



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

March is here and should bring an early Spring because the Punxsutawney Groundhog didn't see his shadow. Officially spring begins on March 19, but here's the question – how can Spring arrive any sooner than stated on the calendar?? All I know is if there is an early Spring it just means that the weeds will start growing sooner.

Of course, when Spring arrives people think about getting outdoors and going on field trips more often. Last month John Martin remind everyone to be sure to get their campfire permit which can be obtained by going online to www.preventwildfire.ca.org/Campfire-Permit; you read about prevention and the laws and then take a short test. Also, when planning your field trips please be sure to include holding a safety talk at the beginning of your day and have all those in attendance sign a waiver.

The CFMS Show in Lodi is coming soon and for those who are going there is an Advanced Registration Form, Competitive Entry and Non-Competitive Entry forms on the CFMS website. Of note is that the Competitive and Non-Competitive entry deadlines are May 23. That gives the individuals and societies time to consider what they will exhibit and perfect their entry. We hope to see you there.

Have a great month.

Marcia



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 1. Dues are past Due!
Mar 5. Deadline for April newsletter
Apr 5. Deadline for May newsletter
April 5-12..... Zzyzx
June 26-27. CFMS Conv & Show-Lodi

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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.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Juniors Activities Chair

Host a “Writers’ Workshop” for Your Club Kids

In judging junior entries in Federation bulletin contests for a good many years, one thing has become painfully obvious to me. Fewer and fewer kids are gracing local club bulletins and newsletters with their thoughts and creative articles. For instance, last year I had just 6 entries to judge at the AFMS level, down from only 9 the year before. I’m talking about junior entries from all across the seven regional Federations, encompassing something like 600 local clubs and societies. Just 6 entries. In addition, our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program offers a Communication badge for kids who give a brief presentation or show-and-tell at a club meeting, write a newsletter article or draw a cartoon, prepare a poster board display, etc. Regrettably, this is one of the least awarded among our 20 badges.

What to do?

Lynn Varon, newsletter editor for my own Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, has come up with a creative idea that we will “road test” this month at our regularly scheduled gathering of kids enrolled in our VGMS Pebble Pups Program. A couple of us with writing experience will sit down with the kids to offer ideas about topics to consider (your favorite rock, a fun field trip adventure, a visit to a museum, etc.). We’ll offer very brief pointers on structuring a basic article and then jump in. The goal will be to keep the lesson stuff to a minimum and hands-on writing to a maximum for the period of our 2-hour session. If kids hit a block, we’ll be right there to help them through it. Perhaps one child may want to draw a picture to help jump-start her thoughts. Perhaps another might want to start with an outline or story board to get going. The most important thing: getting going and getting words on the page!

Our hope is that by the end of this single session, all kids will have produced a brief article while having fun in a group experience. We also hope that we’ll have a full set of articles that Lynn can then spread out and publish in the VGMS newsletter throughout the remainder of the year. We think this will produce immediate concrete results rather than holding a dull and boring classroom lecture then sending everyone off with a “homework” assignment and naively expecting to receive articles in the weeks or months to follow. Hopefully, the kids will be having so much fun, they won’t even realize they were actually learning. I’ll keep you posted with results!

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.

**A “CO-OP MEMBER” and “CFMS NORTH”
FIELD TRIP TO
TOPAZ MT. & DUGWAY GEODE BEDS
Sponsored by Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and
Mineral Society**

This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.

- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information
- CO-OP website has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed).
- CFMS members area for field trips (Password is needed).
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip are expressly prohibited.

TRIP LOCATION: Topaz Mt. and Dugway Geode Beds, North West of Delta, Utah.

Vehicle access & parking: # 3 at Topaz Mt. & Dugway geode beds. - Good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking at Topaz Mt. and Dugway geode beds.

Collection or View Site: From a # 3 at the base of the Mt. to a # 7 at the Red Beryl site, ½ mile or more to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. A # 4 at Dugway geode beds, flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help.

WHEN: April 16th through April 19th. This is a repeating site tour; you may show up and leave at any time during these 4 days. See schedule for optimum arrival dates.

MEMBER'S GUESTS: This is a public collecting area and anybody may camp and collect at the area concurrent with our activities. Those who choose to make the escorted trip to the Red Beryl site and convoy with us to the Dugway Geode Beds must sign the waiver.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Topaz Crystals, Bixbite (Red Beryl), Pseudobrookite crystals, Hematite crystals, and Geodes.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO: Please contact ahead of time: Gene Doyle, CO-OP & Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leader, Text or leave message, Cell (408) 605-9457, Email eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net; Jim Barton, CFMS-N, Home 916-773-0458, Cell (916) 847-7321, Email geologist1@surewest.net. If you are interested in this field trip Gene Doyle will email you a more detailed write up upon request.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: We will be meeting at 0900 hours on Thursday April 16th at the Topaz Mountain camp site and drive to Dugway Geode Beds (about an hour) for the dig. Friday and Saturday will be Topaz Mountain, with Thursday and Sunday at Dugway Geodes.

MEET: Gene Doyle will have a dark blue Toyota 4Runner camped at a suitable location near the entrance to the “cove” of Topaz Mt each morning before 9am on the 16th thru the 19th. Look for the “RRR” signs at the turn off Hwy 174 and the “Roseville Rock Rollers” sign on the side of the 4Runner.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: General directions are: Catch Highway 50 East from Sacramento to Fallon, Nevada then to Ely, NV. Follow 50/6 East from Ely to Delta, UT. Turn north on 50 just East of Delta, UT, left on Brush Highway, follow signs to the Intermountain Powerhouse, a coal fired power plant seen on the horizon. Turning onto the road to the powerhouse, you will be following a good paved road for approximately 40 minutes to the entrance to Topaz Mt. Collection Area, a BLM controlled area. I will stake the dirt roads into the site with “RRR”. Those staying in Delta may wish to meet and convoy together to “the cove”.

VEHICLE REQ'S: A high clearance or 4x4 vehicle at the red beryl site. It is recommended to have a high clearance vehicle at the Dugway site. A 2 wheel drive vehicles should make it to the camp site without a problem

CAMP/FACILITIES: This camp site is primitive. No services of any kind. If you are going to camp, you will need to be fully self contained and equipped.

TOOLS: Wide and narrow cold chisels, along with a 3 or 4 pound hand sledge are necessary. Also bring a standard rock pick and narrow screwdriver and a coat hanger or a stiff wire with a hook bent on the end. Other suggested tools include heavy full size sledge hammers and pry bars, a 1/4 inch and 1/8 inch screen (stackable classifiers), a standard shovel and garden

rake or hand rake, and rock pick. Include a roll of toilet paper and disposable plastic containers to put specimens in.

SAFETY CONCERNS: There are scorpions, snakes, and other common desert animals in the area. Rubble and boulders are everywhere so you must be very aware of those climbing or working up hill and below you. Be prepared at any moment to heed their warnings regarding falling rock or rubble. In turn, you must be very aware of those below you and not cause wasting or rock slides. Due to the potential for danger, **we will not be escorting young people under 18 years of age** into the Red Beryl area. Rhyolite dust is primarily silica dust and it would be wise to bring a dust mask if screening material.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: The weather at Topaz Mt. is rarely perfect! The average high in April is 65 degrees, with an average low of 33.

CLOTHING: Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing. Full pants, closed shoes, gloves, and hat are strongly recommended.

NOTE: *This is not the full field trip write-up. Please contact the Field Trip Leader, Gene Doyle, for the full write-up if you're not scared by now about all those scorpions and stuff and you really want to go on this field trip!*

Submitted by Jim Barton, Field Trips North



ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX

By John Martin
AFMS Conservation and
Legislation Committee



Quartzsite, Arizona with a population of 3,677 most of the year grows to over 200,000 for the months of December through February each year with the gathering of Snowbirds escaping the ravaging of sub-freezing temperatures and multiple feet of snow.

Once again, Recreational Rockhounds from around the country gathered in Quartzsite, Arizona for the annual first Rock, Gem and Mineral show and sales of 2020. Anything one would want for their Rock, Gem, Mineral and Fossil collections is available in Quartzsite for reasonable prices. Enough about collections; this is about Conservation and Legislation.

For the past eight years Rockhounds gathered in Quartzsite have become part of a tradition of Public Land Restoration being sponsored by the American Lands Access Association, Inc. and this year was no exception. Participants this year were from the Rocky Mountain Federation, Northwest Federation and the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and a few Rockhounds in general.

The gathering of Rockhounds took place on January 20, 2020 at Gold Nugget Road, a place about 10 miles east of Quartzsite just off the I-10, to remove trash and litter from the BLM Managed Public Lands. Just in the approximately 20 acres of land the group collected over a dozen large bags of trash, several tires and some things not mentionable. After the collection, the Yuma BLM Field Office personnel came and removed the trash and litter and properly disposed of the rubbish.

So, for the last eight years Recreational Rockhounds of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, through the Regional Federations have been involved in the Conservation and Restoration of our Public Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Recognition of the effort this year came from the office of Congressman Paul Gosar, 4th District of Arizona, with the statement "Wow! That's such a lot of trash. Thank you all for being such stewards of our land." If you are in Quartzsite next January, you are invited to attend and support the Recreational Rockhounds' effort to keep our public lands cleaner and safer for all visitors.

From AFMS Newsletter, 3/20

SAFETY MATTERS

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Where is safety? A short story if I may. Of the 6 or so folks who read these Safety Matters articles, one of those readers related a story of a recent safety matter she experienced. While digging a hole in her back yard to plant a plant, she encountered a large rock. Being a rock person, she gathered her rock cracking hammer and chisel and proceeded to reduce the size of the rock using her tools. She related what I might call a "thought bubble" over her head which read "Shouldn't I be wearing my safety glasses?"

That one reader though of safety glasses while breaking a rock to plant a plant is what I would call, a success. Safety is a full time responsibility.

Where is safety? Safety matters relate to planting a plant, breaking a rock, driving to a field trip, and grinding a stone. Safety matters do not end when one leaves the quarry, or the office or drives back in the garage.

Where is safety? Safety matters are everywhere. In the many and varied areas of our rock hobby, safety matters are everywhere - at our club meetings; our shows; our workshops; our collecting trips; our talking about the hobby in school, church, or civic groups; our rock trimming and identification activities. Safety matters abound in all aspects of our hobby. Some safety matters are well documented and clear. Some safety matters hide in the dark and are unique to a situation. Being safe means being mindful of rules, guidelines, obvious and less obvious hazards, and, perhaps most of all, being prepared and well aware of the potential danger in every situation.

Being safe is not complicated. We pretty much know what we need to do to be safe so it mostly a matter of doing that which we know is the right thing to do to remain safe.

Please, be safe in and with all you do. Your safety matters.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, 11/2018

IS THIS YOUR CLUB?

By Pat LaRue

This was the President's message I wrote for the May 2000 CFMS Newsletter.

One of the challenges facing some, if not most, of our organizations is how to attract potential new members. If your club is one of those few which has sufficient cash to pay for commercial advertizing, you can put a regular ad in a magazine catering to those who pursue our interests. You can put free announcements in the weekly calendar section of the local paper. Those clubs which sponsor an annual show or set up an information boot at a local craft show or community event also attract interested persons. These are all proven method getting strangers to attend one of your meetings.

Now that you have a perfect stranger actually interested in attending a meeting, how does your club reach when that person shows up at the door. It really doesn't matter whether our stranger is a newcomer to our interests or an old pro looking for a new club to join. The first impression is critical in getting that stanger to come back. Let's compare two imaginary clubs: club A and club B.

Put yourselves in the shoes of that stranger when he/she enters the building where club A holds its meeting. The hospitality table is set up right by the door and our visitor is warmly greeted by this super friendly person, given a paper name badge and invited to sign in on the roster. Perhaps another person is standing by to show this visitor to a seat and introduce him/her to the persons seated nearby. The host introduces each visitor by name when the meeting is called to order. The goal of this club is to make every visitor feel welcome and less of an outsider.

The meeting begins promptly at the scheduled time. The presiding officer follows a written agenda and is careful to keep meeting items moving along at a comfortable pace. Items which are more appropriately handled at the board meeting are deliberately avoided lest the meeting become hopelessly bogged down. The agenda is refreshingly non-political and kept short. The educational program for the evening is related to the club's interests. Even the time for refreshments and the brief social hour is designed to let the visitor feel special because all visitors are served first.

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Is This Your Club? cont....

At the same time another stranger enter the building where club B holds its meeting. There is a hospitality table but it is located several feet from the door and the person sitting there is so busy talking to others that our visitor slips into the room completely unnoticed and finds a chair in the back of the room. When the guests are asked to introduce themselves during the meeting, our visitor doesn't bother. The persons seated near the stranger don't even seem to notice his/her presence because they are too busy talking to their friends.

The meeting is finally called to order several minutes later. The presiding officer left the agenda at home or never had one in the first place, and there is no apparent structure to the meeting. It becomes hopelessly bogged down in trivia and the members argue endlessly about matter which should have deliberated and resolved at the board meeting. The ones not participating in the argument are having their own meeting. By the time the "meeting" is brought under control and concluded, everyone is probably glad there was no program scheduled. Refreshment time gives everyone an opportunity to continue their socializing without being interrupted by a meeting. Perhaps our poor stranger shyly wanders up to the refreshment table to see if anything is left and then leaves, still unnoticed by anyone.

What a contrast between two club! Club A is perhaps a little idealistic, but clubs can come close if they work at it. Let's hope that club B does NOT exist. Clubs must answer the hard question. Is my club closer to being an A or a B? Put yourself in the shoes of that stranger and ask yourself the question—based on my first impression, which club would I want to join? It doesn't matter how you get the stranger to the meeting. What matters most is whether that stranger wants to come back.

From CFMS Newsletter, 5/2000



CFMS INSURANCE PROGRAM

By Fred Ott

For those of us who have been members of the Federation for many years, we've become very familiar with the arrangements that have been made with McDaniel Insurance Services for various insurance coverages available to each Federation society and its individual members. All too often, however, we become complacent with the 'status quo' and fail to appreciate the value of the Federation's years of hard work in establishing the program that is now one of the primary benefits of being a member of the CMFS. Here is a brief 'refresher course':

The 'nucleus' of the insurance program is the \$1 Million General Liability Insurance coverage for the Federation, its many societies and their individual members. What this means is that, first and foremost, the Federation's policy pays the legal defense costs for claims for bodily injury or property damage (we don't have to hire an attorney in the event of a lawsuit) and payment of up to \$1 Million if the Federation, a society or its members are found to be 'legally liable' for damages.

Optional insurance coverages include:

- Directors and Officers Liability Coverage – which is an absolute must for anyone serving in the capacity of an officer or director of a society;
- Property and Premises Liability Coverage – for those societies who have 'things' to insure (buildings, office equipment, computers, lapidary equipment, land, merchandise, etc.) and liability insurance coverage for any location (owned or leased/rented) which is used 'exclusively' by a society;
- Special Events (such as shows) liability coverage
- Vendor Special Event and Group Vendors liability coverage
- Certificates of insurance can also be issued by McDaniel Insurance Services, oftentimes at no additional premium for certain events.

There is a wealth of information about the Federation's insurance program on the CFMS website: www.cfmsinc.org

From CFMS Newsletter, 8/2018

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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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!*

Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin

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Website:

www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 21; Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Annual Rough N' Cut!

123 W Alvarado Street

Hours: 11-4

Contact: Michelle Shearer 760-728-1130

Email: info@fgms.org

Website: www.fgms.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 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

March 28-29; Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Annual Nature's Treasures

Ken Miller Recreational Center

3341 Torrance Blvd

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: Carol Kron; 310-561-2600

Email: southbaylms@gmail.com

Website:

www.southbaylapidaryandmineralsociety.com

April 3, 4, 5; Vista, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society

2040 N Santa Fe Ave

Hours: 9-5 Daily

Contact: Nancy Bird, 760-659-6545

Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com

Website: www.vistarocks.org

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 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: slockhounds@gmail.com

Website: www.slockhounds.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

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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 GMS Show

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 14-15; Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 N Broadway

Hours: 2-10-5 Daily

Website: www.avgem@weebly.com

May 1-3; Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
YVGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street
Hours: Fri 6-9, Sat 12-9, Sun 12-6
Contact: Lee Peterson;
Email: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: www.yvgms.org

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.amadorgemandmineral.org

June 27-28; Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
59th Annual CCRMC Fiesta of Gems
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz 310-850-4398
Email: NA
Website: culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm

August 15-16; Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Annual Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show
500 East "F" Street
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Ronald Myrick; 661-972-1117
Email: tehachapivgms@outlook.com
Website: www.tvgms.org

September 12-13; Arroyo Grande, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Gems By The Sea
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mary Rafferty 805-458-9350
Email: show@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/show

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 Meiszingler, 916-662-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com

November 14-15; Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
29th Annual Festival of Gems & Mineral
442 Franklin Hall
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita; 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgemmin.org

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation
June 26-28, 2020
81st CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by California Federation
of Mineralogical Societies
413 E Lockeford Street,
Lodi, California

Eastern Federation
March, 27-29, 2020
Hosted by Catawba Valley GMS
Hickory Metro Convention Ctr
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 GMC

Northwest Federation

Rocky Mountain Federation
Big Piney, WY

South Central Federation
Oct 10-11, 2020
Hosted by Tri-City GMS
Mayborn Civic and Conv Ctr
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

AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

When: Friday, April 10th; Saturday, April 11th; Sunday, April 12th, 2020
Where: Comfort Suites, 2250 S 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84401-0259, 801-621-2545

Please fill out the application below and return with the **Registration Fee** to:

Margaret Kolaczyk, Registrar
24551 Shake Ridge Road, Volcano, CA, 95689-9629

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Regional Federation _____

Club/Society _____

Division you are interested in:

Open _____ Minerals _____ Lapidary _____ Jewelry _____ Education _____ Meteorites _____

Fossils _____ Petrified Wood _____ Scrimshaw _____ Beading _____ UV _____

I'm bringing an exhibit for evaluation _____

YOU MUST BRING AN AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOK, UPDATED TO 2018. This can be download on the AFMS website. Bring a pen and note paper with you. There is a \$40 **Registration Fee** per person which includes a lunch on Friday & Saturday. Checks should be made payable to Margaret Kolaczyk and must accompany the application.

Lunch -(check one): Carnivorous _____ or Vegetarian _____

CLASS SCHEDULE

Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Comfort Suites.

Evaluation of Exhibits begins on Sunday, April 12th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Spike Events Center-Exhibition Hall, Weber Co. Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84404

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION

You must make your reservation under the name, **AFMS Judging Seminar**. Or, follow this link to make the reservation online **<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/group/MO72N3>**. The rate for the Seminar is \$89 per night. Complimentary parking for anyone staying at the hotel, and for attendees at the seminar. Free Breakfast Daily from 7-10 AM, **for those staying at the hotel.**

Above Rates will apply three days prior to, and three days after the seminar.

The deadline to make your reservation to stay at the inn is March 20th, 2020.

Hotel Contact: Maria Nightingale **cateringsuiterm@aol.com**

For more information contact, Margaret Kolaczyk: **markolaczyk@gmail.com** or phone: 209-296-5597

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Speakers

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