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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Juanita Pardun

Hello Everyone,

Someone on Facebook said she couldn't wait until 2021. She "knew" it had to be better. After watching the Capital Building being overrun, I think we have a long way to go. Who would think people would break into the Capital, trash offices, and set up explosive devices? Security just did not exist.

Susan Chaisson-Walblom's husband, David Walblom, passed away Dec. 30th of Coronavirus. Susan is suffering at home with Coronavirus. We wish her well. Bob Rush and his wife, Pat, are, also, at home with Coronavirus. There are others, I'm sure, within our Federation in the same situation. I would like an email from each Society letting me know your situation. My email address is:
President.CFMS2021@gmail.com.

Now is the time to reach out to those in your Societies. Split the roster of your members between the members of your Executive Board and/or your committee members. Call them. Listen to them. How are they doing? What are they doing with their rockhounding/lapidary work? Talk to them and let them know life goes on.

The AFMS/RMFMS for April was cancelled, but has been rescheduled to June 17-20, 2021 in Big Piney, WY. This is the weekend before the CFMS' show in Lodi. Hope to see everyone in Lodi.

Juanita



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Feb 5..... Deadline for March newsletter
Mar 5..... Deadline for April newsletter
June 25-27..... CFMS Convention & Show

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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 bpalarue@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)

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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.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of the year again. Dues and insurance are due as of January 1. A copy of the payment form was included in the January newsletter if you no longer have the one from the Directors meeting packet which was mailed to you prior to the November meeting. It is also on the CFMS website

As noted last month, the general liability insurance policy premium was discounted a small amount this year. We are pleased to pass this savings along to our societies/clubs so you will notice that the per member cost of the insurance will be \$5 for 2021. Dues remain the same. The total cost per member for 2021 will be \$7—a savings of \$1 per member.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Juniors Chair

Encourage Your Club Kids to Compete for a New CFMS Junior Achievement Award

I am pleased to announce a brand new honor that kids in CFMS-affiliated clubs may now earn, namely the **CFMS Junior Achievement Award**. This honor goes above-and-beyond the “Rockhound of the Year” award that any and all clubs may bestow with a paragraph highlighting a selected junior, who then receives a certificate. Instead, our new CFMS Junior Achievement Award requires a formal application from the junior member and will be scored against other applicants. At the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention, the top winners will be awarded a Certificate-of-Achievement and a \$100 check.

Membership Requirement & Age Groups. Pebble pups and juniors must be formally enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society to participate and will fall within 2 age groups. Group 1 (Pebble Pups) includes ages 11 and under. Group 2 (Juniors) includes ages 12-18. The child’s age as of December 31, 2020, determines the age group.

Application & Deadline. An application form is posted in this issue of the CFMS Newsletter. In addition, it will be posted to the CFMS website. After completing the Application, kids must secure signatures of at least 2 representatives from their society (for instance, President, Federation Director, Membership Chair, and/or Juniors Leader) confirming their membership and acknowledging their achievements. They will then mail or email the Application and their responses to the questions posed therein to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair with a postmark of not later than May 1. Questions about the application process may be directed to Jim Brace-Thompson, (805) 659-3577, jbraceth@roadrunner.com.

Application Guidelines. As noted on the Application form, the following areas will be considered: hobby related, educational achievement, community involvement, and work related. For each area, kids should provide as much detail as possible covering the year 2020.

Cover Letter. Applications should be accompanied by

a short cover letter written by the child (or dictated to a parent) highlighting any info to which s/he wishes to draw special attention. Basically, “in your own words, tell us where you really shine.”

Scoring. Applications will be evaluated by the CFMS Junior Activities Chair along with 2 other CFMS representatives selected by the Chair (all drawn from different societies and so as to eliminate potential bias). Scores will be added together and averaged by the Chair to determine the top winner in each age group. The Chair has discretion to break tied scores. To earn the Award, juniors must achieve a minimum averaged score of 80.

Notification. The top winner in each age group will be notified by letter, text, email or other method within 1 to 2 months of the deadline, as will other entrants who may not have won. Notice of the winners, with brief descriptions of accomplishments, will be posted in the CFMS Newsletter, and they will be honored at the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention. If winner/s are unable to attend, certificates and checks will be passed along in trust to an affiliated club member in attendance or will be mailed.

Thank you to our Executive Committee and CFMS Directors for having approved this new program. Here’s hoping to honor someone special in each of our age groups with this inaugural rollout of the CFMS Junior Achievement Award!

I NEED YOUR HELP

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

Please send me the Officer Change Form by March 31 so I can update the mailing list for the newsletter as well as the list of contacts for your society/club. Please let me know who should receive the 3 complimentary newsletters and a complete address for each. The post office doesn’t always put newsletters addressed to an individual in your society’s mail box. A personal address is preferred. This information will not be published in the annual Society Roster.

Are you planning to move? Please send me your new address as soon as possible. The post office does not forward bulk mail. Whenever I receive a returned newsletter 2 months in a row marked not deliverable as addressed or no forwarding information available, I delete you from the mailing list. Don’t miss out on what may be valuable information. Thanks for your help!

ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chair

2020 Year enter in 2021 - What you need to know about the All American Club Yearbook

IMPORTANT! – A very early deadline for entry in the CFMS Contest is **February 15, 2021** because the AFMS contest deadline is February 15, 2021. Please send your entry to Diane Cook @ johndianedaisy@yahoo.com by February 15, 2021 and it will be judged at CFMS and then passed on to the AFMS.

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 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. Take a look at what your club has accomplished this past year, and give credit where credit is due! The more members 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.

Take advantage of the guide that is on the AFMS site written by John Washburn. "An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation." This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries. It also highlights areas that are usually the weakest for many clubs and offers suggestions to improve those areas, as well as hints and tips for organizing the book.

PDF entries are welcome as it saves a lot in postage. Page limit is 150 single pages for the pdf, and 100 double sided pages if printed.

The All American CFMS Deadline has been determined by the AFMS deadlines. The deadline for the All

American 2020 year is FEBRUARY 8, 2021. The information needs to be emailed to: Diane Cook, email: johndianedaisy@yahoo.com; if you have a book you are mailing, please send me your phone number and I will contact you with a mailing address.

Editor's note: The entry forms and rules were forwarded to the webmaster for posting to the website. If not found, I suggest you contact Diane so she can email the information.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward-ROTY Chair

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Greetings Fellow Rockhounds! My Name is Chris Ward and I am the new ROTY Chair for 2021. Having taken over from Gary, who has been doing this these many years, I certainly have some pretty big shoes to fill. Each club or society can submit one member or one couple AND one junior member each year. Please feel free to e-mail me directly (see above) your requests for submissions and I will send you the proper form and instructions to complete your submission. Upon my receipt of your submission, I will then, in turn, submit your article to be printed in the CFMS monthly newsletter and mail out the certificate(s) and pin(s) to the address indicated on the form you returned.

So, without further ado, here are the first submissions I have received for the remainder of 2020 calendar year

Richard Bryan, Individual Member Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Richard has been a solid contributor to the success of the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society. He not only has served on the board multiple times but has also been an avid volunteer and contributor at the annual Ag Day Events, our gem show and fair. In addition, he has been an active Shop Foreman and has been involved in several projects in improving and upgrading the shop. In 2020, the year of extraordinary challenges, Richard, as the current VGMS President, has utilized the COVID & shelter in place to re-organize the shop, coordinate shop equipment repairs and setting up shop for COVID safety and social distancing. When Richard is not working in the shop he actively joins and engages in several of the VGMS field trips throughout the year.

...Submitted by Tina Anderson

**Lucia Hetrick, Junior Member
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society**

Lucia Hetrick is a 5+ year junior member that has had an incredible year of accomplishments and recognition for her love and passion of all things gems, minerals & fossils. She achieved her "Rock Stars" status by earning all 20 AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badges this year. She encourages others with her enthusiasm and knowledge. She won the CFMS and AFMS bulletin article award for 12 years and under for her article "Her Birthday Gifts". She has enjoyed planning her rock library and is continuing to focus on creative teaching and mentoring opportunities for others in the club. Lucia has enjoyed her show experiences including the VGMS show, VC Fair and the Oxnard show. She is always hunting for the next treasure. She has participated in several field trips both sponsored by the club and personal exploration. She has a profound drive for learning more and has become adept at research for herself about a variety of topics she is interested in learning more about. She has continued to contribute to the newsletter and continues to be an amazing spokesperson for the program and is looking forward to what the Jr. Rockhound program has in store.

...Submitted by Nancy Brace-Thompson

**Ron Wise, Individual Member
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society**

Ron Wise is a 30+ year active club member that has held a position in the club almost the entire time. He was field trip chair for many years and shares his field trip knowledge with other field trip leaders. He is the club's lead shop steward, certifies members for equipment usage and keeps the equipment in great condition. He has taught members Knapping, Cabbings, Angle Grinding, and Flat Lapping and will share his knowledge with any member who asks. Ron runs our show's silent auction and is instrumental in making it a money-maker with quality items every year. He also donates items to the show's Country Store, homemade knapped knives for the raffle, and plants for the plant sale. Ron will help pickup donations of rocks and equipment for the club when asked. He also goes to Quartzsite, AZ every year and is always willing to be a tour guide to the shows and collecting sites. Ron volunteers to help setup, display and take down every year at the Ventura County Fair in the Gem & Mineral building. He also displays at other clubs and CFMS shows. He is definitely worthy of 2020 Rockhound of the Year!

...Submitted by Nancy Brace-Thompson, President

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Cheryl Neary, Chair

This year, after polling all the Federation Representatives, it was decided to postpone the actual drawing to next year (2021). The reason was because many shows were cancelled due to concerns of COVID19. Without the opportunity to ask for donations, whether through the sale of tickets or through receiving specimen donations, it was decided to hold aside the tickets from this year separately. Tickets sale were extremely low.

However, we will be holding a special raffle next year for the 2020 ticket holders (for every 100 tickets that have been sold in 2020 there will be a gift card valued at \$100.00. There will be two (2) gift cards!

The endowment fund as of the date of this report has thirteen (13) beautiful specimens that were donated to the fund for the annual drawing. All specimens are posted on the (AFMS) website; along with the information of the donor, value and the donor's federation. This is also a way to market your club or a business!

I request if you are sending a donation of a specimen that you please notify me via email at ciervo.neary@gmail.com or via my cell phone (516) 449.5341 and leave a message. Donations should have a value of at least \$75 and not weigh more than 5 pounds.

Tickets for the drawing are \$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00. You may purchase your tickets from your Federation's representative.

Excerpts from *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec 20

Editor's Note:

CFMS members should contact Heidi Hall for AFMS Endowment Fund tickets. Her email address is: hdafler@yahoo.com.



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:

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 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

APRIL 10-11. Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mountains of Minerals Show
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Rd.
Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday 10 am- 4 pm
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

JUNE 12-13. Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Art Center Museum/Ballroom
340 N Escondido Blvd., Escondido
Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Website:

pgmcsow@palom2021argem.org

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

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation

June 25-28

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

June 17 - 20

Big Piney, WY

South Central Federation

2022 AFMS Show

January 29-30, 2022

Southeast Federation

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

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

**Check for show links at
www.cfmsinc.org/shows**

REMINDER

**Advertise your Show in as many
Free locations as possible!**

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

**Advertise your shows in
the **Rock & Gem Magazine!****

www.rockngem.com/

showdate-submissions/

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



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CFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Your name: _____ Age (as of 12/31/20): _____

Mailing address: _____
street address or P.O. Box

city, state, zip code

Email address of parent/guardian: _____

Phone number: _____

Name of your local club: _____

Signatures of 2 officers in your club: _____

Instructions: Provide the info requested above and accompany this application with full responses to all sections/subsections listed below. Information should be provided for the year 2020. In addition, include a brief cover letter highlighting any info to which you wish to draw special attention. Mail or email this application along with your responses to:

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All entries should be postmarked by May 1, 2021 (if sent by mail) or should be received via email not later than May 1, 2021. Should you have questions, call or email Jim at (805) 659-3577, jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Winners will be announced at the CFMS Show & Convention.

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points)

- A. Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation, etc.). 20 points
- B. Hobby/Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metalwork, beading, collecting, etc.). 20 points
- C. Competitive involvement (displays, articles in competition, awards, etc.). 5 points

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points)

- A. Scholastic (GPA, honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades, etc.). 15 points
- B. Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music, school clubs, etc.). 10 points

Section III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points)

- A. Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs, etc.). 10 points
- B. Scouts, Campfire, 4H, church, or other community or youth groups. 10 points

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)

- A. Employment, home chores, neighborhood work, etc. 10 points

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Pat LaRue, Editor

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2021 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival

June 25–27, 2021



Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair
413 East Lockeford Street
Lodi, CA



10am – 5pm Friday & Saturday

10am – 4pm Sunday

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