



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

This has been a year that either should be declared non-existent or one for the books. It seems so much has happened and yet no one gets to go anywhere – like shows and family gatherings. We have learned to communicate and appreciate using electronic means talk to with one another – where we can see someone but can't give them a hug or handshake. While I am appreciative of the technology, I prefer the joy of being with others. I miss the sounds of the shows with lots of people talking and laughter and getting to see minerals and gems in person. I hope next year brings us back to a normalcy we are familiar with. Next year is looking like there will be a vaccine and we may be able to get together again. I have enjoyed being your president this year and I hope Juanita gets to really enjoy her presidency and all the fun that will go with it.

This year we have had phishing emails (again) that have been received by the directors and chair people that are asking for gift cards or money. I am sure they will continue since we have had them for several years now. Whoever is sending them inserts official sounding names or club names. Please do not respond to these.

Your society may want to consider turning in ROTYs for this year. Even though meetings have been scarce and society events haven't been held, there most certainly will be someone who has stood out among your members whose efforts have helped your society this year. Submitting a Rockhound of the Year could boost club moral and show your society's appreciation.

We held our Fall Directors Meeting as usual, but it was done on the computer instead of in person. We had a quorum, and the meeting went well. The proposal from Jim Brace-Thompson for a Kid's contest passed unanimously; Evelyn Velie did a great job presenting the slate of officers for a vote; and we used the polling feature available in Zoom to vote on the new Nominating Committee. Since we were not able to have an Installation Banquet, after the meeting we held the installation for Juanita Pardon for President, Jim Barton for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kim Faila for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Heidi Hall for Secretary and Bob Rush for Treasurer.

I'm hoping to see everyone next year in person!

*Marcia*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for January newsletter  
Jan 5. . . . . Deadline for February newsletter

## CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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## CFMS WEBSITE

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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.

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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.





## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS &  
AFMS Juniors Chair

### “Towel Shows” to the Rescue?

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage and, in fact, it is in up-tick mode as I write this column. I, personally, now know just how dangerous and devastating it is as my 89-year-old mother continues her struggle against it from a bed in a Nebraska rehabilitation center after a touch-and-go hospitalization. My hope is to be allowed to be at her side in just a couple of weeks, but that is by no means certain given the devious, ever-changing nature of the virus.

Shows across the U.S. continue to be canceled due to the pandemic. The most recent surprise was cancellation of the 2021 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show®, which has been around since 1955 and which brings in some \$130 million to the Tucson economy! Facing local and international restrictions on travel, attendance, and other protocols, most importantly the show committee courageously announced, “TGMS does not want to be responsible for a single COVID-19 fatality or serious illness.” Here in the California Federation, we continue to hear of more show cancellations for this fall, winter, and well into 2021, including my own Ventura club show for March 2021 given continuing restrictions by our fairgrounds on large-group gatherings and lack of coverage by our Federation insurance provider for any COVID-related incidents.

What to do?

My Ventura club is looking into other venues for fund-raising. For instance, some local swap meets and farmers’ markets are still being run with free booth space for nonprofit groups—and without the need for us as a club to assume responsibility for testing, checking people in, temperature checks, maintaining restrooms, insurance issues, etc. We’ve also managed to keep our monthly club meetings going via Zoom with some great online PowerPoint presentations by guest speakers and even a couple of very successful online rock auctions that helped put money in our bank account.

As another thought, in lieu of exhibits at a Show, consider picking up on something run by such clubs as the Flatirons Mineral Club in Colorado: a so-called “Towel Show.” The Flatirons club sponsors this as an annual November event wherein members each bring in

a towel and lay out displays of things collected and/or constructed in the past year. Towel displays are entered into such categories as: Personal Field Trip, Club Field Trip, Lapidary/Jewelry, Best Mineral, Best Fossil, Best Ugly Rock, and Best Overall Towel. First and second place awards are given in each category both for adults and for juniors based on ballots cast by club members.

If you can’t host a show any time soon, this could be a great way to bring your club members together in a virtual environment to share what they’ve been doing during the pandemic. Have everyone lay out a towel display at home to share via Zoom. It’s also a great way to introduce Pebble Pups and Juniors to competitive exhibiting in a way that’s really easy, nonthreatening, and fun.

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## VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow, Chair



As we are all well aware, COVID has taken a terrible toll on so many aspects of our lives. Due to cancellations of meetings and shows, requests for programs were very limited. We did have one society that requested three during this past year. We will hope for a much better 2021 in every way.

Note: The programs are now listed under “forms” on the website and many people reported that they could not find them. Requests to put them back into the Visual Programs label will hopefully correct the situation soon.

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## FIELD TRIPS SOUTH

By Bart Solomon, Chair

One society asked for a trip to Kokoweef but decided to wait until after Coronavirus. There was no other activity. We are hoping for much more in 2021.



## AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Heidi Hall, Chair

Hello everyone. Wow what a crazy year with the virus and all our limitations! The 2020 AFMS show was cancelled. The 2020 raffle did not take place; however a special drawing will be held in April of 2021 for all you angels who bought tickets in 2020.

The tickets I have for sale now –hint, hint–are available at the fantastic price of \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Please send your check made payable to AFMS Endowment Fund for your tickets and I will mail you your half of the ticket and turn the other half with your information on it to AFMS for the 2021 show being held in April in Utah. Winners will be awarded at the Saturday evening banquet at the Convention.

There are 8 specimens on the AFMS website now and 2 more are coming soon. You can visit [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) to view them.

Thank you so much for supporting the AFMS endowment Fund by purchasing raffle tickets–Good Luck!

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## THEY'RE STILL AT IT!

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

Marcia reminded everyone that you may receive an email from time to time from someone pretending to be a club officer or chairman who asks you for something. The email may begin with the phrase–are you busy right now or something similar. These are scams, “phishing” whatever you care to call them that are designed to get you to part company with cash or worse yet personal information. I get these on almost a daily basis and today I got one supposedly from the new AFMS President.

Please, please, please, delete these. Do not respond!!! If in doubt email the person to see if they really sent you the request. Sometimes you can click on the name of the person sending you the email and the email address will display. Most of the time it won't be an email address belonging to that person. Again, I repeat, if in doubt, DELETE!!!

One more thing “they” are doing. You know about the fake IRS calls. “Edison” called twice telling me that if I don't pay my bill, they will turn off the power in 30 minutes–don't believe it. SCE doesn't make phone calls.

## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

Murray Smith and Marilyn Bodie retired in 2014 and attended their first **Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society** meeting at the Thanksgiving Dinner meeting. They immediately got involved and interested in Lapidary Arts. They started making cabs and honed their skill. They had so many cabs they decided they needed to do something with all their stones. Their introduction into jewelry making was wire wrapping. They branched into silversmithing, self teaching themselves the finer points.

Their first field trip was to Black Butte. Murray and Marilyn love being part of the club and jumped into taking care of the club house and the extensive grounds surrounding the club house. Murray especially loves to take care of the landscaping. He wants the grounds surrounding the clubhouse to look beautiful. Murray also took on the shop maintenance, keeping the equipment working and running a safe shop. He taught club members both old and new how to make cabs and how to cut rocks to make beautiful slabs. He is a teacher and wants to share his knowledge. Marilyn became the keeper of the clubhouse, adding her personal touch to the interior and maintaining the kitchen supplies. She teaches classes on jewelry making and makes herself available to help club members and their projects. "So many club members are deserving of his honor."– Murray feels that everyone should be Rock Hound of the Year. They thanked us for choosing them. Their philosophy is to spread the knowledge of what they have learned, to share information and help people achieve their potential.

Submitted by Debby Brooks, Secretary  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society



## 2020 ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK

By Diane Cook, Chair

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook, highlighting a club's activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for attendance at regional and national shows, participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, and involvement in ALAA - all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

Congratulations to the Santa Lucia Rockhounds who won the Gold Metal at CFMS.

The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club won the Honorable Mention award at CFMS.

Congratulations to both clubs. A lot of work goes into these Yearbooks and it is a great way to keep a record of the club's history.

AFMS has just announced the All American Winners! Congratulations to Santa Lucia Rockhounds who won the GOLD and to the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club who won the Silver! Double Wins!

For 2021 - Take a look at what your club has accomplished this past year, and give credit where credit is due. The more members who can contribute to the yearbook, the more completely it can serve as an historical document for the club, as well as an excellent tool to encourage prospective members. Canvassing members for any missing documentation, letters, flyers or other materials to fill in some gaps just might make the difference between a good club and a great Club Yearbook entry.

Look for new areas to earn points – since COVID-19 AFMS will adapt to the times, you will see Zoom meetings and outreach programs done at a distance! Now is the time to get a committee together and work on the Yearbook to show how your club did during Quarantine 2020!

As soon as I know the deadline for entries, I will let you know! Keep an eye out on the website.



## 2020 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill, Chair

Web sites are one of the key factors in keeping members and the public informed about the educational and recreational opportunities that Rock & Gem Societies provide. The winner of the 2020 CFMS Web Site Contest has done a superb job in developing and maintaining her Society's web site to do just that!

Please join me in congratulating Alyssa Meiszing, webmaster of the Sacramento Mineral Society, for earning First Place in the 2020 CFMS Web Site Contest.

The deadline for the 2021 CFMS Web Site Contest is January 15. New entry forms will be available online very soon.







## ROCKHOUND SOAP BOX

CFMS – PLAC

John Martin – PLAC Chair 2020

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This is the last in the articles on Lapidary Art from the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We are all looking forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what it has to bring to Recreational Rockhounding and Lapidary Art. Stay safe and sane and most of all “Happy Rockhounding and enjoy your Public Lands”

### SHOP SUGGESTIONS

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

### “POTPOURRI”

#### COLD DOPPING METHODS

Cold dopping is a must on many fragile and heat sensitive stones. Opal is one in which damage from regular "hot" dopping may show up, not immediately, but at some future date.

1. First, squeeze a small amount of strong-hold cement on a stone and beside that place a small amount of corn starch in a mound. Gradually add the corn starch to the cement until it is the texture of spun honey. It doesn't take much of either. Now place the dop stick on the stone, and let set at least 24 hours before you work it. Remove stone with acetone.

....Rockhound's Rag

2. Cabochons are set level in florist's putty, Elmer's or other white, water soluble glue is used to cement the cabs to 1/4 to 3/4 inch diameter corks....Let stand overnight or for 8 hours. Corks may also be used for handles to sand slabs. Standard dop sticks may be used with this method. To remove stones, soak in warm water.

....Point Loma Navy Rockhounds

3. Cold dop with Elmer's Glue. It is always ready and will dry enough to begin work in 30 to 40 minutes. It seldom lets loose, even on a rough wheel. The warmer the stone gets, the tighter it holds. To remove the stone from the dop stick, drop it all in water and leave for several hours.

....The Agatizer

4. Talc mixed with sodium silicate (water glass) will make a rock-hard cement that will not chip. Good for holding cabs.

.....The Agatizer

As a CLEANER for Lapidary SANDING CLOTH, Crepe rubber is excellent. It is the same as used for the shoe soles. A small thick sheet of crepe rubber held against the sanding cloth, while in motion, acts as an eraser to remove the accumulation of debris and expose the abrasive cloth for better work.

....The Agatizer

TO DISLodge UNWANTED PARTICLES FROM BUFFING WHEELS try a pumice block which is usually available at a drug store. Run the buff dry while holding the block to the running wheel with a medium firm pressure.

....The Tumble Rumble

Instead of DUMPING USED ACID (oxalic, muriatic, etc.) down the drain, where it can cause pollution and can damage the plumbing, try the following: Put it in a plastic bucket or earthenware crock (do not use metal) and put in a piece or two of limestone. The limestone will neutralize the acid so that it can safely be dumped almost anywhere.

....East Bay Nodule

A SMALL HAND SANDER can be made from a safety razor. Remove the blade and wrap sanding paper around the curved blade holder. Tuck ends under the teeth and tighten handle. Ideal for sanding small surfaces, especially if they are curved.

....The Pegmatite

TUMBLE ABALONE SHELLS in fine quartz sand, and enough water to barely cover for 24 to 36 hours. Wash out thoroughly and dry. Replace shells in tumbler, with 1 pound of Tripoli for each 50 pounds of shells, tumble for 12 to 15 hours. Wash tumbler and shells and dry well. Next fill the drum to half full and add enough hardwood sawdust to keep the shells from bumping. Add polish of your choice, in the ratio of 1 pound to 50 pounds of shells. Run this mixture DRY for 2 or 3 hours. Wash well and discover beautifully polished shells.

....Ore-Cuts News Bulletin

ALUMINUM PENCILS will give you a good idea of the HARDNESS of STONES. The harder the stone, the fainter the mark it will make. It won't mark a stone harder than 7.

....The Agatizer

When DRILLING HOLES IN STONES, Glycerin is a good holding agent for the grinding compound or grit. It adheres to the drill and you do not have to use a dike. Ball point pen tubes make good drills for drilling holes for pen sets.

.... The Agatizer

TO ORIENT STAR SAPPHIRES (or other star stones): Epoxy WITHOUT hardener can be used. The droplet maintains a nearly spherical form, showing the rays better than oil.

....Rockhound's Rag  
...via Rocks and Gems

Since women like small EARRINGS (4 or 5 mm.) find two buttons of the required diameter and cement them on to the back of the stone to be ground, and then cement the dop stick on to the button. The button serves as a template and the result is Two Identical small round stones.

....Del Air Bulletin

If you wish to know if your BOTTLES and GLASSWARE WILL TURN PURPLE without exposing them to sunlight — place them under a Black Light and if they fluoresce green, they will turn purple when exposed to the Ultra-Violet rays of the sunlight for many months.

....Rocks and Gems

TO CLEAN OBSIDIAN NEEDLES; wash them in castile soap using a toothbrush to get the clay off. Never put obsidian in detergent as it will leave a white film on the stone which is very hard to remove. To remove iron stains, soak in oxalic acid. Wash well afterwards. This might also be a good tip for CHALCEDONY as it gets a white film on it

....The Rock Ledger

To keep your tools from rusting, simply spray them with "PAM" — then wipe with a dry cloth to remove excess.

....CFMS Newsletter

TO ALL NEW STUDENTS and a reminder to those WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: When working on sanding disc of a coarse grit be sure to wash your cab and your hands thoroughly before going on to a finer sanding disc. This prevents carrying grit from one wheel to another and causing contamination resulting in a scratched cabochon. If warm water is used it will warm the stone and speed up the polishing process.

....Pegmatite

If you find scratches on your cabochons, DON'T COMPROMISE! Go back to grinding or sanding steps and make the stone perfect. Check the stone with the image of the light bulb off to one side so you are not blinded by the reflection. Stones should be polished until they are like a mirror and you can see yourself in the polished surface.

....Spit and Polish

A good way to tell how solid a slab is to heat it in hot water. The surface will dry immediately after being removed from the water. If there are holes or fractures in it, every one will soon be lined in water. These can then be marked with a pencil and used to orient your cab.

....Rockhound's Rag

Keep a piece of agate near the wheel while grinding. If the wheel becomes a little rough, work the agate back and forth across the face of the wheel. This prevents dressing of the wheel, which is costly and wasteful.

ALWAYS MOVE STONE BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE WHEEL TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY GROOVING.

....Rocks and Gems

#### HOW TO MAKE BASES TO HOLD CRYSTALS

1. Five pounds of plaster of paris
2. A divider (insert pencil — use as a scribe)
3. Styrofoam cups (such as used for coffee)

Set the divider points about one-half inch apart and starting at the bottom of a cup, mark a line around the cup about one-half inch from the bottom. Cut on the pencil line with a single edge razor blade. Repeat this operation until you have used all of the cup. Place two or three of the cut sections of the cup on a piece of glass window pane. Now mix a small amount of plaster of paris with enough water to make a creamy paste and pour this mixture into the cup rings. Leave set until the plaster starts getting firm and then place your crystal specimen in the center of the cup ring. Press down until the bottom of the crystal is covered with plaster. Hold for a minute or two and you will have a fine base for your specimen.

....The Agatizer

STORE CABOCHONS IN PLASTIC NOTE-BOOK LEAVES USED BY COIN COLLECTORS. Each sheet has 20 individual compartments and can be kept in a regular note-book.

....LOESS Bulletin

To bring out the bright RED COLOR of an otherwise drab slab of BRAZILIAN AGATE, place the slab in the OVEN and bring the temperature to 550 degrees F. Do this gradually, over a two hour period. Hold it at 550 for one-half hour, then allow it to cool overnight. DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN while the slab is hot — IT WILL FRACTURE! An even deeper red may be obtained at 650 degrees.

....The Digger Digest

It is ILLEGAL to have any MINERAL DETECTOR in YOUR POSSESSION while in a NATIONAL PARK.

....The Rockhound's Rag

RENEW YOUR SANDING CLOTH by rubbing a wet rag in a circular motion when the sender is NOT in motion. Let it dry before using.

....The Agatizer

Your grinder should be started BEFORE turning on the WATER, and always turn off the water BEFORE turning off the grinder. Let it run a short while to dry off. The water sinks to the bottom of the wheel and it becomes heavier on one side. You CAN NOT TRUE A WHEEL when it is WET. (Editor Note: This applies to Silicon Carbide Wheels and not to Diamond Wheels)

....The Agatizer

Use household VINEGAR to dissolve EPOXY RESIN glue. Try it, it really works! Use regular dark vinegar and soak overnight or longer if necessary.

....CFMS Newsletter

Try using a potato peeler on a stone to REMOVE THE DOP WAX instead of a knife. The peeler will follow the curvature of the stone.

....Strata Gems

MAKE AN EASEL to hold your polished slabs or geodes from DRAPERY HOOKS by spreading two wires back to hold easel up as legs. Bend two wires into curves at the bottom to hold the slab. Straighten out the "hook" in the center and shape to make a back rest and give proper slant to the slab.

....Strata Gems

For CLEANING COPPER, try "Toni" Wave Lotion. It is a simple, inexpensive method, and specimens will remain clean for a long time.

.... The Agatizer

Oil of cinnamon or oil of cassia, sold by the ounce in drug stores, have a refractive index near that of most stones. When you submerge a stone in the oil, the surface irregularities vanish and you can see the flaws and inclusions.

....The Rockhound's Rag

HIDE THAT FRACTURE: The secret of the art of healing fractures in a cab with epoxy is to shape your stone and semi-polish it. To get rid of that nasty crack, heat the stone to 200 degrees in an oven. Mix the epoxy and apply it to one edge of the crack. Gradually work it from one end of the crack to the other. This is very important. You will notice that the epoxy becomes very liquid when it touches the hot stone, and flows right into the crack. By applying the epoxy at one end and working towards the outside edge of the cab, the air in the fracture is driven out and the epoxy replaces it. Then put the stone back in the oven and let it remain there for another 20 minutes. By this time the epoxy will harden. Scrape off the surplus and proceed with your final polish. If you do this right, the fracture will be very difficult to detect.

....Gems

To be continued in January newsletter. Thank you John for sharing this with us.

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## DECEMBER SAFETY

By Joe Goetz, Chair

December is the month of family gatherings, feasting and laughter amongst other things. However, in the age of COVID 19 extra precautions are needed to be safe. You've already heard about all the different ways to stay safe by the experts. Still after a time, a vaccine may be ready in your doctor's office for your inoculation. Hopefully, it will work, and we can get back to a more normal life as we are used to.

There may have to be a few modifications on how we can transport people to collecting sites and back to camp. If your vehicle is equipped with running boards or a luggage rack that might offer alternatives for seating (just kidding). Joking aside, those on field trips should be in their own vehicles. Masks will have to be worn at the very least.

Of course, the whole idea is to have fun and have a chance to interact with other members and get to know your guests and of course get rock from a particular area that may have remarkably interesting material. See you around.



## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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*Please submit your  
Show or Event as soon as possible  
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:  
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*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

**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**  
**June 25-27, 2021**  
**Lodi, CA**

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

**Midwest Federation**  
**2021 September 10-12**  
**Toledo, OH**

**Northwest Federation**

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

**South Central Federation**

**2022 AFMS Show**  
**January 29-30, 2022**

**Southeast Federation**

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

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**DON'T FORGET TO UP-  
DATE YOUR CLUB  
WEBSITE WITH YOUR  
NEW SHOW DATE**

**Check for show links at  
[www.cfmsinc.org/shows](http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows)**

## REMINDER

Advertise your Show in as many  
Free locations as possible!

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

**Advertise your shows in  
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showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)**

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

## MUSEUM REPORT

By Frank Van Hecke, Chair

All five of the museums (Jurupa, San Diego, Los Angeles, Buenavista and Keck), have current contracts with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. These contracts are valid through March, 2021, with the exception of San Diego, whose contract runs through 2022.

Buenavista Museum in Bakersfield is determining if they want to revamp some of their second floor exhibit space. They have indicated that they may have to remove the current installation of the State Rocks and Flags. If this were to happen, I will remove and store the specimens here at Grass Valley along with the other CFMS material under my care. I will actively pursue the option of getting the State Rocks material into another institution. At the minimum, the State Rocks exhibit could be displayed at future shows. New display signs for the remainder of the CFMS exhibit in Bakersfield, as well as for our Golden Bear exhibit has been made by committee member Mike Havstad.

Garrett Barmore, Executive Curator at the Keck Museum in Reno is still in the planning stages for a possible upgrade to the mineral collection housed there. Garrett would like to see a more focused exhibit based around the mining history or economic aspect of the minerals on display.

The large scale intarsia display of the Golden Bear held by the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center which was damaged prior to their taking of the item, has been repaired, cleaned and new glass installed in the frame. The work was done by noted intarsia artist, Bill Simpson of Mountain Vista, CA.

On a last note, be on the lookout for future articles revolving around the Museum Committee in the CFMS Newsletter.

### MAKE A NOTE

The company from which we obtain the general liability insurance gave us a modest reduction in the premium for the coming year. We are passing this along to the clubs as a \$1 reduction in the per person cost. Instead of \$8 due at renewal, the one time per member cost for dues/insurance will be \$7!

## AFMS LAND USE POLICY

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.

2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.

3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.

4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.

5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.

6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.

7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.

8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.

9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the public image of recreational collectors.

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