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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Happy Valentine's Day to all Recreational Rockhounds. Rockhounds find it easy to relate to the giving of stones as a tradition of that day, although most of us don't have rubies (symbolizing passion) laying around. Lucky for us we're aware that there are many more red stones (or shades of red) than a ruby.

Registrations for Zzyzx (April 6-12, 2020) are filled up for, except if you have an RV and want to go. Check with Audrey to see if the spots are still open, her phone number is on the Zzyzx form on the website: <https://www.cfmsinc.org/camp-zzyzx/>

I would like to remind our societies that CFMS has a Scholarship of \$2,000 for a student. The student who is receiving the scholarship is chosen by a person who is the "CFMS Honoree" - named that because they are honored to be able to choose a student from a university (from an approved list) to receive the scholarship. The funds are usually given to the student at the beginning of the school year in late summer/early fall. This year Jim Barton (as 2nd VP) is the one to contact if you have a suggestion of someone your society wants to honor and the criteria for being the nominee.

Have a great month.

Marcia



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 1..... Dues are Due!
Feb 5..... Deadline for March newsletter
Mar 5..... Deadline for April newsletter
April 5-12..... Zzyzx
June 26-27..... CFMS Conv & Show-Lodi

CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288
Fax (805) 646-9976; email: mcins@west.net
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The CFMS website is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Please be patient as our new webmaster builds our new website.

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. Articles without a byline are written by the editor.

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)

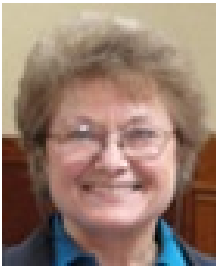
Your donations should be sent to:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

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 memo section.

A FEW REMINDERS

Copies of the dues/insurance payment and society officer change forms were included in the January newsletter and are now posted on the website. Dues are due January 1 and considered delinquent on March 1. Please be sure that your club treasurer or other authorized person receives these forms.

I use the information on the officer change form to update the mailing lists and prepare the Society Roster. Do take a few minutes to fill out the form and send it to me. Include addresses of those 3 persons designated to receive the complimentary newsletters. If you prefer to read the newsletter online let me know.



2020 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

All CFMS Society Webmasters are invited to enter the 2020 CFMS Web Site Contest. Even if you do not plan to enter, it could help you with some details that you might want to incorporate into your society's web site.

The Contest Entry Scoresheet questions indicate the basic content that will be judged.

For additional points, use the lower part of the Entry Form to indicate any special features. For instance, be sure to indicate such features as library lists and fill-in forms that help enhance communication. Include what the feature is, the link, and from where it is linked (i.e., your members' area or main site). If you or one of your members programed such a feature, please note that information.

There is only one scoring change for 2020. There must be webmaster contact information (email address or link to submit form) on every page that contains a link.

Both the Entry and Score Sheet forms are fillable and savable. Open each fill-in form. Once you have filled out the form, save it to your computer with a different name (i.e., CFMS2020_Entry, abbreviation of your society's name).

Please email your Entry and Score Sheet forms to: mvoneill@comcast.net. If you need help downloading the forms or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

This year, we have a more time than usual to prepare for the Contest. **The 2020 CFMS Web Site Contest entry deadline is January 20, 2020.**

The outcome of the contest will be announced during the Awards Banquet at the 2020 CFMS Show and Convention, which will be held June 26-28, 2020, at the Grape Festival Fairgrounds in Lodi, California. We look forward to seeing you there.



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

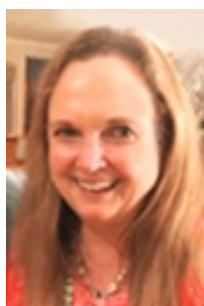
By Marion Roberts

Since this is my final report, which is not an easy thing for me to do, I first want to thank everyone who has been involved in many ways for many years in the program. After having 2 more very successful camps again this year (2019), and having this opportunity to work with Tony and Sandie Fender, who have generously committed to taking the reins of the E.S.S. program, Vivien and I are pleased to see they will perpetuate a wonderful program. For those who don't know, Sandie is the daughter of Bill Burns who along with his wife Izzy established the program back in 1985 with the help, cooperation and expertise of all of their committee and instructors. I can sit back and watch it grow even better in the coming years. Thank you, Tony and Sandie; our best wishes and support are always with you.

I want to give thanks to all of the Executive Boards for their support and belief in the E.S.S., because without it we would not have two storage trailers and a very good array of machines, tools, worktables, and other equipment. Also, our thanks to all the very generous people who have donated so much to this wonderful program, both monetarily as well as equipment. Also thank you to all of the participants who have taken part in the program and hopefully went away with new knowledge and a memorable experience. Just since 2010, since we started the pin and swingers, we have had over 2000 participants go through the program experience and we average 30-40 new participants per week. Without all of our participants through the years, this would not be a success story. Again, our special thanks to each and every one.

Special thanks goes out to all of the past leaders of the program, Bill and Izzy Burns, The Meisenheimers, and Cal and Dee Clason, because without their efforts Vivien and I would not have had anything to build on. As a closing thought, it has been a genuine privilege for Vivien and I to have had the chance to help lead the progress of such a great program. We have totally enjoyed the whole experience. To Tony and Sandie, we wish the best and reassure them that we are still here to answer any questions and help when needed. May your experience be fulfilling and memorable.

With Gratitude & Respect
Marion & Vivien Roberts



The Goodness and Beauty of an American Historical Recreational Activity: the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

By Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

The archives of the AFMS Historian Committee are invaluable to the understanding of who we as members of a national organization are, who share a special interest in the enjoyment and study of the Earth Sciences, and the Lapidary Arts and Crafts.

Similar to the adventure of discovering rocks and gems and learning how best to display them, or learning how to grind and polish them to set in jewelry, a historian combs through the files to find the gems of value and inspiration and brings them to the surface for its members.

I think you will remember H.C. Dake of *The Mineralogist Magazine* from a few historian articles over the years. In the June 1950 magazine he reminded the subscribers about the beginning years of Recreational Rockhounding as the AFMS was preparing for a convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin that year.

Dake referred to the earth science hobby as one of the important byproducts of the depression era. In late 1929 as the black cloud of depression began to hit the nation, people needed something to do to feel useful, something to do to feel constructive to fill their time. They needed something that would add value and meaning to their lives, when all they had known was lost. The earth sciences in so many ways fulfilled those needs, and it was a new boon for America.

But did you know that our heritage of earth science Societies and Federations actually gave to America what no one else did or knew how to create to give at the time, and continues to give? Take the time to think about that over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, and let it sink in. Our value then is as good as gold now as it was then, and is truly an American value.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, Nov 19



ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

CFMS PLAC

John Martin

plac@antelecom.net

Do you Camp or recreate on Public Lands in California?

Do you use a Campfire or Cookfire? (Even an open flame Propane Stove)

Do you know to be legal you must have a valid California Campfire Permit in your possession?

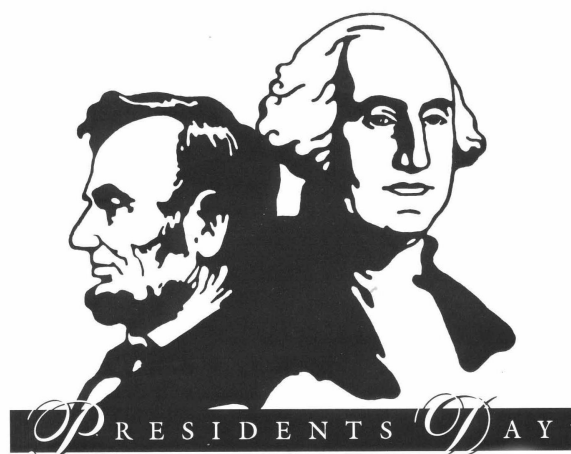
Do you know where and how to get your Free "California Campfire Permit"?

Get Your 2020 California Campfire Permit Online

Visit www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit

Watch a short video-take a quiz-get your on-line permit - save or print pdf or just bookmark the link on your mobile device to display when needed.

Do not get caught with a campfire without your Campfire Permit!



ROCK AND ROLL - IS YOUR VEHICLE READY?

by Cathy Gaber

You're ready for your field trip, you have your tools, safety equipment, water, etc. packed and you've made plans for what to do with the great minerals or rough you will find. Have you given any thought to getting your vehicle ready for the trip too?

Nothing replaces regular maintenance as one of the best safeguards to a car or truck's continued reliable service, but before a trip, there are a number of things that should be specifically checked. Tires should be examined for bald spots and appropriate air pressure. A simple gauge that can be kept in the glove compartment is an easy way to test the latter. Car fluids should also be checked. Be sure the oil, radiator fluid, battery water and window wash fluid are at the proper levels, and don't forget gas! It might also be a wise idea to carry extra containers of all of these fluids, especially if you will be any distance from "civilization". It doesn't hurt to clean the battery contacts, and if there is any doubt about the battery's condition, replace it.

To be really prepared, there are a number of useful items to pack in your vehicle. Jumper cables, a tire patch kit, a flashlight, flares, matches, a shovel and kitty litter (to be used to increase traction) are all practical things to have. A real spare tire is definitely preferable to a "toy" temporary tire which will not hold up over long distances or rough terrain. None of these things will do you any good though if you do not know how to use them. Learn to change a tire or patch one, know how to use jumper cables and how to replace your vehicle fluids. A seldom needed item, a winch, could be a real life saver if you do any off road driving especially in wet, boggy terrain.

Another potential hazard to watch for especially in rough terrain is your vehicle's clearance capabilities. A low clearance family sedan, especially weighted down with a few hundred pounds of freshly collected rock, runs the danger of bottoming out, possibly damaging the suspension or puncturing the oil pan. When in doubt, don't put you or your vehicle at risk.

For your own comfort, food, water and a blanket are also sensible additions. For peace of mind, you should also have your insurance provider's and roadside service's phone numbers handy. Last but not least, use your seatbelt.

There is nothing worse than a field trip gone unnecessarily bad by negligent vehicle preparation. It only takes a few minutes to give your car or truck the best possible chance to carry you safely and comfortably to and from your destination.

From *Opal Express*, Bulletin of the American Opal Society (date not known) via AFMS website archive of Safety articles.

CFMS SCHOLARSHIP

What is It? The fund was established many years ago to help deserving undergraduate students entering their junior or senior year who are seeking a Bachelors degree in the earth sciences. It was later expanded to include students in the lapidary and/or jewelry arts. The award is \$2000 paid from the investment earnings.

What colleges/universities must the student attend?

The student must be enrolled in a school located within the boundaries of the California Federation—California, Nevada or Hawaii. The school must offer a Bachelors degree program in the earth sciences or lapidary/jewelry arts. Community colleges or certificate programs do not meet this requirement.

How does this program select the awardees? This is where you enter the picture. All CFMS affiliated clubs have an opportunity to submit the name of a person they would like to honor with the privilege of selecting a qualifying school and assist in the selection of a student recipient. All you have to do is provide the committee chair with a name and why you feel this person should receive this honor. The Scholarship Committee has a list of qualified schools from which to choose if the Honoree doesn't already have a school in mind. Once the school is selected, generally someone in the earth science or fine arts department will aid in the student selection if the Honoree doesn't wish to do it.

What are the qualifications to be named as an Honoree? There really aren't any concrete rules. The Honoree does not even have to be a member of a club although most are. Service to CFMS is not a requirement. They should have contributed in some way to the advancement of the earth sciences and/or lapidary/jewelry arts. A person can be named as an Honoree only once. A listing of prior Honorees will be available on the CFMS website.

ESTATE PLANNING FOR THE ROCKHOUND

Tips for the Unwanted Collection

By Relvan Zeleznik

Although most of the members of our rockhound fraternity collect specimens, books and other items of interest in the hobby, I also guess that most seldom plan for that part of the future which no longer includes us. And more often than not the hobby (or sideline business) is quite a personal matter which holds little ongoing interest for spouses or heirs. Witness so many rockhounds who participate in hobby related activities such as meetings, field trips and shows with little or no participation by other family members.

And so, the disposition of acquired specimens, supplies and equipment for rockhound collectors should become as much a part of estate planning as is insurance or a will. On the assumption that hobbyists choose to enjoy their acquisitions for life, the breakup of these collections will then occur after death and will most often be in the hands of people who have the poorest understanding of their value or significance.

Our non-collector heirs should be aware that prices for our complete collection may be significantly different than for the collection offered piecemeal or by lot. The collection is often bought and put together at retail prices will not reflect its sale at wholesale prices.

Selling a collection during a time of emotional or financial distress probably will tend to alter prices inappropriately. The emotional wrenching to part with prized pieces may cause heirs to be unrealistically high in their selling position. On the other hand, they may inappropriately sacrifice pieces out of ignorance or inexperience which are quite deserving of better compensation. Guidance is needed to suggest whether disposing of the whole collection, bundling by lots, or the complete unbundling and sale by individual items is most appropriate.

Heirs need to be aware that the resale value will not reflect the time and energy we used to build the collection. Many satisfying collections are built with care and study and little intrinsic value. Others may have significant value especially if the specimens are old, can be connected to important historic events or are from sites which are no longer open for collection. To best recapture these hidden assets, overtures need to be made

to specific target markets—a skill and knowledge not possessed by the non-collector.

Prices paid for a specimen may bring a premium when sold decades later, or conversely, may have fallen. Mineral prices are quite fickle and reflect more than just the annual rise in inflation. More than most people realize, they are sensitive changes in geo-politics and world economics as well as to changes in fashion, mining discovery and productivity.

Therefore, as part of our estate planning, we should leave specific written instructions to our heirs regarding the disposition of our collection. Things which are helpful and might be included are:

- names, addresses and phone numbers of trusted friends who could help appraise and dispose of the collection. These people should have been contacted so that they are aware of what may be asked of them.
- Names and addresses of organizations which might have an interest such as mineral clubs, museums and schools. Some clubs may, for example, may have a committee set up to assist the family of a recently departed member.
- Names and addresses of dealers with whom you've dealt and are confident. Some may be interested in repurchasing materials albeit at the wholesale price rather than the retail selling price.
- Names of relatives or friends who may want the whole or portions of the collection. Are there youngsters, neighbors or friends who have shown an interest?
- An inventory of items in the collection which might include its date of acquisition and cost, how and/or from whom it was acquired and a recent valuation. A computer file program will allow for relatively easy reappraisals on an annual basis. This is also a good basis for insurance claims for theft or disaster which may arise.
- Special instructions for the disposal of specific items.

Discuss these items from time to time with your heirs and leave your instructions in an easy to access location with other important papers. In any case, the best and most important source of assessment and valuation of your collection is you.

From *Vug Examiner*, January 1992 via *AFMS Newsletter*, March, 1994

FROM THE AFMS CENTRAL OFFICE

By Cheryl Neary

Hi all! I have taken over the position as Central Office, following in the footsteps of Steve Weinberger. I can only hope I can perform the job as well as he did for numerous years!

I set-up a new email address:
centraloffice.AFMS@gmail.com.

One of the major duties is to maintain the mailing list for the Federation. Sue Webb has been performing this duty for the last few months. If you have any corrections, additions, subtractions to the current mailing list, please send me an email as soon as possible so that I can update the list and notify the proper personnel.

All CFMS member organizations are reminded that AFMS wants to send up to 3 complimentary newsletters to persons you designate. These are generally the President, Editor and Federation Director. Please email the names and addresses to Cheryl at the email address listed above. Please do not send them to me.

CFMS LODI SHOW

Things are coming together for the upcoming CFMS Convention and Show in June. All the forms are posted on the website. A preregistration form was published in last month's newsletter and the reservation form for RVs is included in this month's issue.

Sharon Rogow is accepting any donations for the drawing to benefit the Endowment Fund. Tickets are available from Margaret Kolaczyk—\$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please do not donate heavy or bulky items since these can be difficult to ship to persons not present to claim them.

The Stockton club is hosting the snack bar at the show and taking charge of the kids activity area. Volunteers will be needed to handle the entrance gate. Look for more show information in future issues of the newsletter.

SOMEBODY—WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE?

By George Brown

All of future club presidents need to be aware of this. All of you current club presidents can relate to this and all of you former presidents know where I am coming from. What am I talking about? I am talking about SOMEBODY.

I can't count all of the times that I have been asked: Why don't you get "somebody" to do this? Or why don't you get "somebody" to take care of that? I have also been told and sometimes demanded to get "somebody" to do some project. So what is the problem? The problem is that I don't know who "somebody" is. I have looked at every directory and roster and I cannot find anyone who is named "somebody". Now if I ever find a person named "somebody"...boy-o-boy, is that sucker ever going to get dumped on. I am going to have so many questions, projects and problem for them to answer, accomplish and solve that they probably won't live long enough to handle a third of them.

So what is the point of all this babble? The point is your president doesn't have a group of "somebodies" or even a single "somebody" to do all of the things that you feel should be done. Therefore, don't saddle him or her with the impossible task of finding a person that doesn't exist. Try a different and more productive approach. VOLUNTEER! That's right—the big 'V' word. It means get involved. After all, you are the one that wanted the question answered, the facts gathered or the project accomplished. If you didn't want these things you wouldn't be suggesting, asking or demanding that they're done.

Since these things are important to you, why don't you ask if you can look into the situation, help with the project, or help find someone to do the task. In other words, don't be a part of the problem; be a part of the solution.

The strange or weird thing about the SOMEBODY syndrome is that I have never met anyone who truthfully wanted to be known as a nobody. The very best way to avoid being a nobody is to do something—get involved—then you become what you really want to be—a SOMEBODY!

From *SCFMS Newsletter*, 9-10/97 via *Glacial Drifter* 1/98

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
(click on Shows)*

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

2020

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

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 County 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
58th Annual Ventura Gem & Mineral
Society Show
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W Harbor Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Richard Slyker; 805-312-8467
Email: info@vvgms.org
Website: www.vvgms.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 14-15; Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N Broadway
Hours: 2-10-5 Daily
Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin
209-524-3494
Email:
bud.mcmillin.B7YJ@statefarm.com
Website:
www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

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 Update
Roseville Rock Rollers
@the Grounds
700 Event Center Drive
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: mgmcc@sti.net
Web Site: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 18-19; Paso Robles, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Theme: Amazing Agates
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, 805-610-0603
Email: slrockhounds@gmail.com
Website: www.slrockhounds.org/show

April 25-26; Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Inspiration Unearthed
62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell, 727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: www.pasadenalapidary.org

April 25-26; Lancaster, CA
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

May 2-3; Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
Off Hwy 49-88, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Cheryl Smith; 209-296-4061
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: www.amadorgemmandmineral.org

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

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

September 26-27th; Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club
Earth Treasures Gems Minerals, & Jewelry Show
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford St
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: NA
Email: NA
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org

October 10-11; Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
Gem-O-Rama
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-3
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild; 760-372-5356
Email: email-slgms@iwvisp.com
Website:
<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

October 11: Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W Alvarado St
Hours: 9-4 Daily
Contact: Michelle Shearer; 760-805-2184
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 31-Nov 1; Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
84th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger, 916-662-5819

Email:
gemsow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com

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

Details to Follow

Eastern Federation
March, 27-29, 2020
Hosted by Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc
Hickory Metro Convention Center
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Hickory, NC
Hours: Fri and Sat 9-6,
Sun 10-5
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Liaison

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Howell, MI
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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
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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

2021 AFMS Show
Rocky Mountain Federation
So. Jordan, UT
April 21-25, 2021

2022 AFMS Show
South Central Federation
January 29-30, 2022

**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 many
Free locations as possible!

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/

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***Send the information in
early so it's published in
the magazine as well as
online.***

CFMS Newsletter February 2020

RV & Camper Information & Registration Form
CFMS Show and Convention Lodi, California
June 26-28, 2020
Location: Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 East Lockeford St.
Lodi, CA

Those of us at CFMS are looking forward to seeing you at the **2020 CFMS Show & Convention, in Lodi**. The fairgrounds has easy access from Highway 99, and is close to the downtown of Lodi. We can easily accommodate (90) RV's and campers with access to water and electricity hook-ups. Dump station on site. There are no showers or bathrooms at the RV/Camper area. Bathrooms without showers are in the show buildings and available during the open hours of the show. Upon arrival you will be given a combination for the gate so you can come and go at your leisure after closing hours. Pets are welcome, must be on leash, and please clean up after them as they will not be providing coprolite material suitable for cutting and polishing.

RV & Camper Registration Form

To help with special preparations for your arrival and stay with us, please send in your reservations early.

Name.....

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Address.....

Email.....

Phone number.....

Address.....

Arrival date..... Departure date.....

CFMS Society.....

RV & Camper Space Rental: \$27 per day for days June 26, 27, 28. If you are arriving early before June 26th or want to stay after June 28th you will need to check in and pay for those specific days with the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds Office for those additional days. Dump station use is included in the \$27 rental fee.

Please circle method of payment: Check or Cash (Please make checks out to 2020 CFMS Show)

Please send registrations to: Margaret Kolaczyk
24551 Shake Ridge Rd.
Volcano, CA 95689-9629
Email: markolaczyk@gmail.com

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2020 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival

June 26-28, 2020

Friday and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair

413 E. Lockeford St. Lodi, CA

NONCOMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Application Deadline: May 23, 2020

We would be pleased to have your noncompetitive exhibit on display at the 2020 CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION. If you are able to join us, please read this form, fill it out and return it to:

Jennifer Haley, PO Box 324, Murphy, OR 97533.

SET-UP: Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 2 pm – 7 pm. TAKE DOWN: Sunday, June 28, 2020 after 4 pm.

There will be paid security on the grounds.

All precautions will be taken to protect the property of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Show Chair and all of their members assume no liability for damage to or loss of any exhibitor's property in whole or in part. This includes injury to a person from any cause. The exhibitor agrees to hold the above names entities and their members harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, liability, damages, loss, cost, attorney fees, and expenses of any kind which arise from attendance at this show or arising out of the use of the fairgrounds premises. Submission of this application for exhibitor space constitutes acceptance of this clause.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____
Please describe your display _____
Signature _____ Date _____

There are no cases available for loan so exhibitors are encouraged to borrow a case from their club if you do not have a personally owned case. Please provide the exterior dimensions _____ inches.
Please provide your own 3-prong extension cord.

EACH NONCOMPETITIVE EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE 2 FREE PASSES TO THE SHOW.

Noncompetitive exhibits application: Jennifer Haley, PO Box 324, Murphy, OR 97533

email: ladybuglane@napablogger.com

Questions: Margaret Kolaczyk markolaczyk@gmail.com

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Speakers

Demonstrators
Dealers

For information contact:

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