



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Juanita Pardun

Hello, Everybody,

By the time you get this Newsletter it will be November or at least close to it. Last month I made comments which seemed to upset some people. I did not refer to anyone or any specific time or date. Just a reminder of the consequences of what we say and how it is taken. I guess my October column was an example.

Bulletin Aids Chair, Sue Webb, has asked to be relieved of her position. She says it takes about three hours a month to do everything. Can you spare three hours a month?

Show Dates Chair, Jennifer Rhodes, has asked to be relieved of her position. Marcia Goetz has said she will be glad to handle it.

Safety Chair, Joe Goetz, has asked to be relieved. Bart Solomon is taking over the Safety Chair position.

We still need a Field Trip South Chair. Can you take this position or supply the name of someone who could?

### **ATTENTION FEDERATION DIRECTORS:**

If you have lost someone from your Society, please let me know. We like to honor those who have given of themselves to your Society and/or the Federation at the "in memoriam" moment at the Directors Meeting.

Please come. We need your input on how you and your Society wants the California Federation of Mineral Societies to be of service to your organization.

*Juanita*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 3. . . . Deadline for Directors packet reports  
Nov 5. . . . . Deadline for Dec newsletter  
Nov 12-14. . . . Fall Business Meeting–Visalia  
Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for Dec newsletter

### CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Please be patient as our webmaster builds our website.

### 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 [bpalarue@earthlink.net](mailto: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)

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.

### CALL FOR MEETING REPORTS

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The Fall Business Meeting will be here before we know it. This is a reminder that I will need the Chairmen's reports for the Directors Packet no later than November 3. Office Max which does the copies requires a 48 hour turn around on copy jobs and it takes more than a few minutes to prepare the packets for distribution. If unable to meet this deadline, you may bring your report to the meeting. 75 copies are recommended.

A special mailing went out to all Directors and Chairmen approximately 30 days prior to the meeting which contained the proposed budget for 2022, a registration slip and the minutes of the June Directors meeting. As in the past, I no longer mail unclaimed packets to those members who do not have a Director at the meeting.

## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2022 Officers will be held November 12-14, 2021 at the Wyndham–Visalia, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$99 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **October 29, 2021**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 13, at 9 a.m.** Join us at the **Banquet** that Saturday evening. President-elect Jim Barton will have a brief meeting of his 2022 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

### Banquet Menu Lemon Pepper Chicken

Marinated and Grilled 6 Oz Breast of Chicken Served in a White Wine Sauce with Lemon, Shallots and Peppercorns  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Baby Carrots  
Mixed Baby Greens Salad  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
New York Style Cheesecake

\$40 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

**Make banquet reservations by November 5, 2021.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

Make a guest room reservation under the following block: CA FEDERATION MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY on November 12-14, 2021, \$99+ (12.19% tax) room rate on standard rooms.

You can call the following and mention your date, and block name:

(559) 651-5000

Or go to:

[www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)

1. Enter dates
2. Click on "special rates and codes"
3. Click on "group code"
4. Enter 111121CAL

Please reserve no later than October 29, 2021. Cancel at no penalty by 4 pm one day prior to arrival if needed, to avoid one night's room/tax penalty.

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Yes, you're reading this correctly. We are planning to return to our traditional "in person" meeting at Visalia. Being at the AFMS meeting in Wyoming brought home the fact that Zoom might be fine in a pinch, but there's no substitute for a good old fashioned face to face get together.

At the recent Long Range meeting, it was suggested that those who are concerned about cost might consider car pooling if workable. Many members (at least in the past) chose to share a room. The hotel still allows self contained RV parking at the rear of the buildings. This is just something to think about.

Many of the clubs do offer some amount of assistance to their Director to help defray cost. I've seen this range from providing a small amount to help pay for gas to larger amounts which cover most of the cost of the hotel and even the Saturday evening banquet. Talk to your club to see if they can provide this type of assistance.

If you haven't attended a Federation Directors meeting in the past or it has been some time (pandemic notwithstanding) since you've come to one, we'd love to see you. You'll meet some new people, get reacquainted with others and get the opportunity to swap stories and experiences with your fellow "rockhounds".



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS  
Juniors Chair

### In the Era of COVID, Two Words: Field Trips!

Kids yearn for cohesion. They look forward to opportunities to gather together and see one another in-person, not just on a computer screen during a Zoom meeting. While visiting family in Maine, I recently had a delightful informal meeting with Ellery Borow, President of the Eastern Federation. Ellery noted problems with declining youth membership, exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. With vaccines still reserved for adults, parents hesitate to bring their kids together in groups for club meetings, and rightfully so. Thus many youth programs in our clubs have been evaporating over the past 18 months. In overseeing the AFMS/FRA Badge Program, I've observed this in clubs across all seven regional federations. Badge requests are at an all-time low. Over the course of our conversation, Ellery further noted how getting an involved kid usually depends on having an involved parent.

One of the best ways to involve both parent and child and to bring kids back together, I've found, is with field trips. Most mask mandates do not require masks outdoors, where there's plenty of space for social distancing. Prior to the pandemic, whenever we held a local field trip, my own club had an abundance of both parents and kids, and the most common question was always, "When's the next trip?" Of all the things our club offers, field trip opportunities for collecting continue to rank high on the list of member interests.

As pandemic restrictions eased here in California, our club held two field trips this past year with a special focus on kids. Both centered on collecting jaspers and agates on the beach and in dry river beds, which allowed for plenty of fresh air and ample room for social distancing. And both proved highly successful with great attendance. (Our kids program, by the way, now numbers 38 kids, and we've kept them active with online meetings and activities in addition to these two field trips.)

This pandemic won't last forever (knock-on-wood), so if you belong to a society that has more-or-less lost its junior members and you are looking for ways to rejuvenate your club post-pandemic with both adults and their kids, start planning a kid-friendly 2022 field trip schedule *today* in hopes that we once again may soon have fun!



## PROPOSED SLATE OF 2022 CFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Submitted by 2021 CFMS Nominating  
Committee

President..... Jim Barton  
Jim is currently the CFMS 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. – President elect.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. (President elect).....Kimberly Fiala  
Kim is currently the CFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.....Bob Rush  
Bob is currently the CFMS Treasurer.

Secretary.....Heidi Hall  
Heidi is currently the CFMS Secretary.

Treasurer.....Diane Cook

Diane has been nominated by Ventura Gem & Mineral Society to serve as the CFMS Treasurer. Diane and her husband John joined the Ventura G&M Society in 2008. Diane has served the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society in many ways. President 2014-2018, Treasurer 2019-current, and various other committees.

Additionally, Diane was one of the driving forces that led to the successful 2013 CFMS Show & Convention hosted by the Ventura Society. Again, Diane was the driving force, leading the Ventura G&M Society as Show Chairman for the awesome 2017 CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention.

At the CFMS level, Diane was instrumental in developing the "Novice Trophy" sponsored by the Ventura G&M Society in CFMS Competitive Case competitions. Additionally, Diane is currently the CFMS All American Club Chairman.

Additional Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Secretary & Treasurer may be made from the floor at the November CFMS Directors Meeting.

Submitted by Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Chair



## AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND RAFFLE

By Heidi Hall, Chair

Fall greetings and salutations to all CFMS members! The AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle is alive and well. The AFMS show for 2022 will be held in New Orleans October 7-9. But before that you have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets or to donate an item to be raffled off!

The CFMS Fall Directors Meeting will be held LIVE in Visalia CA on November 13-14, 2021. I will attend the meetings and have tickets for sale there. There are always wonderful prizes to be won in this raffle. You could go home with a fossil Dino footprint, or a hand made art piece created by one of the seven Federation members! You could also participate by donating a piece to be raffled off! Either way you will be helping to build up the AFMS Endowment Fund. What is that? I'm glad you asked!

The AFMS Endowment Fund was created to provide the AFMS with monies generated by the interest of said donations. This money goes to help support special projects like Junior Program Badges, Judges Training or bringing old photography into the digital age, just to name a few.

So thank you ahead of time for purchasing tickets or donating a specimen for the raffle. Oh! The tickets! They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If you would like to donate a specimen, it needs to be valued at a minimum of \$75 and be no more than 5 pounds. To send a donation, please contact the AFMS Endowment Fund Chair, Cheryl Neary at [ciervo.neary@gmail.com](mailto:ciervo.neary@gmail.com). She will help make the arrangements.

To buy tickets for the raffle, there are two ways. First, get in touch with your club's CFMS Director and have them take your order and your money to the meeting in Visalia, or you can contact me at [hdafler@yahoo.com](mailto:hdafler@yahoo.com) and we can work out a purchase via snail mail...

Please continue to support the AFMS Endowment Fund!



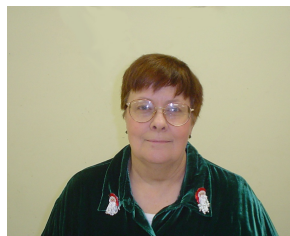
## CRACKER BARREL GOOD TIMES

Hey Y'all, There will be a silent auction during the Friday night Cracker Barrel gathering at the Directors Meeting November 13-14, 2021 in Visalia CA. Please send items with your CFMS Director in your club to the meeting. Donations go to building up our AFMS Endowment Fund which in turn uses the interest of said donations to do many good things for AFMS. Like what? Well, we purchase badges for the Junior Program, we help pay for Judges training so that we have the best judges for our federation shows, and so many more good things!

Thank you for sending your Director to the Meeting loaded with Silent Auction items! Your donation is greatly appreciated. Be sure to label the item as to what they are, where collected if appropriate, and the name of the person donating!

Thank you,  
Heidi Hall  
Reno GMS

## SOME SAD NEWS



We are sad to report that we lost Cheri George on October 8, 2021 after medical procedures that did not correct her problems. She was expected to recover so her passing was unexpected and traumatizing.

Cheri was a valuable part of our CFMS family. She was a chairman for Podium People and on the Rules committee for a number of years. She was an instructor for the Earth Science committee introducing us to glass bead making and glass fusing. She was a beading instructor for a number of years. We will miss her very much.

Submitted by Susy Martin

The CFMS family extends its condolences to her husband Don and members of the family.



## ROCKHOUNDS ALSO COLLECT STAMPS

By Dick Pankey, Federation Director

Because of the Covid-19 virus CFMS did not hold the Fall Director's Meeting in Visalia but this November that will change. Directors Meetings and our stamp donation project sort of fell by the wayside. But I am happy to say that Betty and I plan to attend the meeting in Visalia and get things going again. Time is short and the Directors Meeting is only a few weeks away. Now is the time for your Federation Directors to get their "stamp sniper" going again. We had a great "Stamp Parade" in Visalia in 2019; let's do it again.

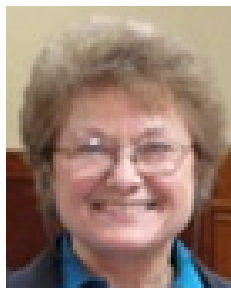


How does this whole stamp project work for CFMS? It starts at the club member level; it is easy to do - when you get your mail each day just cut the stamps off of the envelopes and stick them in a Ziploc bag or envelope. When the bag is full give it to your Federation Director to take to the Directors' meeting.

Many years ago Debbie Bunn assumed the job of taking the CFMS stamps to the Sacramento Philatelic Society (stamp collectors) from CFMS Past President Ellen Schulte so at the Directors Meeting we will parade up to Debbie to present the stamp donations. The Philatelic Society sells the stamps and the proceeds are donated to the Easter Seals Society. All donations stay in California.

I am sure someone will ask, "How does this benefit CFMS? What do we get out of this?" I can think of several benefits: It involves society members in the work of the CFMS; it gives the Federation Director another reason to go to the Directors' meeting, and most of all it is a worthy philanthropic project for a deserving worthwhile charity for very little effort.

How big will the "stamp donation parade" be at our Directors' meeting in Visalia and will you be in the parade? Have your society start snipping stamps now and join the parade at Visalia.



## 2022 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill  
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

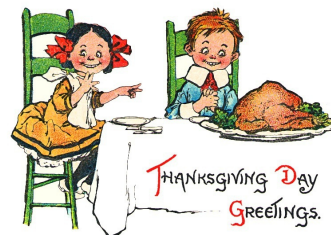
All CFMS Society Webmasters are invited to enter the 2022 CFMS/AFMS Web Site Contest.

The contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of society web sites in providing information to its members, publicizing society activities, and attracting new members.

To enter the contest, please go to the CFMS web site, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org), and click on the CFMS Web Site Contest link. If you have any questions, you can reach me at [mvoneill@comcast.net](mailto:mvoneill@comcast.net). I'll also be happy to email the forms directly to webmasters.

The web sites with the top 2 scores, will automatically be entered in the AFMS Web Site Contest.

The deadline to enter the 2022 CFMS Web Site Contest is Sunday, November 18, 2021.





## SWAN SONG

By Suzanne Webb

Greetings CFMS editors!

Just so you know, the dates for the 2022 contest are listed below. We are fortunate this year because the October date of the AFMS meeting and show allows for the full year of 2021 newsletters to be available for the contest. I am uncertain where you will send your entries as I do not know as yet who will replace me as your Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair, but I feel confident that when that information is available, you can find it on the CFMS Website.

Schedule:

Regional BEACs accept entries published from January through December, 2021

Regional contests run from 1/1/2022 to 3/5/2022  
–Suggest planning to get entries to BEAC by 1/15.

Regional entries due to AFMS judges on 3/15/2022

Judged entries back to the AFMS BEAC by 5/15/2022

AFMS BEAC checks for PDF copies, spelling of names and entries and prepares plaques, pins and certificates

AFMS show in New Orleans, LA on 10/6/2022

Finally, I wish to thank all the editors who submitted entries in the last 5 years as well as all the authors. Although participation has been sparse, CFMS has done well in the national competitions. That means we have GREAT newsletters and talented authors! Keep up the good work and, please, send lots of entries to your new BEAC.



## HOW THE AFMS ROCKHOUNDS TOOK THE JOHNNY HORIZON OUTDOOR PLEDGE UNDER THEIR WING

by Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

In 1968 the Department of the Interior's, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), created a fictional character to use in advertising for their anti-litter campaign on public lands. The BLM printed cards for Americans to sign in support of the then word of honor, "I pledge to help clean up America for our 200th birthday."

Americans saw Johnny Horizon on TV ads and supported by celebrities Carol Burnett, Red Buttons and Burl Ives, and followed up by sending letters to the BLM expressing their support for the project and promising they would participate.

At the 1969 AFMS Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, the BLM awarded Jack R. Cox who was managing editor of Gems & Minerals Magazine, the first Johnny Horizon National Award for anti-litter efforts. Jack and the magazine were acknowledged for their outstanding service for leading the campaign to encourage rockhounds to become involved in anti-litter efforts on public lands. Through Jack's efforts and with full support of the AFMS rockhounding community, the chief of the BLM at that time, John Mattoon, recognized how responsible the AFMS rockhounds were and validated their exceptional role in helping to keep public lands clean. At that time the BLM noted the AFMS had 60,000 members nationally.

After 1976 the BLM decided to retire the campaign, but to this day AFMS member societies continue their commitment to carrying on our long-standing tradition of leaving all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

The BLM's 1968 visitor to the public lands pledge: "I pledge to:

- Keep the land clean and free of litter,
- Respect and treat the land as my own,
- Leave gates and fences as I find them,
- Obey state game and fish laws,
- Be careful with fire.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, October 2021

## DISPLAY TIPS

By Pat LaRue, Rules Committee

Here in California we are blessed with an abundance of gem and mineral shows to visit. Generally one can find one held somewhere nearly every weekend; often you have to choose between two or three. As one attends shows from year to year certain ones will begin to stand out in your mind as having a number of outstanding exhibits that you never tire of seeing over and over again. How have these experienced exhibitors managed to catch your attention and “made” you stop and look at what they have chosen to display? Perhaps if you look closely at the overall picture a case tries to convey, you can pick up some hints.

Look at the background colors used—are they subtle and do they enhance the case contents? What about pattern and/or texture—does it distract in any way? Examine the arrangement of the case contents—is there a focal point and a sense of direction for the eye or does it appear cluttered? Does the exhibitor clearly identify the contents of the case or does he/she merely leave the viewer to guess. What about neatness—is the case clean or are there distracting smudges all over the place?

Based on many years of experience as an exhibitor and as a judge of other persons’ displays, I have derived some suggested do’s and don’ts for the exhibitor.

➤ When selecting material for lining your case, subtle tones work best. It is best to avoid bright colors such as red or green. Suggested colors include all shades of white, light gray or blue (very effective with jewelry), beige or pale yellow. It is best to select a double-knit material which has little or no texture. Avoid material which is shiny.

➤ The question of whether to line or “drape” a case is up to you. At many club shows when most are using a borrowed case it generally doesn’t matter. You will notice, however, that most of the memorable displays at a show do feature liners. If you are considering entering a display in competition at a Federation show or even a fair, I would recommend you use liners to maximize your showmanship. Take the extra time to make liners for your case. Cardboard panels from large packing boxes will do nicely and are generally available from a moving company. Please don’t leave the case bare—the framing and/or smudges on the paint will detract from your display. Make sure that the material is neat and clean.

➤ Don’t put everything you’ve ever made or bought in the case. A common mistake made by the beginning exhibitor is to overfill their case. How much is too much depends on what is being displayed. If you display minerals, for example, up to 35 thumbnail size specimens (1"x1") is about right. 35 big ones is too many. A very large specimen or lapidary object can BE the display. After putting everything in your case, stand back and take a look at it. If it appears cluttered take some things out. If in doubt, get a second opinion.

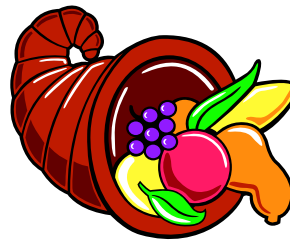
➤ Do include labels in your case. The public is interested in what things are. Don’t make them guess. Labels should be neat and of a size that complements the display. Above all use correct spelling.

Editor’s notes:

This article was originally written and published in the *Stauroilite*, the newsletter of the Orange Belt Mineralogical Society more than 30 years ago. I don’t recall the actual date, but a newsletter in which it was republished was dated December, 1992. Nothing has really changed except for the fact that we see fewer and fewer displays at the shows.

I would encourage all of you to consider bringing a display to the upcoming CFMS Show next Spring in Lancaster. If you have your own case, great; if you don’t there will be cases available for rent. The inside dimensions will be provided so you don’t have to worry about whether your liners will fit.

As part of the CFMS Rules Committee I plan to include a series of articles about exhibiting. Hopefully you will consider entering your display in competition but if you don’t want to dip your toes in the competitive waters, you can still consider including your display in the non-competitive section. Either way, you will play a vital role in helping educate the general public about some of the things we do and perhaps encourage some of them to join a local club.





## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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Show or Event as soon as possible  
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*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!*

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

## 2021

**November 6-7; Concord, CA**  
Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Rd  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Michael Hopkins  
Email: [mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net](mailto:mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net)

**November 6-7; Ridgecrest, CA**  
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society, Inc  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds  
520 South Richmond Road  
Hours: Daily 9-5  
Contact: John De Rosa, 760-375-7905  
Email: [jfrocks@dslexreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslexreme.com)  
FIELD TRIP: Sunday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**November 13-14, Yuba City, CA**  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
29<sup>th</sup> Festival of Gems and Minerals  
Yuba -Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Ave, Franklin Hall  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Karen Horita, 916-677-6696  
Email: [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

**November 20-21, Lakeside, CA**  
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
Annual Rock and Gem Roundup  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
12584 Maplevue St.  
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
Contact: Palmer Taskerud 619-729-7904  
Email: [ecvgms@gmail.com](mailto:ecvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://ecvgms@gmail.com>

**November 20-21; Santa Cruz, CA**  
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange  
1900 17<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Michael F Cox, 408-644-7848  
Email: [scruzmgs@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgs@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://scrockngem.org>

**December 5; Lake Elsinore, CA**  
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society  
Rock 'n Craft Festival  
32097 Corydon Road  
Hours: 10-4  
Contact: John Frey 909-208-6956  
Email: [berylman50@aol.com](mailto:berylman50@aol.com)

## 2022

**January 15-16; Exeter, CA**  
Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Exeter Memorial Bldg  
324 N. Kaweah  
Contact: Edward Bolton; 559-802-6029  
Email: [ebolton523@gmail.com](mailto:ebolton523@gmail.com)

**February 26-27; Vallejo, CA**  
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
McCormack Hall  
Spring Bling 2022  
Daily 10-5  
Contact: Debra Duhon 415-254-1506  
Email: [dduhonvgms@gmail.com](mailto:dduhonvgms@gmail.com)

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

**March 12-13; Turlock, CA**  
Mother Lode Mineral Society  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock, Mineral & Jewelry Show  
Show!anislus Fairgrounds  
900 N Broadway  
Contact: Bud & terry McMillin  
209-484-4416  
Email: [terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

**March 12-13, Arcadia CA**  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
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## **YOU HAD BETTER GET YOUR LAPIS BEFORE IT BECOMES EXTINCT...**

By John Martin, AFMS  
Conservation and Legislation chair

AFMS Ed: A very brief excerpt of the bill follows. To see the entire bill which contains 8 more sections detailing implementation, consult <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hr5088> or the Congressional Review.

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION  
H. R. 5088

To prohibit the importation into, or transit through, the United States of any mineral, or product produced with minerals, from Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUST 24, 2021

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. WESTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **A BILL**

To prohibit the importation into, or transit through, the United States of any mineral, or product produced with minerals, from Afghanistan, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Stopping Terrorist Minerals Trade Act”.

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.** Congress finds the following:

1) Funds derived from the sale of minerals in Afghanistan will be used by the Taliban and its allies to finance terrorist and military activities, overthrow legitimate governments, subvert international efforts to promote peace and stability, and commit horrifying atrocities against unarmed civilians.

2) The United States spent 20 years and two trillion dollars to attempt to bring peace and international comity to Afghanistan, only to see the Taliban supported by other international actors overthrow the legal government in a matter of hours.

3) The United States spent tens of millions of dollars funding critical mineral surveys and mineral exploration to help build an alternative economy for the legitimate peaceful Government of Afghanistan and that data has now fallen into the hands of the Taliban and its allies.

Prohibiting the Taliban and its allies from profiting from the use of these mineral resources will ensure that threats to international peace and security posed by the Taliban will not be funded with these minerals.

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