



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

I hope all are doing well. The end of 2020 is in sight and I am optimistic that next year is going to be much better than this one. We are all looking forward to meeting in person - we hope soon. Some clubs are planning to hold their show pending how facilities are opening up next year. The Executive Committee along with Pat LaRue, Jim Brace-Thompson and Susan Chaisson-Walblom have held a few planning meetings for the 2021 CFMS Show and Convention in Lodi to be held in June 2021

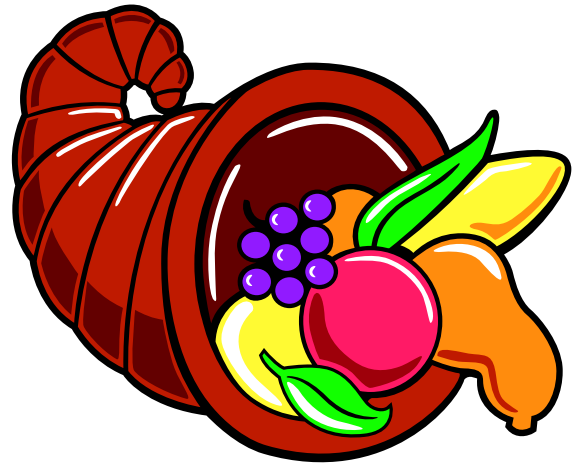
This month we get to meet by Zoom and it will be nice to see everyone. This is our great experiment and I hope it works out well. I will be sending out a CFMS Electronic Communication for the Zoom meeting. I am hopeful we get lots of Directors and Chairpersons at our meeting - more than usual as there will be no travel or hotel expenses. The Executive Committee is planning on holding the EC Meeting on the prior Saturday via Zoom so the summary of EC Actions will be mailed prior to the Director's meeting. The installation of the new Executive Committee will take place after the Directors meeting.

The EC and Earth Science Studies Chairpersons have been keeping an eye on the North Complex Fire and monitoring the progress of containment and because as of October 8 the fire is not completely out we will keep monitoring it. The fire boundaries on the south side are about 5 miles north of Camp Paradise where the educational camp is held every year. CFMS stores equipment used for the camp at that location. Obviously, this year we weren't able to hold the camp because of Covid 19 but we are hoping next year to be kinder to us and allow it to happen. I believe Tony has an article in this newsletter about the camps for next year.

I hope the societies have been able to make use of the Program Speakers list for web meetings. I would still appreciate suggestions for more speakers from the societies so we will have a larger base of speakers to choose from.

See you at the virtual meeting,

*Marcia*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 5. . . . . Deadline for December newsletter  
Nov 15. . . . . Fall Business Meeting  
Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for January newsletter

## CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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## CFMS WEBSITE

The CFMS website is accessible at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://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.

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto: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 acknowledgment. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

### SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

President. . . . . Juanita Pardun  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/President-elect. . . . . Jim Barton  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP. . . . . Kimberly Fiala  
Secretary. . . . . Heidi Hall  
Treasurer. . . . . Bob Rush

Submitted by Evelyn Viele  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

## 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 mailed the Call to Conference materials the first week of October. Included was a registration form that asks 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.

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## 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

### A New Edition of the AFMS/FRA Badge Manual Is on Its Way!

The little boy in the accompanying photo is my Scottish grandson Lukáš enjoying a visit to the National Museum of Scotland with my Slovakian son-in-law Peter. What does this family portrait have to do with junior activities and the Federation? The young lady who took the photo is my daughter Hannah, a former Pebble Pup and CFMS award-winning junior exhibitor. Watch for her photo—and many, many others to appear soon in the Fifth Edition of my AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Manual!



I've been busy wrapping up the new edition, which I hope to send to AFMS webmaster Marty Hart for posting by the end of October. If all goes as planned, by the time you read this article, it should be posted and ready for use. Go to the following page on the AFMS website: [www.amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm).

While I have not added new badges to this new edition, I have tweaked virtually every badge unit. Without getting into the weeds, here's a snapshot of the big changes:

- I've added pagination and a new Table of Contents coordinated to that pagination. (As some will say: "Duh. It's about time!")
- I've added a very large number of photos to better illustrate activity instructions. Many come from my own photos assembled over the years; others were sent by Youth Leaders of local clubs.
- I've gone through to ensure all suggested websites are still functional, and I have replaced those that have gone by the wayside (a tediously frustrating endeavor).
- My original intent was to add still more multimedia, such as YouTube videos, but many of those seem to have short half-lives. Thus, rather than provide a link to specific YouTube videos, here and there I suggest where you can do a web search for such a YouTube link (for instance, for

“recipes” on growing crystals, of which there are many).

●I’ve expanded our “Leadership Badge” into a badge entitled “Leadership & Citizenship.” We have awarded very few Leadership Badges, but I hope the expansion to include “Citizenship” will see us awarding many more of this particular badge. It is one that I, personally, consider especially important for us to work on with kids.

●I’ve added a new activity to each and every badge, namely, “WILD CARD: Do Your Own Thing.” This provides flexibility for clubs to add activities that match their kids and their local resources so as to allow for creativity and locally sourced ideas. A “WILD CARD” can be a whole-club activity or an activity chosen by each individual child.

I wrote and released the first edition of this manual in 2003/2004 and have continued to pursue this as an entirely free labor-of-love with new editions every four years. Again: entirely free. If your club is not utilizing this program, what’s holding you back? Here’s hoping you and your club’s kids find the Fifth Edition better, more visually inviting, easier to use, and more flexible than ever for learning—while having fun!



## ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

By John Martin  
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### Forest Service Revises Closure Orders and Fire Restrictions in California

September 30, 2020 - Press Release

VALLEJO, Calif. – The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has revised closure orders and fire prohibitions in California. These decisions will continue to be evaluated daily.

The revisions include:

**1. Easing fire restrictions** – Propane and gas stove use is now permitted on developed recreation sites on National Forests in California. Developed recreation sites are defined as areas which have been improved or developed for recreation such as campgrounds and day use sites.

**2. Forest Closures** – Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests are no longer part of the regional closure orders but may have local restrictions. Check the websites, social media accounts, or call those respective forests for specific information on what may be opening.

**Seven National Forests (NF) in California remain closed:** Angeles NF, Cleveland NF, Los Padres NF, Inyo NF, San Bernardino NF, Sequoia NF, and Sierra NF. This decision will continue to be reviewed daily, taking fire and weather conditions into account.

Eleven National Forests may be open to varying degrees. Visitors should contact the following National Forests for more information on their status: Eldorado NF, Klamath NF, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Lassen NF, Mendocino NF, Modoc NF, Plumas NF, Shasta-Trinity NF, Six Rivers NF, Stanislaus NF, and Tahoe NF. **For additional questions, please contact your local National Forest.**



## SHOP SUGGESTIONS

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

### “CLEANING SPECIMENS”

Almost everyone has heard of the new SONIC CLEANING DEVICES. These are small tubs with an extremely high-speed vibrating mechanism attached. The idea is to vibrate unwanted dirt and debris from the article being cleaned. They do an excellent job but are priced very high.

DO YOU OWN A LAP MACHINE or a jigger, vibrator or vibrating tumbler? These units can do almost as good a job as the high-priced devices mentioned above. A 12” diameter by 6” high plastic tub can be purchased which fits perfectly on a 12” lap machine. Fill the tub about one third with water, add a few squirts of liquid soap and a small amount of ammonia. Turn on the rig and clean to your heart's content. You will have slightly less power than a super-sonic operation, but with very satisfactory results.

No damage will result if only one specimen or piece of jewelry is cleaned at a time. The size of the specimen you clean is limited only by the size of the machine.

....The Agatizer

CAUTION should be used when deeming SELENITE and GYPSUM. They may be washed in a weak solution of lux or ivory soap. Avoid detergents with bleach.

....Rockhound Rambling

ALGAE and LICHEN may be REMOVED by soaking in a solution of ammonia and water. Wash thoroughly.

....Del Air Bulletin

To CLEAN OUT A FRESHLY CUT GEODE, use Dow Bathroom Cleaner. Then use damp facial tissues to fill the cavity while lapping the stone.

....AFMS Newsletter

Clean stones with detergent and water and/or alcohol BEFORE DOPPING for better ADHERANCE.

....AFMS Newsletter

TO CLEAN QUARTZ CRYSTALS — Amethyst also ~ Cover them with fresh vinegar to remove the carbonates. Allow to stand overnight. Repeat if necessary. Wash well, then place them in washing-type ammonia for 8 to 12 hours. Remove, rinse well and air dry. As vinegar is an acid DO NOT PUT IT ON the Crystal Centers of SEPTARIAN NODULES! The vinegar will eat away the inside material.

....CFMS Newsletter

To give added SPARKLE to Crystals for Display, try this suggestion: Dissolve cup Raindrops (commercial water softener) in 2 pints hot water. Add and dissolve 2 tablespoons Spic and Span. Let cool and immerse the crystals. Let stand for a few minutes, swish around a bit and rinse under clear water. Place on a towel to dry.

*NOT RECOMMENDED FOR WATER SOLUBLE SPECIMENS!*

....Boulder Buster Press

To CLEAN FRAGILE CRYSTALS or hard to reach RECESSES in MINERAL SPECIMENS, try "Crew" a product of Johnson Wax Co. Just spray it on until the foam covers the area. Let it set a few minutes and then rinse with water. "Crew" is safe to use on nearly all minerals, including calcite and fluorites, but be careful, use water sparingly on your water soluble material.

...Strata Gems

To CLEAN FRAGILE SPECIMENS (not water soluble ones) Put the specimen in a bowl and sprinkle false teeth cleaner on the specimen. Very slowly fill bowl with water. Allow the cleaner to finish bubbling, and then rinse with a gentle flow of water across the specimen.

....AFMS Newsletter

Use alcohol to wipe off your cabochons or any polished stone, this removes any oil that fingerprints might leave.

....Spit and Polish





## METHOD TO CLEAN CHALCEDONY ROSES

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

1 quart Muriatic Acid  
1 pound Oxalic Acid  
1 cup Purex  
1 cup Detergent  
Lots of water  
Pair of rubber gloves and/or wooden tongs  
Granite pan — some plastic pans are OK for acids

Place roses in the pan, amount approximately 5 pounds, and cover with water. Place on stove and bring to a boil. Set aside and let soak for 24 hours. Wash roses with clean water and scrub with stiff bristle brush. Work out of doors from here on.

Place one quart Muriatic acid in a granite pan. Be sure the pan has no chips out of it. Acid will attack the metal underneath. Place the roses in the acid, a few at a time. Remove as soon as they stop bubbling. Put remaining acid back in a glass container and keep until next time.

Wash roses in baking soda water, then clean with clear water. Wear rubber gloves and protect clothing with a rubber apron. Also it is wise to use wooden tongs to remove roses from the acid bath.

Make a solution using one pound Oxalic acid to two gallons of water. Soak roses about one week. If roses are left in the solution too long, they may turn a delicate pink. Most iron stains can be removed using this method. Remove with tongs and neutralize with baking soda water, rinse and brush again

REMEMBER THE THREE "A's" — "Always Add Acid" to the water!

NEVER MIX TWO ACIDS!! NEVER MIX ACID & PUREX! (Chlorine bleach)

Purex and any acid may produce a poisonous gas that could be fatal to breathe. So don't mix them together! ALWAYS clean containers by using baking soda water to neutralize acid.

....Rocks and Gems

Submitted by John Martin

## STATUS OF ZZYZX FOR 2021

By Tony & Sandie Fender, ESS Chairs

Normally the applications for Zzyzx are accepted starting on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. This year is far from normal.

Zzyzx 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic shortly before we were due to hold classes. The students who had previously registered were given the option of getting their money back, or being guaranteed a position for the next ESS classes. Almost all of them chose to be guaranteed a position in the future, so if there are classes in 2021, there will be no open positions available. There is no Zzyzx application form on the website, nor in the newsletter at this time.

We don't know what the future holds or what the new normal is going to look like. The consortium that manages the facility has not confirmed our reservation at this time, so we are all up in the air. As soon as we have more information we will share it with you.

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## IN DEFENSE OF ROCKS

By C. McDaniel

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

The use of the phrase "Dumb as a Rock" appears to be on the increase, especially by politicians, and it is time to stand up for rocks. I love and adore rocks, collect them, play with them, hoard and board them, display them, sell them, and put them to work.

But I have never met a dumb rock. Met a few that were hard and somewhat ugly and of little use, some that made my back ache and a few that tried to remove my big toe. But through it all, they were rocks, not dumb rocks. The origin and use of the term are somewhat hazy, and an online search will give you multiple answers and opinions. So, stand up for rocks, collect them, appreciate them and keep on rocking.

Addendum. Rocks are a perfect companion and activity for social distancing.

From the April 2020, *MAGS Rockhound News* via *AFMS Newsletter*, 9/20



## BULLETIN CONTEST 2021

By Suzanne Webb, Bulletin Aids

As promised, here are details about how to submit bulletins, articles, features, or poems for the 2021 Bulletin Contest. Please note that the deadline to submit is January 10, 2021, and entries must be time-stamped or postmarked by midnight on that date if they are to be included in the contest. Late entries will not be considered.

1. Most entries should be sent to the CFMS BEAC as **attachment to email** ([rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com)), and sent exactly as originally distributed, making sure that the title of the newsletter, date of the newsletter, and page number is included on the page submitted. If the bulletin is distributed only by postal mail, entries may be sent in hard copy to the CFMS BEAC (Suzanne Webb, 9895 Kerrydale Ct., Reno, NV 89521).

2. All entries must be accompanied by the **score sheet** for that specific category with the pertinent contact information filled out. Fillable forms are available for download online at [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org).

3. Special publication entries **SHOULD NOT BE COPIES**. Although there is no category for special publications in the CFMS contest, entries can be sent directly to AFMS by the regional BEAC. Send the **original item by postal mail to the CFMS BEAC**.

4. An entry qualified for an AFMS category that CFMS does not include may be submitted to the CFMS BEAC for direct entry in AFMS competition.

5. **Only one entry is allowed per author/editor, per category, per club**. If an editor participates in two regional federation contests and his/her newsletter places in the top three in both contests and is submitted to the AFMS contest by both regional BEACs, it will be disqualified.

6. An author/editor **must be a member** of the club that submitted the entry for regional competition.

7. If an author belongs to two (2) or more clubs and writes for them regularly, each editor may submit an article for that author, providing it was **written specifically for and published first** in that club's bulletin.

8. **Only one issue of a bulletin/newsletter is allowed per editor/club** in AFMS competition. If multiple issues are received, the judge will return them ungraded to the regional BEAC who, if time allows, may resubmit the correct number for competition.

9. An **assistant editor, co-editor, or member of the editor's family may not enter** competition as a new editor if they replace the editor (consecutively). A new editor has not been an editor previously.

10. Articles, poems, and cartoons must be **hobby related**.

11. A bulletin printed in color or on one-sided pages will be **judged according to judging criteria**, not on whether a newsletter is two-sided or in color. No deductions will be taken for single-column bulletins.

12. Everyone entering the contest grants **permission to reprint** the item in a booklet or separate publication, including digitally, providing proper credit is given for author and publication.

13. The **adult original article category** is restricted to those who have not won a first place for an article and who have not ever published an article or earned their living in the earth sciences or publishing. Those who have won or have worked in earth science or publishing must enter the **adult original article advanced category**.

Finally, do be sure to check the updated version of the contest rules as published on the CFMS Website ([cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)). To be sure you are looking at the latest version, make sure the submission date for entries is stated as January 10, 2021. If the new version is not showing, just email me at [rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com) and I will send you the 2021 version.



## **SAFETY FIRST**

by Bill Klose EFMLS Safety Chairman

As I got into my winter routine of reorganizing my collections, I started to notice a little persistent lower back pain related to the constant lifting and carrying of loaded boxes of rocks and fossils. I have had extensive training in proper lifting techniques in the military and industry, however a review is always enlightening.

Prior to lifting it is a good idea to consider a number of things. How heavy or bulky is the object to be lifted and carried? How good a shape are you in and have you had any back problems in the past after lifting? Many back injuries are of a cumulative type, where a repeated minor injury will flare up and become worse. How much room is there around the object to be lifted and how much room is around where it is to be deposited? What kind of obstacles are there along the transportation route, such as trip hazards, holes, overhangs, etc.? If any of these questions create a concern, or if in doubt, get help or use an aid such as a dolly, hand truck, or even fork lift. Statistics show that 80% of back injuries occur in people between 30 and 50.

Be sure to utilize appropriate safety equipment such as safety shoes and work gloves when lifting. The use of back belts, as seen at some stores and outlets, has not been shown to prevent back injury according to recent studies. Prior to the lift, make sure you have adequate clearance for your hands and arms. Stand close to the load with the feet apart and the toes pointed out to provide firm footing. Bend your knees, not your waist. Grip the load firmly with a "full palm Grip". Do not place your fingers under the load. Tighten your stomach muscles and then lift head and shoulders first, and then with your back straight, use the strength of your legs to slowly and smoothly push up. "Jerk-lifting" a load will multiply the stress to the lower back. Keep the load close to your body at all times with your back upright. Never hold the load away from your body. Make sure you can see over the top of the load. If you should have to change direction with the load, move the whole body with your feet. Do not twist your body which can be especially dangerous to the back. To raise the object above shoulder height, first lift to waist height and rest on the edge of a ledge, hip or stand, and then shift hand positions, so the object can be boosted after the knees are bent. The knees should be straightened as the object is lifted or shifted to the shoulders. If the object is to be placed on a table or shelf, first set it on the edge, and then push it far enough onto the support so it will not

fall. The object should be released gradually as it is set down and then pushed into place with the hands and body in front of the object. When setting the object down, keep the back straight and upright, bend the knees, and lower the object down slowly and smoothly. Don't add the weight of your body to the load.

From *EFMLS Newsletter*, 3/2001

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## **THINK BEFORE YOU HIT SEND**

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The Internet is a powerful tool—not only does it allow one to easily look up information on just about any topic, but it allows almost instant communication in the form of email and the various social media apps out there.

Remember the old saying—count to 10 before you open your mouth? The same thing holds true when it comes to these almost instantaneous Internet communication tools. Unlike the spoken word which may or may not be forgotten or even denied, those words or images included in an email or posted to a social media site are there possibly forever and cannot be pulled back or denied.

I'll never forget the email sent over the network at the college where I worked. A disgruntled staffer who was mad at the boss sent an email to another person on campus venting her feelings about the person. Unfortunately instead of sending just to that individual, the person forgot to deselect the "all" option and you guessed it—the whole campus got it including the college president. Don't really know what happened, but it couldn't have been too pleasant.

Next time you feel tempted to make that angry post or send that less than cordial email, stop and think...would I want to get this? As my grandmother used to say, "count to 10" (better yet 20) to allow yourself to rethink how you can convey the message in a more positive, constructive manner. Sometimes the most effective thing to do is to do nothing at all. It's amazing how some of those negative thoughts have a way of working themselves out overnight. Just remember, our membership is made up of personalities and you can't expect all of them to be a candidate for BFF. What you should strive for is to treat everyone with the same amount of courtesy that you would want from them whether it's an in-person encounter or one of the electronic variety.

See everyone at the Zoom Directors Meeting!



## 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](http://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 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

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

November 7-8; Ridgcrest, CA  
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Indian Wells GMS 65<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.indianwellsgemandmineral.com)

November 14-15; Yuba City, CA  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.sutterbuttesgemmin.org](http://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  
Contact: Kathleen James; 714-501-9959  
Email: [aos.editor02@gmail.com](mailto:aos.editor02@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

## 2021

February 20-21; Antioch, CA  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
1201 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Brenda Miguel; 925-301-6957  
Email: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com)

February 27-28; Vallejo, CA  
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society FCC  
56<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Debra Duhon; 415-254-1506  
Email: [dduhonvgms@gmail.com](mailto:dduhonvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.vjgems.org](http://www.vjgems.org)

March 6-7; Ventura, CA  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Richard Slyker; 805-312-8467  
Email: [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

March 13-14; Arcadia, CA  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Inspiration Unearthed  
62<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ellenbf2007@aol.com)  
Website: [www.pasadenalapidary.org](http://www.pasadenalapidary.org)

September 25-26 Palmdale, CA  
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Details to follow

## National/Regional Shows:

**California Federation**

**Eastern Federation**  
2021 July, Syracuse, NY  
2022 September,  
Harrisburg, PA

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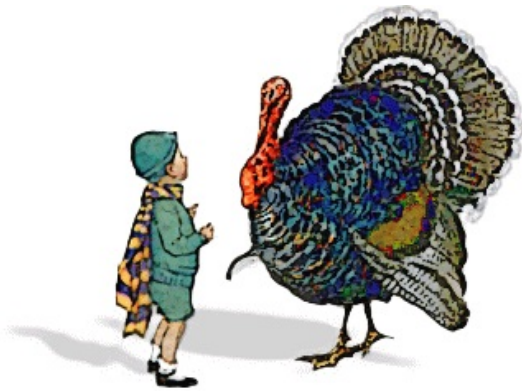
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**A BIRD'S EYE VIEW—AN  
AFMS FIELDTRIP IN 1950**

by Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian



In 1950, those attending the AFMS annual convention in Wisconsin had the opportunity to take an aerial field trip of the Wisconsin geology. Arrangements were made to charter two 21-passenger DC -3 planes. A tour director familiar with the geological aspects was on each two-hour flight, and each person on the trip was given a map of the terrain.

The cost of this flight per person was considerably less than the usual air travel rate at the time. The aerial field trip was only \$12.00 each to AFMS members. Those interested in taking the trip were able to sign up during the first day of the convention, or they could secure a seat on the planes by personally writing to the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies' Planning Committee to hold their reservation.

Highlighted in the bird's-eye-view aerial trip was the opportunity to compare the glaciated area of Wisconsin in relation to the small unglaciated terrain, the Devil's Lake region known as "a geologist's paradise," the Dells, the Drumlins, from the Green Bay Lobe and the Kettle Moraine country.

Wherever we go--out for a walk while looking along the ground for a new beautiful find, the society show and tell or program, or a road trip by any name and vehicle, the thrill never gets old for all of us involved in recreational rockhounding. Among the treasures that always last a lifetime even beyond our own, are the times cherished by those we've spent personal time with, inspiring them to fall in love with the lapidary arts and crafts, and falling in love with the rock and gem society participation we know as family.

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Editor's comment:

This is a real blast from the past. Can't help but wonder what that plane ride would cost these days?!

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