- Vandalism and burglary including gems and silver
- Burglary involving tools and stones
- Liability claim involving the rental of a truck to transport Society assets

- Damage to a display case and its valuable contents caused accidentally by a club member
- Water damage to a building and its contents
- Major fire damage to a building and its contents

As you can see, the Federation's insurance company doesn't "just collect premiums"; they pay claims for losses incurred by the Federation and its member societies, so it's very important that each society obtain insurance to cover the assets of the society as well as liability claims that occur on a regular basis. Have questions? Contact Patt McDaniel or a member of her staff at:

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(805) 646-9976

PS Patt McDaniel asked that I also mention that several claims have been submitted wherein the amount of loss (theft or damage) to property owned by a society was less than the amount of insurance purchased by that society. All the more reason to make sure that your society has adequate limits of coverage.

ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX

CFMS PLAC

By John Martin

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Recreational Rockhounding as defined in the United States Code of Federal Regulations [43 CFR § 8365.1-5 Property and resources](#),

(a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:

- 1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area.
- 2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or

(3) Use on the public lands explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on developed recreation sites and areas, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the public lands reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

- 1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves.

- 2) Nonrenewable resources such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;

- 3) Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;

[Subpart 3622—Free Use of Petrified Wood](#)

- 4) Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and

[Subpart 3604—Free Use of Mineral Materials](#)

- 5) Forest products for use in campfires on the public lands. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title. [PART 5500—NONSALE DISPOSALS: GENERAL](#)

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the public lands **for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit** from an authorized officer in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

PART 3600—MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL

[PART 5400—SALES OF FOREST PRODUCTS: GENERAL](#)

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Jennifer Haley

Streamlining Your Society's Communication—Quick and Easy

Has your society considered creating an electronic mode of communication to contact your members between meetings? Many societies have, and it is working beautifully for them. The benefits are many.

When you create an email contact roster for your membership, you are able to send a message to everyone within about 5 minutes, depending how large your membership is. Some computer systems vary in the number of grouped addresses you can send in one email. For some it may only be no more than 15 at a time. That's not a problem, because you'll still be able to get the job done, lickety-split! I send out the announcements in 6 groups to all of CFMS' membership and the CFMS Chairmen and Officers within minutes.

Many societies now email their bulletins each month to their members which saves on their piggy bank in postage and printing costs. Some societies still prefer to snail mail their bulletin, because they have members who don't have computers or aren't up to speed with the computer they do have. In this case your society can snail mail the bulletin to those members who aren't computer savvy, and email the bulletin to the others. That said, it is always nice to have a few printed bulletins on the table to give to guests who visit your society.

Remember many years ago when societies had a phone committee? I do because I was on one. Imagine how much time your society will save by sending out reminders or last minute details or changes in an email. You can always call that small list of members you don't look at a computer.

You don't have to be a computer geek to organize an email roster. If you are one of those people who types and prints an annual Christmas to send en mass to friends and relatives you are perfect for the job.

The Bare Necessities if Your Society Doesn't Have a Computer Geek

I use Word, but you may have other programs you like to use.

1. In a vertical column, type your society's member names in alphabetical order, last name first.

Crockett, Davey
Mouse, Mickey
Poppins, Mary

2. Next to each member's name, type in their email . . address and activate the address by hyperlinking it.

Crockett, Davey: raccoonhat.com
Mouse, Mickey: bigears.com
Poppins, Mary: squirrelsintheattic.com

3. Start a new section in a paragraph form just for the email addresses. Add them one by one starting from the top of your list in 2

raccoonhat.com; bigears.com; squirrelsintheattic.com

Now you are ready to use your new communication system! Be sure to send the announcements. Blind copy. This will help prevent hackers from invading one computer into another. Your member's names and email address sections are in order, making it easy to find and make changes when you need to.

Talk to your society about the information you've learned in this article. If they like the idea, they'll need to designate someone to create, maintain and be an instrument for the system. If they travel with their computer where there's Wi-Fi, sending announcements to members stays easy.

Nothing will ever replace to warmth of the human voice when you want to thank those chairmen for the great job they are doing, etc. However, having an electronic communication system can save your society time and some money.



CFMS SHOW DATES

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Email to:

SHOW DATES

Use the Online Show Form

at www.cfmsinc.org

(click on Shows)

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

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
Website: 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
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 14-23; Indio, CA
San Gorgonio 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

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
Website: 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
Website: www.vjgms.org

March 6-8; Newark, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Ave
Hours: Fr 10-4, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-305-4196
Email: cdmiller59@gmail.com
Website: 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
Website: www.vgms.org

March 13-15; Victorville, CA
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
44th Annual Rockhound Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Rd/Dale Evans Pkwy
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Ruben Martinez; 760-490-8263
Email: rmstonewalk54@gmail.com
Website: www.vvgmc.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
Website: 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
Website: 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
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 4-5; Chico, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Silver Dollar Fair Grounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4
Contact: Trish Haggerty, 530-966-5112
Email: hagboyz5@gmail.com
Website: www.paradisegem.org

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
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

April 11 - 12; MARIPOSA, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan, 559-868-3535
Email: mgmc@sti.net
Web Site: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

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
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem@weebly.com

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

June 23-28; Lodi, CA
81st CFMS Show & Convention
Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 E Lockeford Street
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Margaret Kolaczyk
Pat LaRue

September 26-27; Lancaster, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave H
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Allison McClung; 661-839-7403
Email: ali_cares@aol.com
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.org

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation

June 25-28, 2020
81st CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by California
Federation of Mineralogical
Societies
[413 E Lockeford Street,
Lodi, California](http://413 E Lockeford Street, Lodi, California)
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Margaret Kolaczyk
markolaczyk@gmail.com
Pat LaRue
bplarue@earthlink.net

Eastern Federation

March, 27-29, 2020
Hosted by Catawba Valley
Gem & Mineral Club, Inc
Hickory Metro Convention
Center
1960 13th Ave De. SE
Hickory, NC
Hours: Fri and Sat 9-6,
Sun 10-5
Larry Huffman, CVGMC EFMLS
Liaison

Midwest Federation

Sept 18-20, 2020
Howell, MI
Hosted by Livingston Gem
& Mineral Club

Northwest Federation

Rocky Mountain Federation Big Piney, WY

South Central Federation

Oct 10-11, 2020
In Conjunction with the 51st
Gem and Mineral Show of
the Tri-City Gem and
Mineral Society
Mayborn Civic and
Convention Center
3303 N 3rd St
Temple, TX
Hours: Sat 9-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: David Farhie; 512-
826-2754
Email: dfarhie@gmail.com

Southeast Federation

AFMS
October 16-18, 2020
Knoxville, TN

**EACH CLUB/SOCIETY SHOW
SHOULD BE LISTED HERE**

DON'T FORGET TO UP- DATE YOUR CLUB WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW SHOW DATE

**Check for show links at
www.cfmsinc.org/shows**

REMINDER

**Advertise your Show in as
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- 1. Local newspapers**
- 2. Current events sections!**
- 3. Local TV stations,**
- 4. Community calendars!**
- 5. Other Local Shows**

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**[www.rockngem.com/
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The CFMS Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. All donations remain as principal and only earnings are available for distribution to the CFMS. The Fund is open to receive most types of assets.

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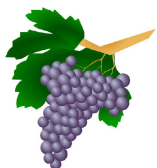
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June 26–28, 2020



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413 East Lockeford Street
Lodi, CA



10am – 5pm Friday & Saturday

10am – 4pm Sunday

Educational Exhibits
Speakers

Demonstrators
Dealers

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