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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

We hope everyone is doing well and also hope you survived the heat that the beginning of September brought. Gee whiz, who would have thought the prediction would be extremely hot in California and the next week snow in the Rockies. In either condition it is hard to go looking for rocks.

This last month we have been working on getting names of program speakers who have the capability of putting on a web program and making their information available through our CFMS website. With Brad Smith's help and Program Chairs from other societies input, we have a nice group of program speakers. The beauty of the web programs are the speakers you can have even at a distance from their location. We have some speakers from educational institutions with great programs, some with talks on locations they have been to, others with lapidary skills. If you have any web-capable program speakers that would be good for the list please let me know.

Also, Jay Valle made a visit to his "way back machine" for me and found a copy of the Podium People booklet and I have sent it to Emmy Silverman, Programs Chair, to update. That is step one to getting the booklet available again. Since we cannot have in-person meetings yet that gives Emmy some time to work on it.

As of today, I have heard from 24 societies and 16 chairpersons (although some are both) and polling is about 75% who want to meet via zoom for the November meeting. If the polling continues to trend in that direction, we will have our meeting in a new way...via Zoom - it will be a first for us. For those who have reports to go in the packet get them to Pat LaRue by October 15th. This will be important because there will not be a way to walk around and place your report on tables as we are used to doing. Pat will have more in her article in the newsletter.

Marcia



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5..... Deadline for November newsletter
Oct 15.. Deadline for Directors Meeting Reports
Nov 15..... Fall Business Meeting

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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:

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



FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas

We will not be holding the Fall Business Meeting in the usual manner. The general consensus from those who replied to Marcia's email concerning holding the meeting on Zoom or in Visalia is a preference to use Zoom. I contacted the hotel in Visalia to cancel our room arrangements. They are not allowed to host large groups at the present time; sound familiar? There is a strong probability we would be using Zoom irregardless. On a positive note I did make reservations for the group to meet next year on November 12-14, 2021.

I will be mailing the Call to Conference materials the first week of October. Included will be a registration form that will ask for the name of the person who will represent your society at the Directors Meeting and the email address to which Marcia can email the link to the meeting. It is important that you email me this information by the deadline on the form so I can provide Marcia with the information. If preferred you can snail mail the information but email is quicker and you save a stamp. The Executive Committee and Show Committees have been using Zoom for its meetings and it has been quite successful.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORTS

The due date for committee reports and any other items to be included in the Directors packet for the Fall Business Meeting will be **October 15**. Since the meeting must be held on Zoom this will allow extra time to prepare and mail the packet information to the clubs and committee persons. As you are no doubt already aware, there will be a higher than normal mail volume prior to our meeting due to the election so this will allow extra time for the packet to be delivered to the address on record. If you are a Director representing more than one club, I will mail one packet. If another is desired, you can request a copy in .pdf format.

Since we are unable to convene in person in Visalia, we won't be able to include any late arriving reports. These will be included in the newsletter, provided you email them to me. Thanks in advance.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson,
CFMS/AFMS Juniors Activities Chair
**Seeking Your Help with our 2021
CFMS Show Kids Booth**

As I noted in last month's newsletter, it would seem that I have somehow volunteered to serve as Kids' Booth Chair should we have a CFMS Show in 2021. Bob Rush is heading up a committee for a No-Host Show currently scheduled to take place June 25-27 in Lodi. Because of the pandemic, so much is up in the air, but our CFMS Executive Committee is forging ahead in hopes of producing a Show.

If all does indeed go forward, I'll need a lot of help putting together and running a Kids' Booth. I'm trying to keep the number of activities to a minimum, with minimal need for touching and contact, given that we still don't know what the COVID situation will look like. At present, the two big areas where I'll need help so far as supplies is with grab bags and with prizes for a spinning wheel.

And then there's the truly big need: volunteers to help in the Kids' Booth during the show! Can we count on you? I welcome hearing from anyone and everyone who would like to lend a hand with supplies or with help in the booth itself: jbraceth@roadrunner.com.





ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

By John Martin
CFMS PLAC-AFMS C&L
plac@antelecom.net

A Quick Note: *The August Shop Suggestions had a term that no one understood. So for the correction HIGH SHIIS should be HIGH SHINES. Character Recognition and Spell Checkers do not always work.*

SHOP SUGGESTIONS

Compiled by Bernice D. Schilling - 1975
San Fernando Valley Mineral and Gem Society

"TUMBLING TIPS"

OPERATING A ROCK TUMBLER

Select rocks that will take a good polish. Use rocks nearly the same size and hardness. Use 1 cup (1/2 lb.) of the first run grit (80 or 220) to 2 pounds of rock. (use 220 grit for beach rocks) Run until the corners of the rocks are smooth and all pits removed — from one to two weeks, depending on the condition of the rocks. Rocks broken up with a hammer will take longer to smooth up than water-worn pebbles. It is a good idea to use half the grit to start and add the other half later, after some of the mud has been poured off. Because the coarse grit will become broken down to a finer grind, this later addition seems to cut the rocks faster than using all the coarse grit at one time. First run grit can be as coarse as 60 grit.

Wash rocks well and put 1/2 cup of second run grit. This can vary from 220 to 320, depending on how well the rocks are cleared up in the first run. Tumble for four or five days.

Wash rocks and the tumbler and put in cup of third run grit, 400 to 600 — along with a tablespoon of Tide and run for four days.

Wash rocks and tumbler and put in 2 tablespoons of finely powdered pumice with a tablespoon of Tide and run for four days.

Wash rocks and tumbler THOROUGHLY. Add 1/2 cup of tin oxide and a tablespoon of Tide. Run until a good polish is obtained. This usually takes about three days, but do not take them out too soon.

....Spit and Polish

ALTERNATE METHOD FOR TUMBLING.ROCKS — TWO STEPS ONLY

The barrel is filled properly, using 220 coarse grit and allowed to run steady for 3 weeks. The grit will break down to a finer grade.

The rocks are washed very thoroughly to remove all grit, clean tumbler carefully. Use the same amount of Polishing Powder as was used for the coarse grit tumbling. Tin Oxide is the best. Let run for 3 weeks steady. Wash in hot soapy water, after cleaning in cold water.

....Alaska Pebble Patters

ANOTHER METHOD OF TUMBLE POLISHING called "NO WASH"

Start with #80 grit, tumble one week. Don't empty the tumbler, but add five teaspoons of new grit to the mixture --using a three pound tumbler. Tumble another week. Follow this same procedure through the other grits #190, #320 & #600.

Thoroughly wash the stones and the tumbler before putting in the pre-polish and final polishing powders.

For a glossy finish, after washing out polishing powders, add three tablespoons of sugar, one level tablespoon of "All" or "Cascade" or any non-sudsing detergent. About ten drops of muriatic acid can be added. Let the tumbler stand open for a minute, then close the barrel and tumble for a week.

...Strata Gems

Take the LINT from your CLOTHES DRIER lint catcher and ADD it to the POLISHING COMPOUND for tumbling. It speeds up the polish and prevents chipping.

....The Agatizer

A few tablespoons of OXALIC ACID CRYSTALS in your FINAL TUMBLING POLISH will give your stones an extra luster.

....Breccia

When desiring a very HIGH POLISH on your tumbled stones, use a quarter pound chunk of soluble rouge, the kind used by silversmiths, which comes in half-pound bars. Cut the bar in half and put it into the tumbler with the usual amount of water and your choice of regular polishing compound. It will greatly improve the luster.

....Rockhound's Rag

It is possible to use SPARK PLUG GRITS for the FIRST CYCLE in your tumbler. They are efficient and cheap and does a very good job. They can be bought at any AUTO SUPPLY store.

....The Agatizer

POLISHING SUNSTONES IN A TUMBLER

Start with #60 or #80 grit, 1 tablespoon per pound of stones. Tumble 3 days. Check for size and shape. If desired, tumble for a few more days and check again. Wash and clean stones and the tumbler.

Put in the same amount of #220 grit and tumble 4 days. Be sure all edges are smooth. Wash and clean thoroughly.

Put in #600 grit, 2 tablespoons per pound. Tumble for 1 week. Wash and clean thoroughly.

Put in Tin Oxide, 4 tablespoons per pound. Tumble for 1 week and check for desired polish. If not satisfied run for another week. When desired polish is reached, wash and clean.

Put in thick, creamy solution of non-detergent soap and burnish for 1 week. Wash and clean.

....Pasadena Lapidary Society

FURTHER TUMBLING NOTES

1. Always keep the tumbler nearly full even if you have to add extra material, such as plastic foam, rubber bands or plastic pellets.
2. Silicon carbide grit gets used up in a week. Add more if you feel the rocks need more grinding.
3. Rounded rocks, such as Beach Pebbles, should be started with #220 grit rather than #80. The rougher grit makes the rocks rougher than the surf left them.
4. Grind off sharp edges to bluntness before starting to tumble.
5. Getting rid of used grit and sludge is easier if you let it stand in a bucket until it settles and then pour off the water. This can be done several times until it becomes moist "garbage" to be collected with the rest of the garbage, wrapped in several thicknesses of newspaper.
6. The most satisfactory polishing medium is still Tin Oxide. It is worth the price.

....The Tumbler

CFMS SCHOLARSHIP 2020 HONOREE

By Fred Ott

On Thursday, September 10th, Fred Ott, past-CFMS President, surprised Dr. Richard (Dick) Hilton at his home in Meadow Vista, California with the announcement that he had been selected as one of only two individuals in 2020 to be honored by the Federation's Scholarship Program. While the original intent was to recognize Dick in the presence of his fellow professors and other faculty members at Sierra College in Rocklin where Dick has taught for many years, the Covid19 pandemic dictated otherwise. Fred then presented Dick with the CFMS Federation's plaque in recognition of his many years of supporting the Earth Sciences.

Here is a brief biography:



Richard "Dick" Hilton is a professor emeritus of geology and paleontology at Sierra College in Rocklin, California. He has a Bachelors degree in Geology with a minor in Biology and a

Masters degree in Earth Science from California State University, Chico. He is also a paleontological consultant. He, along with many others, helped create the Sierra College Natural History Museum as well as build the extensive collections of vertebrate and invertebrate fossils housed at the Museum. Along with others, he helped design the numerous exhibits in the museum. He is a board member of the California State University Chico, Geoscience Board. He has published numerous scientific articles in the field of vertebrate paleontology and a book entitled, "Dinosaurs and other Mesozoic Reptiles of California," published by the University of California Press. He has led paleontological digs throughout the western United States. He has lived in Canada and Africa and he and his wife, Kristin, have led and participated in nature trips to many parts of South America, Africa, Australia, Tasmania, Alaska, Baja California, Galapagos, Ireland, Iceland, and Spitsbergen in the high Arctic. He is also an avid nature photographer.

As honoree, Dick will designate a college or university which will then select a qualified undergraduate who will receive a check from the Federation in the amount of \$2,000 to help further their education in the Earth Sciences.

Congratulations, Dr. Hilton!



BULLETIN CONTEST

By Sue Webb, Bulletin Aids Chair

Hello Editors!

It's that time again—the 2021 Bulletin Contest is coming up—and soon. That means we have to set some dates for submitting your bulletins, articles, poetry, and junior contributions.

The AFMS convention in South Jordan, Utah is scheduled for April 21-25, and traditionally the winners of the national contest are revealed at the Editors' Breakfast. This date gives us a bit more time than we have had for the last couple of years. The top three winners of each category in our CFMS contest will be forwarded to the AFMS contest judges and, we can hope, will be recognized at the national convention. To insure that your entries have the best chance possible, I need you to have them to me by **January 10, 2021** so that I can distribute them so our CFMS judges have time to judge and get them back to me by Feb. 20 in time to forward to the AFMS judges by March 1. Remember, there are the following categories:

1. New Editors
2. Mini Bulletins
3. Small Bulletins
4. Large Bulletins
5. Original Junior Articles for under 12
6. Original Junior Articles for 12 & up
7. Original Adult Articles
8. Original Adult Articles Advanced
9. Original Adult Poetry
10. Original Junior Poetry
11. Features (Written & Drawn, all ages)

It would also be a good idea to check the specific guidelines for each category. They are available on the AFMS Website at

<http://www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/contest.htm>.

You may remember that in past years winners in a category were excluded from winning in the same category for two years. The AFMS BEAC says: "During the time of the COVID-19 closures and restrictions a number of our editors have not received the level of input for their bulletins that they would in a normal year. Many clubs have discontinued meetings and even suspended publishing a bulletin! Accordingly, there will

be no restriction on entries and all editors and authors are eligible for 2021!"

Also, participation in the contest for the last couple of years has been extremely limited. Indeed, only 7 clubs sent any entries; that is 7 out of over 100, less than 1%. Surely, we can do better. There must be dozens of fine articles, features, and poems your members have contributed over this year. Send them in. You may do so either by attachment to email or by postal mail. In either case, please have them to me by January 10. If you send them by email, send to rgms.bulletin@gmail.com. If you send by postal mail, the address is Suzanne Webb, 9895 Kerrydale Court, Reno, NV 89521.

I look forward to hearing from lots of you in January. Meanwhile, if you have questions, don't hesitate to email me at the above address. I'll answer as soon as I can. And, if you don't hear back from me, be sure to check your spam. Sometimes, because my address is an organization address, providers see it as spam.

Check the November CFMS newsletter for specific instructions about how to send in your entries.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

Every year our CFMS Societies/Clubs pay a per member amount to take advantage of the services offered by the Federation and be covered under the general public liability insurance policy purchased annually thru McDaniel Insurance Services. Many of you might be curious about how that \$8 amount paid is allocated. A few of the organizations loosely refer to it as "dues". Actually only \$2 of that is for dues and CFMS pays \$.75 of that amount to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) to cover our membership in the national organization. That leaves \$1.25 for CFMS to help cover its operating expenses. When you factor in the fact that we had to not only cancel our show but both Earth Science Camps this year, you can see that there's not much wiggle room. Thank goodness for the Endowment Fund! We all need to thank the forward thinking persons who established that fund in 1987.

The remaining \$6 covers the premium cost of the general liability policy and the blanket Officers and Directors policy that allows the member societies/clubs to purchase a similar policy at a greatly reduced price. The premium comes due on October 16. We know times are hard. Let's hope 2021 brings needed relief.

INTERIM VIRTUAL MEETINGS

By Mark Nelson, AFMS BEAC Chair

Please consider the creative use of technology to host “virtual meeting” experiences for your members until you can resume in person meetings and events. Below are a few ideas and favorite tools for virtual meetings. Each suggestion includes links to helpful how-to guides and/or other information to assist you in navigating these tools. Highly Interactive Tools – There are many free and paid options for hosting virtual meetings. The chances are high that someone in your club already has a pro version of one of these for their business, but there are also lots of great no-cost options that include basic features. Many of these programs are offering reduced fees and no-cost extended trials during this time.

·Zoom Basic Free

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2pq4I1urXA>

·Go To Meeting Free | <https://support.goto.com/meeting>

·Google Hangout Free

<https://support.google.com/hangouts/answer/3115553?c=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Less Interactive Tools – There are other tools that are still incredibly useful and may be the perfect fit, but don’t require that everyone log in at a specific time, which could be the perfect level of flexibility for your club. The suggestions below range from social media tools to project management and communication tools.

·Facebook Live

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/facebook-live-guide>

·Instagram TV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaRxgAW9mUY>

·Basecamp | <https://basecamp.com/>

·Slack | <https://slack.com/>

Tips for hosting a “Virtual Meeting”

·Consider shortening the length of the virtual meeting to make it more feasible for members to “tune in” and give it their attention.

·Do keep your fellowship activities if they can easily migrate online (for example, “new member getting to know you”, planned field trips, activities, interesting speakers, and rock of the month presentation).

·Avoid taking up “video time” with elements of your meeting that would be better shared in writing such as basic announcements or upcoming dates to note – consider sending those in a follow up email once the virtual meeting concludes.

Excerpts from article in *AFMS Newsletter*, 9/20

COMMUNICATION

By Ellery Bowry, AFMS Safety Chair

Why is communication a matter of safety? Sometimes it is not a matter that communication is needed but what method of communication would be most effective. It used to be a club's bulletin distributed the word regarding safety matters. Things have changed. Now we have an instant age where communication is, shall we say, a bit faster. I get it; it's how we live now-a-days. Faster is better. But it's only better if the message gets to where it needs to go and in a timely manner. It used to be that most folks had a land line telephone for such messages. Telephones still serve that purpose; however, while some people still have land lines, one can't take it (a land line) with one.

How does your club contact its members in an emergency?

One can start with land line and cell phone calls. Instead, some members may prefer internet options - FacePage, Yahooot, Gagggle, Twitting, Link-Out, Swype, D-Mail, Slap Chat, Taxting, WhatsDown, ... whatever. Say one member uses Yahooot exclusively, and another only Face Page, and a third only Twitts? Does your club have a list of the internet contact preferences for each member's household, or a reliable cell number?

Is it really necessary to have an emergency contact method for each and every member household? Well, maybe, maybe not. How often might such a list be needed? The answer to that is easy- hopefully as seldom as possible. Most reasons for contacting members are usually not urgent. The main reason for making note of the many ways to contact members is to raise the 'what if' awareness.

Having many options for contacting members is great. However, the one charged with doing the contacting needs to have access to all those many internet options as well. One answer to that is to have several people as contactors - each knowledgeable with several internet options. Another answer is to utilize a super-connected internet expert. In an internet-connected world it's good to have options. Be safe out there on the internet and with Covid-19. Be safe with doing what we need to do to manage in this ever changing world and its new normal. Your safety matters

From *AFMS Newsletter*, 9/20



HOW KALAMAZOO AND MINNESOTA CLUBS GREW THEIR SHOWS!

by Regina & Tony Kapta (MWF)

In May, Tony and I travelled to Kalamazoo, MI for the MWF Spring meeting which was hosted by the Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society at the club's annual show, the Kalamazoo Rock, Gem, Fossil and Mineral show. We had been to the Kalamazoo show before, and thought we would see a show similar to what we had seen 4-5 years ago, but was I shocked when I realized the show now filled 2 wings of the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. From a small show of a couple thousand attendees a few years ago, the show now occupies 35,000 sq. feet of the Expo Center. I tracked down the President of the club, and he introduced me to Jerry and Writon, the orchestrators of the show advertising and publicity. We talked about what has changed in their approach to advertising for the show. Jerry talked about aiming for slow growth each year, adding more children's activities, and more Facebook involvement, growing attendance, but trying NOT to grow more than they could handle based on club volunteers, dealer space and member support in donated items and prizes. This is the first year the club moved into the 2nd wing at the Expo Center. Five years ago Kalamazoo had about 3000 attending the show. By the end of Saturday in May 2018 they were at 4500, and by Sunday afternoon hit over 7100, for a final attendance of 7500. This is an increase of 31% over the attendance for 2017.

CONTROLLED BLASTS. Jerry handled the email blasts and Writon handled the Facebook promotions – there were no newspaper, radio or TV ads at all. Over the past 3-4 years, as attendance grew, they eliminated the traditional channels of advertising since the responses on email and Facebook were so much better. Jerry sent the email blasts out at 6 weeks and again at 2 weeks out from the show, at about 3000 emails each. The emails featured highlights of the show and linked to the club website for more information.

FACEBOOK CHANGES THE GAME. Writon talked about how to use Facebook's strengths to expand the reach of a basic Facebook ad. The main focus using Facebook Ads is to get the ads to go 'viral'. This means once a certain threshold of 'Interested' clicks is reached, Facebook algorithms take over and the ads and posts are increasingly fed into more and more newsfeeds as the 'authority voice' is recognized and weighed over other ads, growing the visibility exponentially. Using Facebook as the primary advertising platform, there were several approaches that proved to impact attendance. The pre-event Facebook ad was created and included a photo of amethyst cathedrals, the show name, date, location and web address. Under the ad was one paragraph describing show details. The demographic target of the ad was women ages 23-38, living in urban areas within 2 hours driving distance from the event. Money spent for the primary ad and boosted posts about the show, was about \$750. The club offered a pre-show giveaway contest on Facebook at 6 weeks out from the show. The winner could pick up the prize at the show. This helped increase the FB sharing immensely. There were posts about the show to various FB interest groups – Rockhound and collector groups, Lapidary groups, Faceting groups, and Lake Superior Agate interest groups. Plus, members that posted stuck around on the sites to field questions and promote details about the show. The club members also did daily posts on the club website or commenting on the ad, posing questions about specific minerals or gemstones, talking about their favorite parts of the show, doing a favorite dealer highlight or most interesting kids activity. Talking up the special displays being featured, and what the speakers were presenting sparked even more questions and comments about the show. This also included reviews and testimony-type commenting about the show – that it's worth the drive and pointing out the education value in the kid's activities. Members played an active role in commenting, and those responses and sharing helped make the postings go viral. The Facebook ad received over 12,000 clicks showing

"Interested", and half of the people interested showed up at the show.

A FEW TRADITIONAL AVENUES STILL INCLUDED. They still did the school flyers, mailed postcards, and left bookmarks. The club is able to feature Friday as Kids Day, with flyers sent to the schools, and providing a subsidy for the schools to cover the bus transportation for students. Other promotions were book marks featuring next year's show to hand out at other shows during the year. The club starts this right after the current show for next year's show.

AND A FEW NEW IDEAS. The club also included demonstration booths for the City's environment and ecology dept featuring info on clean water, for Paleo Joe – featuring fossils and how they are formed, and booths about the Children's museum and the Seaman Museum. Membership booths were set up for 4H Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, info on the local college, the local astronomy club, a Master Gardener booth, and Earthscapes – featuring a local landscaper showing how rocks can be integrated into a landscaped yard. One specific item really stood out at that Kalamazoo show. To get more club volunteers during the show, they offered a free year membership in the club, plus a red club t-shirt for volunteers who worked at least 6 hours at the show. This created a highly visible sea of red t-shirts everywhere you looked. This really lent an "authority voice" to the club and a testimony to its active membership and its leadership.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, 11/18



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!*

****Special COVID 19 Message

Our shows are cancelling due to the current mandates of not gathering people in groups. If I am notified, we immediately post on line the cancelled show. Notice the future shows listed here lined out, are cancelled. If you have your new dates, get them to me and I will post them.

2020 Rescheduled Shows are shown in bold.

****Please check the Society Website before planning on attending a show. Stay healthy and safe where ever you are.
Sincerely, Jennifer Rhodes

2020

October 10-11; Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
2020 Earth's Treasures Show
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Heck
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.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 17: West Hills, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
Free Admission and Parking
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10-5

October 17-18; Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Agates Abound-44th Anniversary
1351 Maple Ave
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene Coon; 707-849-9551
Email: santarosarockshow@hotmail.com
Website: www.SRMGS.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 Meislinger; 916-662-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com

November 7-8 Concord, CA
Contra Costa Gem and Mineral Society

November 7-8; Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society 65th Annual Show
Field Trip on November 8
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: John De Rosa; 760-375-7905
Email: jrrocks@dslxtreme.com
Website: www.indianwellsgemandmineral.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

November 21-22; Anaheim, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 20-5; Sun 10-4
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**DON'T FORGET TO UP-
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**Check for show links at
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**Advertise your Show in as many Free
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- 1. Local newspapers**
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