



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Barton

Hi Rockhounds,

Summer is just around the corner. The CFMS Show/Meetings in Lancaster, CA, hosted by the Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Society at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds is Friday May 6 through Sunday May 8, 2022. The Executive Committee Meeting is May 6 at 2:00 pm. The CFMS Officers and Directors Meeting starts at 9:00 am on May 7. We need as many Directors on hand to participate in the voting, so find someone to share expenses for travel and lodging, as much as you feel comfortable doing. Rumor has it the California Poppies will still be blooming.

As stated previously, individual CFMS Committees are being highlighted to show what CFMS does for the membership. The All American Club is responsible for the following: Chair of this committee shall solicit and process entries for All American Club awards submitted by CFMS Societies. General Responsibilities

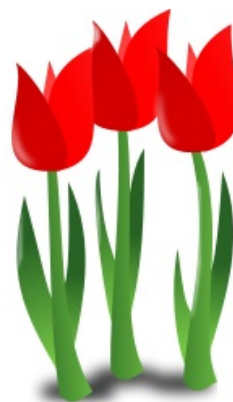
1. Serve as a member of the AFMS All American Club Committee.
2. Follow the outline of procedures furnished by the AFMS.
3. Publicize the All American Club Awards, with rules and applications, in the CFMS Newsletter and at the Board of Directors' Meeting.
4. Choose and announce in CFMS Newsletter the deadline for entries to be submitted.
5. Receive and record all applications for All American awards.
6. Select judges and after the deadline, have all applications judged.
7. Send the top applications to the AFMS Chairman for national judging.
8. Receive trophies and certificates provided by the AFMS.
9. Present awards at the CFMS Awards Banquet, or at the following Directors Meeting should the AFMS Convention & Awards Ceremony take place after the CFMS Convention.
10. Maintain a procedure book and at the end of your term of office, attend the Chairs' meeting and turn over your book to the new Chair. In addition to items listed under "General Instructions" in the front

of this manual, your procedure book should contain:

- AFMS Instructions
- List of competent judges
- A complete list of winning societies from previous years
- Any other pertinent information you wish to pass on

See you in Lancaster!

*Jim Barton*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6 - 8. .... CFMS Convention & Show  
June 5. .... Deadline for July newsletter  
July 5. .... Deadline for Aug newsletter  
Aug 21-26. .... Camp Paradise wk 1  
Aug 28-Sept 2. .... Camp Paradise wk 2

### CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Be sure to cite the source.

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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)  
Facilities Development

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.

### DUES ARE PAST DUE

Payment of dues and insurance is now past due. Letters were mailed to all clubs which have yet sent checks as of March 1. These were mailed to the Federation Director at his/her address. Please pass this along to your treasurer, Payments after April 1 are subject to a \$50 late fee.

The cost per member is \$6 for the general liability coverage and \$2 for dues, a total amount of \$8. Please make all checks payable to CFMS.



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS  
Junior Activities Chair

### See You at the Show!

I hope, like me, you plan not just to attend but also to participate in the upcoming CFMS Show & Convention May 6-8 in Lancaster. The local sponsor, the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club, welcomes your help in many ways—at the welcome booth, the kids booth, the CFMS Endowment Fund booth, etc. This is a Federation Show. That means it's *our* show! Come not only for fun, but to help.

I especially invite you to attend the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Speaking on behalf of kids, we will present our **2022 CFMS Junior Achievement Award**, which includes a certificate and a \$100 check. We have an excellent child for this year's award. To find out who, come to the banquet!

I also understand several kids have submitted exhibitor applications, both for competitive and noncompetitive displays. Thus, we look forward a special one-time Show Chair's Award for **Outstanding Junior Exhibit** that will be determined and presented by 2022 CFMS Show Chair Susan Chaisson-Walblom. The award consists of a Certificate-of-Achievement, a \$100 cash prize (donated by Jim Brace-Thompson) and a mineral specimen (donated by Susan Chaisson-Walblom).

It's now beyond the official deadline for entering competitive or noncompetitive displays, but if you have a child who might be interested in participating, I'm sure allowances can be made, especially for noncompetitive displays. So give it a shot! Let's do all we can to encourage kids not only to attend but to participate in our annual Federation Show! For exhibitor applications and other show info, go to the CFMS website at <https://cfmsinc.org/2020-cfms-show-forms/>

See you at the Show!



## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward-ROTY Chair  
[chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com)

Greetings! Rockhounds. Well, I finally received the first submission for 2022 Rockhound of the Year. I urge you all to submit your 2022 honorees so I can send out the certificates and lapel pins. Your honorees will also be featured in the CFMS and AFMS newsletters. You can honor an individual or a couple plus a Junior Member as well. You can email me directly with your submissions at [chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from all of you very soon.

**Dean and Denise Sizemore of the Reno Gem & Mineral Society** are our Rockhounds of the Year for so many good reasons I'm sure I'll leave something out. First of all, Dean has presided over our society since Covid hit, and he has valiantly held the society together through Zoom meetings for both General and Board meetings—holding fast to the message on his hat: NO PROBLEMA. Further, he has insisted upon regular communication among board members, redefining the role of members at large to be a welcoming face to visitors and show them around the meeting. He has encouraged classes and held open houses at our headquarters location and done all this despite huge health challenges. He annually dons the RGMS Santa suit—stuffed with lots of pillows to bulk out his slim frame—for our annual Holiday party. He oversaw a significant revision of society by-laws—all done electronically—and has appointed members to jobs that were in some cases held by members for years and in other cases, jobs left vacant for too long. As a result of Dean's selfless gift of hours and hours of time, RGMS is running as a vibrant, efficient organization of some 700 souls as of December's member count. His wife, Denise, has shouldered the important tasks of social director when our former one had to resign to fight a brain tumor. Not only that, but working with two other members, Denise assisted with the monthly door prize arrangements and worked to set up our online auction—activities that have kept RGMS afloat financially through Covid. She also hosts and revised the procedures for our annual picnic and for our holiday party to comply with Covid restrictions. The message on her hat justly reads "Awesome." All of this she has managed while being Dean's strong and faithful helpmate throughout his health difficulties. RGMS is fortunate to have Dean and Denise.

Submitted by: Suzanne Webb, Editor, *The Conglomerate*  
& Alternate CFMS Director

## EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

By Tony & Sandie Fender

It's time to think about going to Camp Paradise and working on your lapidary skills. This year Camp Paradise will be August 21 – 26 and August 28 – September 2. Skills being taught this year include; Advanced Silversmithing, Bead Weaving, Beginning Faceting, Beginning Silversmithing, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Chain Maille, Enamel, Fused Glass, Lapidary, Lost Wax Casting, PMC-3 Clay, and Soft Stone Carving.

The registration form is included. Questions?? Email questions to Sandi Kilcrease at [slk95228@gmail.com](mailto:slk95228@gmail.com), Tony Fender at [arhfender@gmail.com](mailto:arhfender@gmail.com) or Sandie Fender at [sandie.fender@gmail.com](mailto:sandie.fender@gmail.com).

Hoping to see you at Camp,

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## KID SAFETY

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Kid safety begins with adult safety. Adults learn in multiple ways. Some read the directions and instantly understand the material and get the nuances. Some read the material, work with instructors, see demonstrations, ask questions and need all those aspects to get it. Some rarely read the book, don't ask questions, and somehow manage with the trial and error approach. They are all genuine and useful approaches to learning, but each has various pros and cons.

Kid safety is different. Most kids do not have the background to read a manual and then understand all the material. For kids (and adults) the trial and error approach to learning safety is a non-starter. The middle option is usually the best for safety—read the material, work with instructors, see demonstrations and ask questions. Many kids are not all that interested in reading safety manuals, or being lectured by adults. So here we are with what is left - part instruction, part demonstration, and part asking questions.

Many safety matters require a measure of judgement. Adults may have had sufficient experience with safety to make good judgements. Kids do not usually have as much experience. Keep that in mind so that more complete explanations of safety matters can be offered to kids when presenting demonstrations and discussions.

Safety requires a good measure of effort. We want our kids to be safe, want our kids to share in the family hobby we love, and have fun in the process.

Putting all that together, we adults need to make a concerted effort to devise safety plans to engage, teach, ensure understanding, and make the learning as fun as possible for kids. The thing that makes this easier is that kids are like sponges—they soak up all they see, hear, touch, taste and smell. To grow and become a part of the world, kids will absorb all that interests them and that which might not yet be so interesting—but it is still taken inside for future reference.

Kids watch one another and they watch adults. One of adults' greatest teaching aids is to be a role model of good safety practices. Take the guy who is walking across a pile of loose rock and slip sliding along the way. Kids will look at that and think, ok, it's being done by an adult and is ok to do. And yet, it is so very easy to lose one's footing and fall down the slope if they try such a traverse. If kids see an adult chipping a rock with a rock pick while not wearing safety goggles, the kid might think that it is safe for them to do so as well. Yes, kids watch their parents set good examples; however, they also watch all adults. Adults, ALL adults, should model good safety practices.

Kids may see and hear a demonstration on the importance of wearing gloves. They may be told how sharp quartz shards can be after hammering. What might some kids do with a sharp shard? Some might be curious as to what they can cut with it—so they might try cutting the draw string on their hoodie, cutting their new shirt's sleeve, or their shoe laces. Kids learn by doing. What better way to judge sharpness than by cutting something? So, give kids some corrugated cardboard to cut.

Give kids a direction or opportunity to utilize their energy safely. Face it, some kids in the family will be interested in rocks and some may not be so enamored. To keep less interested kids busy, try and perhaps find interesting rock things—colors, patterns, and shapes. Then ask them to describe or draw what they saw. Encourage them to come up with interesting ideas of how the colors, patterns, and shapes formed. Other kids may be more happy exploring rock history or identification or use. There will be kids who are more interested in reading a mystery novel. That too is cool, so long as they don't start exploring away from the dig site. Even if kids are not interested in rocks, sometimes

they will watch other kids and begin participating in discovery.

Sometimes those kids will share in the excitement of other kids as they discover their treasures. They may even enjoy a new friendship in the process. Make demonstrations of safety easier for kids to accept. Have adults describe and put on goggles or safety glasses first. Kids will then see it is ok for adults and, therefore, okay for them to do so. There are decorative and festive elastics that can be used with goggles to dress them up for kids (and some adults as well).

Most OSHA-, MSHA-, NISC-, NIOSH-approved hard hat suspension systems will fit young adults. One can make hard hats fun with name personalization, rock stickers, and other decorations. Please be aware though that some companies have policies disallowing such adornment. Kid's gloves have some festive styles, although most of them are the garden-style glove, not the heavy work glove. Some small, leather gloves in ladies styles will fit on junior size hands.

Working with kids can be a rewarding, frustrating, cooperative, enlightening and otherwise challenging enterprise, but it is worth the effort to keep kids safe. Always remember that everyone's safety matters—short or tall, big or small.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, April, 2022

## CFMS EC TREASURER REPORT

By Diane Cook

Hi Everyone:

I am excited to say I am hearing from some of the clubs and members. I am serious that I really want to help and make a change so that CFMS can know what we need to do to focus our efforts to help the clubs.

Keep sending me what your club is doing and where you need help. I am reaching out to others to get ideas and the help you are asking for! Together we can all make a difference and help everyone and have some fun.

Congratulations to this month's drawing winner Mark Sutherland, from Scott Valley Gem & Mineral Society. He joined the club to identify a rock he found – ended up President! That rock was a Garnet – so I chose a garnet specimen to send him.

Treasurers: This month coming up is important for annual filings and other forms (depending on your club being a corporation and when organization's fiscal year ends). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Pat LaRue.

The CFMS Annual Show and Convention is May 6,7, & 8, 2022 – at the Lancaster Fairgrounds. The CFMS Directors Meeting is on Saturday; hope to see lots of club representatives. Bring your reports and please take notes to report back to your clubs!





## AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

By Sandie Fender

AFMS Scholarship Foundation President

The question often comes up of “What does AFMS Scholarship Foundation do?” Well, one thing that the AFMS Scholarship Foundation does is sponsor scholarships for graduate students.

The Foundation was established in 1964 with the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education in the field of Earth Sciences. The AFMS Scholarship Foundation runs only on donations. The first scholarship was given in 1965. The first scholarship was for one student for \$300.00 per year for two years. It is now given to two students per participating federation in the amount of \$4000.00 each.

The Scholarship Foundation allows the regional federations to honor a member of their community by allowing the honoree to select a worthy candidate.

Since 1972, each participating Regional Federation has selected their own Honorary Award Winner who then selected the school(s) and assisted with the selection of the student, or students, who then received the scholarship grant(s). This indirect method has served our purpose perfectly in that it benefits students.

The funding comes only from donations!! It has been very difficult for the Foundation, like everyone else, due to the Covid pandemic. Now that we are starting to regain some normalcy, the Foundation needs the donations.

A generous donation would be a \$1 per member from each society. If a society could donate more that would be wonderful,

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## FILING REMINDERS

By Pat LaRue, Tax Advisor

All clubs are required to file an annual information tax form (990, 990EZ, or 990N). If your club uses the calendar year, it will be May 15. If a fiscal year, it is 4½ months after the close of your year. If you file the 990 or 990EZ file an extension if you can't make the deadline. Don't lose your non profit status by failure to file. Getting it back takes a fair amount of paperwork and it isn't free. If unable to file yourself, have a tax professional do it for you for a fee.

## SHOW TIME

By Lee Whitebay, AFMS Rules Chair, 2021

Congratulations, you've spent countless hours over the last few months perfecting your exhibit. You reviewed the sections of the Uniform Rules pertaining to your chosen Exhibitor Group, Division and Class; and filed your completed entry form on time. So now it's time to start packing for the Show. Lapidary and jewelry pieces can be placed in cushioned cases designed for, or modified for, your needs. Consider commercially available camera cases; they come in various sizes, the cushioning can be easily adjusted, and they can be locked.

Packing minerals or fossils involves wrapping individual specimens in soft tissue or cotton swaddling before placing them in individual boxes or compartments in a larger box. Don't put more in a box than you can comfortably carry alone. And always keep security in mind; locked containers kept out of sight are prudent precautions.

Setting up for a show is always going to be hectic, so take time before leaving home to organize your stuff (risers, side panels, labels, etc.). If using your own lights check them, then carefully pack them for travel. Consider bringing spares for critical items, such as spot lights, and pack a small assortment of tools, screwdrivers, small hammer and sharp knife.

Bring a copy of your entry forms and try to get to the venue early. Seek out those in charge and ask for instructions as to when best to unpack and set up. Show organizers are often hit with a barrage of imaginary crises on set-up day, so be patient and don't add to their stress. Once in the auditorium, try to relax. If you are using a club case you may need to make some adjustments to panels and risers. After placing your specimens and labels, give the case a little bump. When nothing falls or slips out of place, you are almost ready for the show. With specimens and labels in place, step back three or four feet and let your eyes drift over the display. Is it welcoming? Is the lighting even without shadows or hot spots? Would a visitor be drawn over, to take a closer look? If the answers are yes, yes, and yes, then there is one last detail to attend to. Make sure the front glass of the case is spotless inside and out. Then close and lock the case and enjoy the show.

Judging may take place before the show opens, but more often it happens opening morning. Let the judges

complete their evaluations before approaching them with questions. They will be following the AFMS Uniform Rules. After all the Competitive Cases have been judged, scores will be posted and judges will be available to discuss the results with exhibitors. At this point I ask for calm from judges and exhibitors. There are ways to phrase questions and provide answers that further understanding. Once cases have been judged, the Judge's role becomes that of a mentor and educator. Questions from a disappointed exhibitor can often feel pointed. Judges must respect the work that went into the display and provide guidance as to how it might be improved in the future. The goal of the Judge-Exhibitor exchange, in my view, is to keep exhibitors participating and improving their displays. High quality exhibits spark the imagination of all visitors, nudging many to enquire about joining clubs, and showing "old rockhounds" there are plenty of new paths to explore.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, May, 2021

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## WHY DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE?

By Fred Ott, 2015 Insurance Chair

By virtue of being on the Board of Directors of our individual societies, each of us is legally obligated to perform our duties of due diligence, obedience and loyalty. Failure to perform any of our legal obligations through wrongful acts or negligence can be the basis for a lawsuit.

The Directors and Officers of our individual societies may be held personally liable, not only for our own acts and obligations, but for those of our society as well.....meaning that our society can also be sued....putting all of its assets at risk; this could easily destroy a society!

A very important point to remember is that it is not uncommon for lawsuits 'alleging' wrongful acts or negligence to be groundless and/or opportunistic.

Without Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, we and our societies would incur all of the costs to defend a lawsuit, regardless of the outcome.

Originally published in *CFMS Newsletter*, Oct, 2015

## SOME EDITORIAL THOUGHTS== WHY HOST A SHOW?

There are multiple reasons. I'll list a few:

- Promote your club.
- Make some money.
- Help promote your Federation.
- Attract quality exhibits. (think competitive cases and special exhibits not often seen at smaller club shows.)
- Have special programming and speakers.
- Get to meet like minded hobbyists from other places.
- Etc., etc.

Currently no club has stepped up to the plate for future shows. We host the AFMS in 2024. Wouldn't it be embarrassing to not have anyone rise to the challenge. We need someone for 2023 and beyond.

Susan Chaisson-Walblom is ready to visit any southern CA club to answer your questions and concerns. Bob Rush or Sue Webb are the show consultants for northern CA and NV.

CFMS folks are always willing to lend a hand if asked. It is not unusual to see several volunteers from other CFMS clubs hard at work on set up day and at show close. Several years ago much effort went into modifying the show contract to provide more flexibility for revenue sharing.

I hear some clubs say they are so successful with their club show that they are not willing to share the revenue because they do all the work and get no help from the Federation. Some clubs say they are too small, don't have enough workers, etc. Perhaps they could join forces with another club and co-host. Others simply don't believe they could do it. My own club has hosted two successful shows and this group had zero experience in putting on any kind of show—it is a gold prospecting group. If a prospecting club can do it, anyone can do it. After all a Federation show is just a larger version of your club show.

This reluctance to host is not unique to CFMS. All seven federations face the same challenge. What can we do to get more of you to say yes, we'll do it? Let's hear from you. If you got scared off by the "show book", never fear. That show manual basically fell by the wayside because it was modeled after the big shows of the past and really didn't work for present day shows.

## THE AWAKENING OF THE EARTH SCIENCES IN THE U.S.A.

by Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

Since I began the job of AFMS Historian, I've been intrigued to the reference in the early AFMS history files, that there were mineralogical societies during the 1800's. Boy oh boy, did I want to find sources of that information for us all. It took a couple of years of looking for it without much luck, then in one evening last month, it was like I hit the mother lode in several sources of information.

So far, I have been able to obtain our hobby's heritage in America to the late 1700's. This information comes from personal accounts and presentations that were fortunately written down, and kept at that time and over time, by the very few who were interested in collecting and identifying minerals. We have them to thank for fostering and inspiring our hobby, which began with a fascination of minerals. I can only imagine that if the forefathers of the early mineral societies could see our hobby today and meet you all, along with the developments in the earth sciences, they would be overjoyed.

The interest in the study of mineral identification emerged 22 years following the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Thomas Jefferson was passionate about paleontology. He was fascinated by the American Mastodon fossils and believed the animals still roamed the country, somewhere possibly out West as it was still very unexplored at that time. Jefferson collected their bones, tusks and teeth, and had quite the collection at the White House. At that time extinction wasn't a topic, because it was believed that any bones or fossils found, belonged to a living animal. America was at an important pinnacle in its history of unfolding exploration and knowledge, and with its vast imagination of a future with so many wondrous possibilities.

Europe was already enthralled in making true advances in mineralogy and chemistry many years before the interest hit the United States. Students in America studying the various sciences of the time, took notice of what Europe was discovering, and wanted the same for America. Early on it was mostly those from the medical profession out of the cities of Philadelphia, Boston and New York, who were the driving force behind bringing the study of mineralogy to the awareness of those in the states. They felt mineralogy would have a major impact on the development of our country. Their first obstacle however was that there

weren't mineral collections to inspire the students, nor text books on the subject in the United States...yet.

Then in 1798 a society formed in New York, called the American Mineralogical Society. They described their purpose as; The Investigation of the Mineral and Fossil Bodies which compose the Fabric of the Globe, and more especially for the Natural and Chemical History of the Minerals and Fossils of the United States. There is a lot more to this story, and about our American earth science history.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, September 2018

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## THIS SPACE IS FOR YOU!!



## 2022 CFMS SHOW DATES

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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!*

**2022**

## CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS ARE LISTED HERE

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### April 30-May 1; Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim  
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10  
Contact: (909) 815-3045  
Email: [searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com](mailto:searchersgemandmineral@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

### May 6-8; Lancaster, CA

**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION SHOW**  
Hosted by Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 W. Avenue H  
Hours: Fri & Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4  
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
Email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)

### May 6-7; Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society  
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St., Yucaipa CA  
Hours: Fri. 6-10 PM, Sat. noon-10 PM  
Contact: (909) 794-0731  
Website: <http://yvngms.org>

### May 7-8; Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society  
Kennedy Mine Gem & Craft Show, 12594  
Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Contact: (916) 698-9853  
Website: <http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org>

### June 11-12; Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts  
340 N Escondido  
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4  
Contact: Toni Floyd 425-281-6218  
Email: [tonifloyd41615@gmail.com](mailto:tonifloyd41615@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

### July 16-17; Culver City, CA

Culver City Gem & Mineral Society  
Fiesta of Gems  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117  
Overland Ave., Culver City  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Contact: [BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com](mailto:BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com)  
Website:  
<http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm>

### August 20-21; Arcadia CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
"Inspiration Unearthed", 62nd Annual  
Tournament of Gems  
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte  
Rd., Arcadia  
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381  
Email: [ellenbf2007@aol.com](mailto:ellenbf2007@aol.com)  
Website: [pasadenalapidary.org](http://pasadenalapidary.org)

### September 10-11; Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc  
Jackpot of Gems  
Reno Convention Center  
4390 S Virginia Street  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Dan Ellis  
Email: [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renogms.org](http://www.renogms.org)

### September 24-25; San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club  
San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial  
Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis  
Obispo  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5  
Contact: [2002show@slogem.org](mailto:2002show@slogem.org)  
Website:  
<http://www.slogem.org/show.htm>

### October 8-9; Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society  
Los Altos, CA  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5  
Contact: (650) 575-3144  
Website: <http://pggs.org>

### October 9, 2022 - Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
Fall Festival of Gems & Minerals  
123 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook CA  
Hours: 9 AM-4 PM  
Contact: (760) 728-1130, [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)  
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

### October 15-16, 2022 - Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
45th Annual Mineral and Gem Show  
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple  
Ave., Santa Rosa, CA  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM -6 PM, Sunday 10  
AM - 5 PM  
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## National/Regional Shows:

**California Federation  
May 6-8, 2022**

**Antelope Valley  
Fairgrounds  
2551 W. Avenue H  
Lancaster, CA 93536**  
Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
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**Eastern Federation  
September 24-25, 2022,  
Harrisburg, PA**

**Midwest Federation  
Springfield MO  
Sept. TBD**

**Northwest Federation**

**Rocky Mountain  
Federation  
June 17-19, 2022  
Las Vegas, NV**

***South Central Federation  
AFMS 2022***

***October 14-16, 2022  
New Orleans, LA***

***Southeast Federation***

***Nov. 18-20, 2022  
Marietta, GA***

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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!**

- **Local newspapers**
- **Current events sections!**
- **Local TV stations,**
- **Community calendars!**
- **Other Local Shows**

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

**[www.rockngem.com/  
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)**

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



**AFMS CODE OF ETHICS**

- I will respect both private and public property and will not collect on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

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THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.  
Earth Science Studies 2022  
CAMP PARADISE - 12725 LA PORTE ROAD, CLIPPER MILLS, CA 95930

COVID REQUIREMENTS

1. Proof of vaccination or negative test required.
2. All National, State, and County Covid requirements will be met.
3. Individual instructors may have specific requirements for their area.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 will incur a \$25 administration fee.
2. No refunds or cancellations after Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> unless a substitute is provided

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**Please Note Sign in will be on Sunday, August 21, 2022, and Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21(Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approximately 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms are equipped with bunk beds in all rooms and cabins.

Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest.

Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are communal) and located nearby.

RV space with electricity, water, and sewer for most spaces is available.

It is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

**Room assignments will be made by staff.**

Classes - Beginning Faceting, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Bead Weaving, PMC-3 Clay and Fused Glass, and Enamel. **All classes are subject to change.**

**Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.**

\*\*\*\*\*CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY\*\*\*\*\*

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail Sandi Kilcrease after 30 days if you have not received information.

**PLEASE CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE & KEEP TOP PORTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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Registration form - PLEASE print clearly  
\_\_\_\_ Week 1 August 21 - 26      Week 2 August 29 - September 2  
\$425 per person/ per week      Day Tripper - \$275 for the week

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Accommodations: (circle one) Couple's dorm Women's Dorm Men's Dorm Cabin RV space

Would like to room with: (if Possible) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use a C-Pap machine? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Dietary constraints: \_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items. and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

Other issues to be addressed \_\_\_\_\_

Animals will be allowed in the RV area only and must be kept on a leash at all times and picked up after. Any violations could result in adherence to their NO Pets Rule.

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The poster features a central white rectangular area with a black border, set against a background of orange and yellow autumn leaves. On the left side of the poster, there are two large, translucent purple crystals. The text on the poster is as follows:

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**GEMS, MINERALS,**  
**FOSSILS & JEWELRY**  
**SHOW**

**MAY 6-7-8 2022**

**Fri, Sat: 9-5 • SUNDAY 9-4**

Gems\*Minerals\*Fossils\*Jewelry\*Demonstrations  
Exhibits\*Dealers\*Kid's & Family Activities  
State Golden Bear on display

AV Fairgrounds  
2551 W Avenue H  
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**FREE PARKING**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

At the bottom right of the white area, there is a small image of a fossilized skull with a prominent eye socket.