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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tony Fender

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your president for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

I am very grateful to be able to work for you in this capacity. As I take over from Jennifer I must thank her for all of her hard work during the year.

All the Federation Directors convene twice a year at our annual show and our business meeting in Visalia during the Fall, however the officers and committee members are working throughout the year taking care of problems, planning for the next meeting, and performing the tasks that the various committees are charged with. Emergency information for the societies is normally broadcast by a society wide e-mail blast, and other information is transmitted by the newsletter. Various committees convey their messages to the societies through the newsletter throughout the year. If there is something that you are curious about, feel free to contact your officers for a clarification.

There is always room within the Federation for anybody with a desire to serve, so if you or somebody in your society want to expand your horizons please let me know and we will see what we can do.

This fall, California was ravaged by wildfires and several societies were particularly hit hard. The Paradise Gem and Mineral Society lost everything, their meeting place, their workshop, their equipment not to mention their homes. The Federation is collecting for the Paradise Society any lapidary equipment that you may have laying around unused so they can get started all over again. If you have anything that you can spare, please contact me and somehow we will arrange to get it up to Paradise.

The Federation Show for 2019 is coming along nicely with the venue set for Fairplex in Pomona and a date set for March 8th – 10th. For more information please see the show web site at <https://pasadenalapidary.org/2019-show/>. If your questions aren't answered there contact Marcia Goetz, Ellen Ferrell or me.

Because the California Federation Show is a little early this year, and the American Federation Show is only two weeks later, the deadline for submitting All American books is January 15th, 2019. Make sure that your societies All American chairman doesn't miss the deadline.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 5..... Deadline for February newsletter
Feb 5..... Deadline for March newsletter
Feb 25..... Reports due for Directors packet
Mar 8-10... CFMS Convention & Show Pomona
Mar 24-31..... Zzyzx

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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:

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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 memo section.

DUES ARE DUE

This is a reminder that dues are due on January 1, 2019. Member clubs and societies are considered delinquent if not received by March 1. Since the show is so early this year, it is important that you take care of this matter as soon as possible to assure that you are in good standing so your Director can vote on any matters brought up at the Directors meeting held at that time.

A payment form is included in this newsletter. For your convenience an officer change form is on the back of the form. Please take a few minutes to provide the information asked for on the form. I use this information to keep the mailing list current as well as for producing the Society Roster which will be available in late April or early May. Thank you for your help.

President's Message continued...

There are three Ad Hoc committees which were created to look into CFMS getting grants to fund various projects, creating a Rules Committee Orientation Workbook and establishing a National Day of Awareness for Rockhounds. Jennifer Haley has completed the Rules Committee Orientation Workbook which is now available to assist everybody who wishes to compete at a show. The other two functions are being rolled into the jurisdiction of the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee in the past has been chaired by the outgoing President, and typically has only met at the time of the Directors Meetings. With the chairmanship changing each year there has not been any consistency in the direction of the Committee. We propose to change the structure of the Committee to consist of three individuals who would be a first year member, a second year member and a third year member who would be the chairman. Each year the third year member would retire, the other members would move up, and the new President would appoint a junior member to the committee. The hope is that this new format will allow for more long term consistency to the planning and productivity of the work of this committee for the future of the Federation.

Each year ALAA in conjunction with the BLM performs a Quartzsite Clean-up. This year it is January 20, 2019. Approx. 9:30-12:00 MST. Location is Dome Rock Road Area which is just west of Quartzsite. John Martin does a great liaison job with the BLM to organize these events and the PR with the BLM helps all Rockhounds in the future. The BLM provides the trash picker upper spikes to save our backs and trash bags, ALAA furnishes their logo trash bags too which we fill with more desert trash and also use to take a group photo of all the volunteers when we're done for your society scrapbooks and ALAA. We could honestly use some more help. 4-wheel drive vehicles are not necessary although high clearance is advised. You'll enjoy the company we keep and as always, you'll meet some really nice new friends.

Because of the conflict with the AFMS Show in Iowa, Sandie and I will not be attending the ESS camp at Zzyzx, however we do plan on attending as many society shows as we can throughout California and Nevada.

Tony



ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

By John Martin, PLAC Chair

Happy New Year Rockhounds. Last year proved to be an interesting one for Recreational Rockhounding throughout the CFMS and other Regional Federations. Several Public Land issues within the boundaries of the California Federation were brought to the attention of the Public Lands Advisory Committee for consideration of action by the Federation. These issues were reviewed by CFMS-PLAC and forwarded to the CFMS Executive Committee for consideration and recommendations. Several of these issues were deemed to be applicable to the CFMS and comment letters were submitted during the public response timeline to support the Recreational Rockhounding on the public land within the boundaries of the CFMS. These included a reply to the Western Mojave Plan (WEMO) and the review of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). A letter of support for Recreational Rockhounding in the areas of Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National monument (GSENM) and adjacent areas, Kanab-Escalante (Planning) Area (KEPA) was submitted to the BLM Land Managers supporting Alternative D and asking that Recreational Rockhounding be included in the list of recognized recreational activities and that collecting of rocks, minerals and legal fossils be allowed where it has been determined to be lawful for personal and educational usage. As always the CFMS is striving to promote in the best interest of the Recreational Rockhounds and their activities within the boundaries of CFMS.

Toward the end of the year it was determined that the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee Responsibilities were in need of restructuring to enhance its functionality and better represent the Recreational Rockhound interests of all clubs/societies and the interests of CFMS as a whole. As the new CFMS Executive Committee takes on the Management of CFMS for 2019 the restructured CFMS-PLAC will have the opportunity to serve and represent all of the clubs/societies of CFMS on Public Land Issues through the restructured documentation for the committee. The committee for 2019 looks forward to representing the CFMS on Advisory issues concerning Recreational Rockhounding on Public Lands. The Restructured Public Lands Advisory Committee Duties and Responsibilities will be made available on the CFMS Website when they become approved.

Meet your 2019 Executive Committee



From Left: Jim Barton, Treasurer; Tony Fender, President; Marcia Goetz, 1st VP; Ellen Ferrell, Secretary; Juanita Pardun, 2nd VP. Bural LaRue served as the installing officer.



Your newly installed Executive Committee



Jennifer Haley passes the gavel to Tony.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

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End of year wrap-up!

I hope all of you have had a happy, healthy, prosperous (I am running out of appropriate words) holiday!

We have closed the “books” on 2018 and will not issue any more 2018 Rockhound of the Year awards.

Have no fear, we will be ready for 2019 Rockhounds of the Year submission at the end of January. So it is not too early to start thinking about whom you would want to honor. If your society is like virtually any society in the CFMS, there are probably numerous individuals worthy of being honored. But remember you can pick one junior and one adult or adult couple that may be honored per year.

Robert Burson, Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society proudly nominates **Robert Burson** as their Rockhound of the Year for 2018.

Robert has been the President for 2 years, a Director 2 years, Field Trip leader extraordinaire officially for 5 years, and Show Chair 4 years (2 years shared duties) since he entered the club as a junior in 1968 when he was 15.

Some of his most memorable collecting was with Bill Depue & John Picket (Diamond Pacific), with Teri Smith in Texas on private ranches, with Darwin Dillon “Mat” to San Carlos in Northern Mexico, and Robert Colburn “Geode Kid,” author of “Lythophaasis, formation of thunder-eggs” to Baker Ranch. He attended the GIA Quartz Symposium given by John Sinkankas.

Robert says “Nature and the great outdoors is a reset to ones psyche.”

Submitted by Nancy Bird, Federation Director



SAFETY

By Joe Goetz, Chair

Hi there, I'm sure you may remember my name from last year. Well, I'm not the Nominating Chair this year. I am now the Safety Chair. I hear some snickering out there. That's ok, I have snickered a time or two thinking about my new position. Don't worry - they found a replacement for me as Nominating Chair and I am certain you all will help her find a new secretary next year before the annual meeting in November. I'm sure you'll hear from her soon.

I'll be discussing and making suggestions about how we can do our hobby safely and still (believe it or not) have fun doing it...whether in the field collecting possible treasures in the rough or being in the club workshop, or making prized pieces of jewelry or other projects at your home shops.

At the end of the day I would like to believe that somehow I can help keep you all safe and in one piece.

RECRUITING AT YOUR SHOW

By Bob Rush, Membership Chair

Your biggest exposure to potential new members during the year is at your annual show. The people attending your show are there because they have an interest in lapidary, jewelry, minerals, dinosaurs, fossils and everything else that you present at your show. This makes prime candidates for being new members. You have a captive audience so the opportunity should not be squandered.

We attend multiple shows during the year, but unfortunately I observe many times that efforts to recruit at the show are not a focus of the show activities. I see that the membership activities are usually combined at the tables by the entrance and aren't well marked, manned or emphasized. This isn't an optimal time or location for recruiting for the society. Most people are focused on quickly filling out their door prize tickets and making a bee line for the dealers to see what they are offering. Possibly later they might wander back by the combined information/lottery tickets/membership/admission tables.

For the best exposure to your recruiting activities you need to have a fully manned dedicated membership table out in the mix of the other activities. Preferably this table should be along the path that the attendees routinely pass

by as they go about seeing the show. At our show, the Mother Lode Mineral Society show in Turlock, CA, we take extraordinary efforts to attract people to our membership table. It is located in a busy path but in a quiet location-definitely not under a PA system speaker or around noisy activities. We have a 3x4 membership sign with flashing LED lights around it. It is positioned behind the membership table on a wall up high enough where it can readily be seen from many locations in the showroom.

Positioned on the table is a polished piece of the state stone, serpentine. Near it is a large abalone shell filled with candy. Additionally, we have a spinning disco ball. Because we have a major focus on attracting children to our show we have many of them moving about with their parents. My wife Pat usually mans this table. She was a hairdresser for 35 years so she has developed good salesmanship skills and a gift of gab that works quite well for the membership recruitment activities. While admonishing the kids not to touch the disco ball she offers them a piece of candy but they must answer a rock question. As she points to the rock on the table she asks them "What is the California State Rock?" Many times they get the right answer and they get the candy. She also rewards those who make the effort to identify it. This activity is a subtle means to convey to the parents that we are trying to help educate their children on geology or rock identification.

The next step is to ask if the parents are enjoying the activities going on at the show. This is a lead in to asking them if they would like to become a part of these activities by becoming a member. We have three chairs at the table so people can sit down and continue in a one-on-one discussion. It is quite successful.

Another step that our society took was to eliminate all activities that would be deemed to be a hurdle or obstacle to becoming a member. Our motivation here was to give the potential new member the feeling of belonging as soon as they signed the application and paid their dues. Thus they are members as soon as they walk away from the table.

This starts the biggest challenge for the society. That challenge is to make the new members feel welcome as soon as they walk in the door to the meeting room. This is accomplished by having a board member, preferably the president be one of the first people to greet them as they arrive. The feeling for them is that they must be important for a leader to be the first to greet them. During this initial discussion they are queried as to what their

main interest is and then they are introduced to a general member who shares this interest and who will be their mentor through the meeting. Getting the new member a seat within or near a group of people is very desirable. Never have the new member sitting alone for any time at the meeting.

Keeping the new member's interest and having them return for future meetings and participation is very important so having a great presentation is a must. Another necessity is have a warm, friendly group of members around and elimination of cliques is mandatory to a successful group. A constant mix of new members goes a long way towards breaking up the cliques.

The results in numbers of new members recruited for us at the show is significant. In 2017 we had 31 new member applications of which about 75% were families. This year the goal was to at least meet this number and exceed it if possible. The result was 41 new member applications.

One of the challenges for societies is to have enough members to man the dedicated membership table. For us this meant getting more help at the show. Our solution was to reach out to the schools and get students to come to the show to earn their community services hours working at our show. Most students in California are required to have 30 hours of community service to graduate.

Organizing these students involves having a society member to contact the local high school community services person and provide a form for the students to fill out as well as scheduling the times and show locations for the students to show up. This has been so successful for us that we are now struggling a bit to find enough jobs at the show for them to do.



BUT IT'S OK BECAUSE I GOT IT FROM THE INTERNET!

by Sue Webb, BEAC Chair

When Doug True asked me to serve as the AFMS Bulletin Editors Aids Chair, I was a little reluctant. After all, even though I'm retired, I'm busy, and, like so many of my retired friends, I wonder how I got it all done when I was working. I didn't know what I really could contribute to the job. But friends encouraged me by reminding me that I had spent my entire professional career teaching writing and rhetorical theory to college instructors-in-training and editing 6 editions of what was in those days the best-selling college writing handbook. How could this be that different? I've also already served a couple of years as the BEAC for the California Federation, so I know the ropes at least a little. I understand that in addition to overseeing the AFMS bulletin contest, part of my duties will be to write an article for the AFMS newsletter most months. For future topics, I'll rely at least in part on the questions and suggestions about editing, writing, designing and producing a bulletin, or the bulletin contest that you send to me at rgms.bulletin@gmail.com. For this first article, I'll address making sure the articles we publish in our newsletters give proper credit to their sources.

It's not only a matter of ethics to acknowledge a debt to the words or ideas of another. It may also be a legal matter. Of course, information that comes from our personal or professional experience doesn't usually require citation. But, any time we look something up before we write about it, any time we find a particularly apt way of saying something, we need to state our source. There's also a murky area called general information which is that information the average person may be expected to know such as the name of the President of the US, or this year's date for Thanksgiving, or what a leap year is. General information need not be cited unless we use the actual words another person has used to express it. That's one of the times we need to use quotation marks. Actually, we need to use them any time we use combinations of words from other sources. And our use of sources, today, goes well beyond books, periodicals and newspapers. I've also heard people say that if they found it on the Internet, they don't have to cite it. Wrong. We do—the web site and the date we found it. What do we do about images we find—photos, charts, graphs, drawings? We have to state where we got the image and who owns it. The crediting of images is even stricter than

is the crediting of text. Well, what if we change the words around and write the ideas up that way? Do we still have to say what the source is? You bet we do! That's called "paraphrase," and the source must always be acknowledged.

So what, as an editor, do we do when one of our society members sends us an article that we want to publish but that clearly contains information derived from sources? When I get those articles, I really do want to print them in our newsletter, but my job is to work with the writers to give proper credit to the sources. I might respond something like this: "Hi, Elswyth, thanks so much for your very interesting article on plate tectonics. I think our members will value the information you've provided there. However, we have to take an additional step before your work can become public. Can you provide me with a list of sources you used to gather all this information? The easiest way is just to insert at the relevant location information about author, title, date and page numbers of the books and periodicals you used, and the location and date of access for web sites consulted. If you got the information by a conversation with someone or from an email, you need to acknowledge that, too. And please, can you help me out by putting quotation marks around the words you used directly from those sources? Thanks. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon so we can meet our deadline.

But maybe Elswyth doesn't remember where she got everything. Then I can't put her article in our newsletter. It's as simple as that. Now, if you're like me, you would really like to publish the article. It's tempting, but resist. While it is unlikely that an author or publisher would pursue such a case of unwitting plagiarism, it isn't worth the risk either legally or to the reputation of your newsletter and your society. (And just to set your minds at ease, the information in this article came from my personal and professional experience.)

From *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec 18–Jan 19

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It was my pleasure to assist in the judging of bulletin entries in the regional contests. We need more entries! Think of this as an opportunity to learn and a tool for improving your bulletin. Even though not everyone will get a trophy, everyone is a winner. Now is the time to consider an entry in next year's contest. There is nothing to lose, but lots to gain.



PERSONAL LIMITS

by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety
Chair

No doubt all safety-aware persons are mindful of various rules, regulations, guidelines and limits imposed upon us by all manner of property owners, equipment manufacturers, various state and federal agencies.

Those rules, regulations, guidelines and limits have been thoroughly researched, reviewed, relevancy tested, and released for all of our collective safety concerns.

Where however, do ones own personal limits come into play? Our various medications, concerns about our less than satisfactory balance, our less than sharp eyesight, and our less than optimal motor skills all suggest limitations to which we should also pay attention as we engage in our rockhounding activities.

Is that a slope we could easily climb or is it something we could no longer ascend? Is a large lapidary project something we should no longer attempt, considering the weakness in our hands? Should we cut back on certain faceting designs because of eyesight issues?

While rules, regulations, guidelines and limits imposed upon us are thoughtful and well intentioned, we would be well advised to be aware of our personal limits and mind them as well. Our personal limits are, well, personal. We are the ones most suited to judging and minding our own personal limits. How far we can walk to a quarry, how heavy a pack we can carry, how far we can carry that pack, should all be a part of our thought process in being safe.

Some limitations have work-arounds. One can add wheels to their collecting bags, or support jigs and fixtures to support heavy lapidary work, or use a longer trail instead of the steep slope. Those are all work-arounds.

One's own personal limits are important to mind. One might injure themselves by disregarding equipment manufacturers recommendations, but one might also injure themselves when disregarding a personal limitation such as when taking too steep a trail.

Please be safe – your safety matters, no matter the source of a limitation

From *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec 18–Jan 19

CFMS SHOW IN POMONA!!!

By Marcia Goetz, Show co-Chair

We are working hard here at the Pasadena Lapidary Society to make the upcoming CFMS Show and Convention a fun and exciting show. Our theme is Natural Treasures to express the fact that California and Nevada highlights our uniquely rich geological resources.

The show will be held at the Fairplex in Pomona, Building 6, on March 8-10, 2019. Set-up will be on March 7 starting early (probably earlier than I want - no sleeping in on that day!) Plus with all the excitement how could a person sleep?

We made the official announcement at the CFMS Directors' Meeting in Visalia when Joe Goetz donned suspenders and prospectors hat, pulling his tired ass (a stuffed donkey) behind him as he searched for Natural Treasure. He finally discovered a treasure box and the dirt clods (crumpled newspaper) went flying as he dug. Amazingly he found the chest had loose gems, valuable rings and (shocking) ring pops!

The DoubleTree in Claremont will serve as our host hotel and be the location of the Cracker Barrel, Directors Meeting, Editors Lunch and Awards Dinner. The Advanced Reservation form along with an abundance of other show information is on our website www.pasadenalapidary.org. Be sure to plan on joining us!!



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EDITOR'S NOTE

I apologize for the poor copy quality of the December newsletter. The Office Max branch where I normally have the newsletter duplicated did not double check the quality of the output before doing the job. Color photos which are printed as gray scale on a non-color laser printer are notoriously difficult to reproduce on high speed copiers unless you play with the settings or have the job done on a color copier which does give a higher quality. The newsletter is always posted on the CFMS website shortly after I submit it to the webmaster and you can view the photos in living color there.



CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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*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!*

2019

January 19-20; Visalia, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Laura Manser, 559-308-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 15-24; Banning, CA
San Gorgonio Gem & Mineral Society
Riverside County Fair & Date Festival
82-502 Hwy 111
Hours: 10-10
Contact: Bert Grisham, 951-849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 16-17, Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fair Grounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, 925-301-6957
Email: Brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 23-24, Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707-334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 1-3, Newark, CA
Mineral Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Ave
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Beth Farmer 510-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2-3, Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W Harbor Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Diane Cook, 805-312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

March 8-10, Pomona, CA
90th CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by Pasadena Lapidary Society
For Vendor Forms:
showdealers@pasadenalapidary.org
Or call 626-260-7239
Details to follow

March 8-10, Victorville, CA
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
43rd Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Road off Dale Evan Pkwy
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Brett Ward 760-243-2330
Email: info@vvgmc.org
Website: vvgmc.org/tailgate.html

March 9-10, Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N Broadway
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin, 209-524-3494
Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 16-17, San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, 408-629-5735
Email: Sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 23-24, Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers GMS
Roseville Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: James Hutchings, 916-995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

March 23-24, Angels Camp, CA
Calaveras Gem & 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

March 30-31; Torrance, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Kathy Polliard, 310-533-4931
Email: kjpolliard@yahoo.com
Website:
www.southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

April 13-14; Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5005 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Meredith Meehan
Email: mgmcm@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 27 & 28, Lancaster, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H (Hwy. 14 & Ave. H)
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom, 661-406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 27-28, Reno, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center
1350 North Wells Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Dan Ellis, 775-229-4420
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

April 27-28, Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
307 Church St.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Sarah Hawklyn
Email: shawklyn@yahoo.com
Website: www.scrockngem.org

June 8-9, Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, 626-963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

September 21, Long Beach, CA
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Expo Arts Center
4321 Atlantic Ave
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Carol Kron and Karin Alvarez,
562-577-9044
Email: lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com
Website: www.facebook.com/LBMGS/

National/Regional Shows:

Eastern Federation
June 1-2, 2019
Monroe, NY

California Federation
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Societies
Fairplex, Building 6
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Website:
www.pasadenalapidary.org/2019-show/

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March 21-24, 2019
Cedar Rapids, IA
Hosted by The Cedar Valley Rocks &
Minerals Society
Hawkeye Downs
4400 6th St. SW
Hours: Sat 8:30-6, Sun 9:30-4
Contacts: Ray Anderson, 319-337-2798;
rockdocanderson@gmail.com Sharon
Sonnleitner, 319-396-4016
sonnb@aol.com
Website:
www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org/AFMS
home.html

Northwest Federation
October 18-20
Lewiston, ID

Rocky Mountain Federation
August 2-4
Prescott, AZ

South Central Federation
January 19-20 Fredericksburg, TX
In conjunction with the 2019
Fredericksburg Rockhounds Show
Pioneer Pavilion, The Lady Bird
Johnson Municipal Park
342 Lady Bird Drive
Hours: Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4
Website: www.scfms.net/show.htm

Southeast Federation

2020

June 25-28, 2020
81st CFMS Show &
Convention, Lodi, CA
Hosted by California
Federation of Mineralogical
Societies
Details to Follow

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

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DATE YOUR CLUB
WEBSITE WITH YOUR
NEW SHOW DATE

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

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1. Local newspapers
2. Current events sections!
3. Local TV stations,
4. Community calendars!
5. Other Local Shows

Advertise your shows in
the Rock & Gem Magazine!

www.rockngem.com/

[showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)

Send the information in
early so it's published in
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