



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Barton

Hi Rockhounds,

Hi Rockhounds,

Our next CFMS Business Meeting is next month on November 12, 2022 in Visalia. Check the newsletter for schedule and details on hotel and banquet reservations.

Marcia Goetz, Past President and Electronic Communications Chair, is currently emailing the CFMS Newsletter to Societies (Clubs) CFMS Directors, CFMS Officers, and CFMS Chairs; and would like to also include all Society Editors and or Membership Chairs for distribution to all members with email addresses. Please contact Marcia Goetz at [marciagoetz195@gmail.com](mailto:marciagoetz195@gmail.com) with your editor's or membership chair email contact information.

As stated previously in my messages, individual CFMS Committees are being highlighted to show what CFMS does for the membership. There are three remaining CFMS Committees to be highlighted this year:

October 2022 – Cabochon Case, November 2022 – Earth Science Studies. December 2022 – Junior Activities

Since there are 35 Committees that I did not cover this year, I would like to continue highlighting what CFMS does for you in a newsletter column next year. Let me know what you think as your feedback would be appreciated. Send comments to [geologist1@surewest.net](mailto:geologist1@surewest.net).

The CFMS Operating Rules state that the Cabochon Case Committee shall have three chairpersons as follows: Cab Cases–North, Cab Cases–South, and Cab Cases–Central. These chairpersons will:

(1) Receive requests from a society for the use of the cases at their show. They will inform the society when and where the cases may be picked up and keep a schedule of the societies requesting use of the cases.



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5..... Deadline for Nov newsletter  
Nov 1. .... Deadline for Visalia reports  
Nov 5. .... Deadline for Dec newsletter  
Nov 11-13. .... Fall Business Meeting–Visalia

### CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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### CFMS WEBSITE

The CFMS website is accessible at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Be sure to cite the source.

### 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 [bpelarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bpelarue@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.

### FALL BUSINESS MEETING REPORTS

By Pat LaRue, Executive Sec/Treas

November 12 will be here before we know it, so now is the time for all chairmen to be thinking about their annual report to be included in the information packet distributed to Directors, Officers and Chairmen in attendance at the Fall Business Meeting in Visalia. In order to allow for any needed formatting, printing and putting into the envelopes, I will need to receive your reports by November 1. If unable to meet that deadline, please bring 75 copies of your report to the meeting.

Hope to see all of you there. We will be meeting in person--no Zoom!

President's Message Cont...

They shall make arrangements for the pick-up and return of the cases.

(2) Inspect case before it is picked up to see that everything is as it should be. When cases are returned, they should be inspected and necessary repairs made. Expenses for maintenance are to be reimbursed by the CFMS.

(3) When a case is delivered to the representative of a borrowing society, have receipt form filled out and keep it in a record file. If the case is passed on to another society before being returned, be sure the receipt indicates this. When the case is returned to the Cabochon Case Chairperson, he/she should sign the receipt and retain it in the file.

(4) If the Chairperson of the Federation Show has not contacted the Cabochon Case Chairpersons to schedule the display of the cases at the show, the Cabochon Case Chairperson should write or call the Show Chairperson to remind him/her the cases are available for use.

(5) The Cabochon Chairpersons are encouraged to contact all new societies to let them know that their society may submit items for the cabochon cases.

Finally, check out the "open to all CFMS membership" field trip sponsored by the COOP and Roseville Rock Rollers on Oct. 22-23 in the Hawthorne & Mina, NV areas for Microcline, Feldspar, Copper minerals, Smoky Quartz Crystals, Epidote, Grandradite and Grossular Garnet, Fossils, and possible petrified wood. Contact the Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leaders Jim Hutchings & Gene Doyle to join. See [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com) and [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org) to sign up with the field trip leaders and read the trip description.

Have fun and be safe! See you in Visalia.

*Jim Barton*



## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2023 Officers will be held November 11-13, 2022 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 \$102 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **October 28, 2022**. The group code is 111022CAF. 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 12, at 9 a.m.** Join us at the **Banquet** that Saturday evening. President-elect Kim Fiala will have a brief meeting of her 2023 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.

As in past years, we will not have a bar in the room, but a cocktail server will be available to take your orders and deliver them to the room.

**Make banquet reservations by November 5, 2022.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS  
Junior Activities Chair

### Encourage Kids to Enter the 2023 Jr Achievement Award Contest!

It's time again! Time for our 3rd Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Awards to acknowledge and reward outstanding kids. At the end of this month's newsletter, we include the Application Form, which also will be posted to the CFMS website. In this article, I outline the full process.

Please share this article (+ Application Form) with kids in your club to help them shine!

The **CFMS Junior Achievement Award** goes beyond the "Rockhound of the Year" award that any club may bestow with a paragraph highlighting a selected junior, who then receives a certificate. Instead, our CFMS Jr Achievement Award requires a formal application from the junior member that will be scored against other applications. At the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention, winners receive a Certificate-of-Achievement and \$100.

### Membership Requirement & Age Groups.

Applicants must be enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society and will fall within two age groups. Group 1 (Pebble Pups): ages 11 and under. Group 2 (Juniors): ages 12-18. The child's age as of December 31, 2022 determines the age group. If a child won in the past year, that child needs to wait out a full year to enter again UNLESS s/he has moved up from Age Group 1 to Age Group 2.

**Application & Deadline.** An Application form is posted to the CFMS website and is printed herewith in the CFMS Newsletter. After completing the Application, kids secure signatures of two representatives from their society (for instance, President, Federation Director, Membership Chair, Juniors Leader) confirming their membership and acknowledging their achievements. They will then mail or email their applications to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair with a postmark as indicated on the application form.

Questions about the application process may be directed to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair via phone (805-59-3577) or email ([jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)). At present, the deadline is March 1, 2023, but—because a date and venue for the 2023 CFMS Show & Convention has not yet been set—this may change.

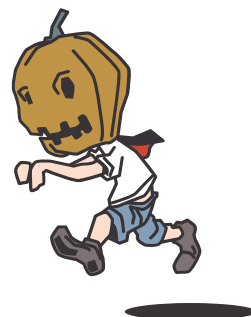
**Application Guidelines.** The following areas will be considered: hobby related, educational achievement, community involvement, and work related. For each area, kids should provide as much detail as possible covering the full preceding year.

**Cover Letter.** Applications should be accompanied by a short cover letter written by the child (or dictated to a parent) highlighting any info or accomplishments 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 Jr Activities Chair and at least 2 other CFMS representatives selected by the Chair (drawn from different societies to minimize bias). Scores will be added 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.** Top winners 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 CFMS Show & Convention Awards Banquet. 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.

Let's all help each of our outstanding club kids! Share this info today!





## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward - ROTY Chair

[chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com)

Greetings! Rockhounds. Here are our latest submissions for the CFMS Rockhound of the year. Keep these submissions coming by emailing them to me at [chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com).

### Brad & Lynn Becker

#### Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Brad and Lynn Becker were selected to be the Rockhounds of the Year for 2022. Brad and Lynn grew up in Santa Cruz. They moved to the mountains leaving the beach life and welcoming the mountain experience. They have lived in Twain Harte for 20 years. After joining the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society in 2008, they became an integral part of the club. Brad has been Field Trip Chairman, representing the club at the COOP meetings and being a shop steward. He has trained many new members in safety in the shop and has mentored members in various aspects of lapidary arts. Lynn is currently the Vice President and has been the club treasurer. As treasurer she modernized the club's accounting system. Lynn had the vision of having bi-annual tailgate sales; she reorganized the first tailgate and the tailgate has become an integral part of the club's culture. Both Brad and Lynn are worker bees during the annual show and sale. Brad managed the food and they both have worked at the rock sales booth. Brad and Lynn are assets to the club as they are generous with their time and talents.

Submitted by: Anna Christensen Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

### Amy Phillips - Santa Lucia Rockhounds

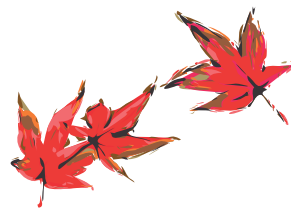
Amy has been an integral part of our club life and family for longer than I can remember. She is a regular attendant at our general meetings and field trips, operates our drawing at our general meetings, manages the kids booth at our annual show and one year even ran the Christmas party gift exchange. Perhaps she is most notable for being the editor and publisher of our CFMS award winning club newsletter multiple years in a row including both first and second place awards.

Submitted By: Kim Noyes, President - Santa Lucia Rockhounds

### Sue Kimbriel - Kern County Mineral Society

Have you ever been on a rock hunt, and you looked across the river, and there it was. One beautiful gem, shining in the sun! You crossed the river, picked up this jewel and put it in a special pocket to keep it safe from the others. We have such a jewel in the Kern County Mineral Society. Her name is Sue Kimbriel. Sue not only comes to most of our monthly meetings, but she almost always brings the special treats for the members. She knows that some of us love peanut butter cookies and when she brings them, it gives her joy as she shares these treats with us. Sue participates in all the food preparations whether it be table settings, food, or room design to make it a friendlier place to enjoy our time together. She even made special table coverings to add warmth to the room. Sue adds to the lives of the club members in her special ways as well. One member asked Sue if she would paint a picture of the famous Southern Pacific Railroad engine that is currently displayed at the Kern County Museum. The club members' grandfather worked on this train, and it was very special to the family. Sue accepted the challenge, and with her wonderful artistic ability presented this incredible gift to our club member. When we need people to make phone calls, Sue gladly accepts the task. When we have a workshop day for filling rock bags for the fair, Sue is there. You may not see her on rock hunting trips because of her health, but she always is interested in our finds. Although she isn't on our trips, after setting up the food table, you will find her sitting in the second row on the northside of our club room, ready to learn and participate. Sue defines team player. She is friendly to all, she is an encourager, she participates in any way she can, she gives more than most. Sue is a rare, special gem. Thank you, Sue. We take great pride in honoring you.

Submitted by: Connie Fleishauer - Vice President Kern County Mineral Society



## CFMS EC TREASURER REPORT

By Diane Cook, CFMS Treasurer

Hi Everyone:

Summer is almost over and I cannot believe 2022 is almost at the end! Next month we will have our CFMS Fall meeting in Visalia, November 11-13, 2022. If you have any questions or issues you would like to have asked or stated at the Directors meeting, please let your CFMS Director know. If the CFMS Director cannot come, please contact myself or any of the EC Board so we can bring your questions, concerns or helpful messages to the other clubs.

Ideas that help grow our clubs come from all of us working together. What do you want to see from CFMS to help your club? Please, keep your thoughts and suggestions coming my way!

CFMS has not received an offer for a club to host the 2023 CFMS Show, so please discuss among your club and consider hosting a CFMS Show. Contact the show consultant for your area (North: Bob Rush and South: Susan Chaisson-Walblom) for information on how to start the process.

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### ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chairman  
[johndianedaisy@yahoo.com](mailto:johndianedaisy@yahoo.com)

Hi Everyone:

We have heard from AFMS and their deadline will be early in 2023. The AFMS Show is being held in October so Next month I will announce the winners at the AFMS Level.

The CFMS deadline will be February 15, 2023! The All American Book is a great way to document and show what your club has been doing during the 2022 year. With COVID restrictions being lifted most clubs are back to doing shows, workshops and outreach programs. Show off what your club has been up to by submitting an entry to the All American.

Should you have any questions, or need help with your clubs book, please feel free to contact me.

Please consider starting to put together a committee now to work on entering in 2023 – for what the club has done in 2022.

## CARTOONS ANYONE?

Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

For as long as I have known Rockhounds, I don't think I have ever been without the company of a good sense of humor. It's true, there's always a good story to be told, and it's accompanied by a chorus of good laughter. If you want to have a good time, hang out with Rockhounds; you are bound to feel better. Having a sense of humor comes naturally for some people, but with Rockhounds it's pretty much a given. We can laugh at ourselves and with each other.

In the earlier years of rock and gem societies, there were members who had a lot of fun drawing and writing cartoons about our hobby for the newsletters. We aren't talking professional artists, but your normal everyday member. Over the years the number of cartoons entered in society and federation newsletters has dwindled. There's been a sprinkling here and there, but in general it's become rare. Whatever one's age, wouldn't it be fun to encourage your members to give humor a hand once again? You don't know unless you try.

I am sure there are many juniors who have no idea there's a Drawn Features Competition they can enter, and that cartoons can be one of the categories. Some of those kids can really draw, and their funny bones are often more active. Others who never thought they had an artistic bone in their body might find drawing cartoons is fun to play around with. If you are a couch potato, you might just come up with a talent you didn't know you had.

There are lots of free instructions online for drawing easy cartoons, and of course there are books. Doodling can be a fun way to begin. In the past, doodling was often seen as someone wasting time. Today it's known that doodling opens up our creativity whether or not we think we have any talent, and it is good for our mental wellbeing just like crossword puzzles.

There are as many styles of drawing cartoons as there are people drawing them, and you might find you have your own style too. How many times have we laughed at ourselves or with another while learning and having fun with the many aspects of our hobby? Lots, and there's more on its way given our nature, whether it's during work together or play. Give humor a hand, and you might just discover you have a new talent. We can all use some more smiles today.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, September 2022

## VOLUNTEERISM

By Ellery Borow, President EFMLS Federation 2022

The community of volunteerism is exceedingly strong in our clubs and federation. Just think of all the effort to put on a club show, write a monthly newsletter, arrange club digs, or research interesting programs. Everything we do in our hobby is accomplished by dedicated, devoted and determined volunteers. To all the volunteers in all the [AFMS] clubs - thank you all for your years of service. In looking through past EFMLS Directories of member clubs I noted that many clubs have one or two persons serving in multiple positions. Does that mean the club could use a few more volunteers from its membership? It does sometimes happen that members attend meetings for the program and are not otherwise interested in serving the club.

Here are a few ideas to encourage members to move up to being volunteers:

- Serving a club is fun. Helping a club be a better club is fun. Keep this fun front and center.
- Being a part of the team that makes the club work so well is an uplifting and rewarding experience.
- Make sure the effort of volunteers is recognized, appreciated and valued.
- Let prospective volunteers know there are experienced club members willing to offer their knowledge and support with the position - that they do not have to go it alone.
- Offer mentoring options so a prospective volunteer can get their feet wet before becoming the chair of this or that committee.
- Publicly thank volunteers for what they do. Keep the smiles genuine.
- Consider offering incentives such as earning point for this or that effort where highest point earners are offered a prize (such as a pass to a museum, a fine specimen, or a tuition to attend the EFMLS Wildacres program).
- Encourage prospective volunteers to utilize their skills - maybe the best organizer can run the show, the best baker can provide a portion of the meeting refreshments, the best technician can direct the club's lapidary shop, the best researcher put on a club program or two.
- Keep the position requirements clear so volunteers know what they are volunteering to accomplish.
- Be mindful that some positions require more effort than others, and those positions might be best managed by breaking them into smaller modules.

- Volunteers are well known for sharing not only their time and energy, but their enjoyment of the hobby, as well.
- Remember that a club is a cooperative, cohesive, caring entity where everyone benefits by their membership. Volunteers make it ALL happen.
- Also remember that it is fun to be sharing one's enjoyment in the hobby with other, like-minded people. Please make every effort to let volunteers know they are valued, that nothing happens without volunteers and their positive, can-do approach to serving.

From *EFMLS Newsletter*, June, 2022, via *AFMS Newsletter*, September, 2022

Editorial comments:

Any of the suggestions in Ellery's message apply equally to the California Federation and its member clubs/societies. Like Ellery, I note in many of the newsletters I receive and in the CFMS Society Roster that one or two people seem to be doing most of the work. Sooner or later some of those faithful hard working souls will decide they can't do it anymore and the group has to scramble to find a volunteer to fill their shoes.

Over the years I have served as your Executive Secretary/Treasurer, about 50 societies/clubs have left our ranks. A few of them still exist but simply decided to drop their affiliation; unfortunately the majority simply went out of existence due to shrinking membership and/or a lack of volunteers willing or able to serve as officers or chair key committees.

This is the time of year your organization's nominating committee is seeking volunteers to serve as officers and board members. The President will be asking people to serve as committee chairs. If asked, say yes. If you are interested in a particular unfilled job, it is usually not considered rude or pushy to let it be known you would be interested. As Ellery said in his article, volunteering does take some time and effort, but the rewards are well worth it.

Most of our clubs are well on their way back to normal operation. Shows are back, workshops are in full swing, general meetings are "in person" - no more Zoom in most cases, field trips are scheduled. Your services as a volunteer are needed now more than ever. Your club/society needs your talent. Just say "YES, I'll do it!"

## WHAT IS A 501(C)(3)?

By Don Warthen, JD, GG.

In the CFMS most of our societies are organized as a 501 (c) (3), but how many people out there really know what that means? A 501(c) organization is a nonprofit organization under the federal law of the United States according to 26 U.S.C. § 501 and is one of 29 types of nonprofit organizations which are exempt from some federal income taxes. Sections 503 through 505 set out the requirements for attaining such exemptions. Many states refer to Section 501(c) for definitions of organizations exempt from state taxation as well. 501(c) organizations can receive unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations, and unions. Please note that you must also organize under state law also.

For example, a nonprofit organization may be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) if its primary activities are charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering amateur sports competition, preventing cruelty to children, or preventing cruelty to animals.

An organization can be a corporation, trust, unincorporated association, or other type of organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code. It is the most common type of nonprofit organization in the United States.

One of the benefits of being a 501 (c) 3 is that most people, or organizations, that make donations to the society may deduct that donation from their income tax. 26 U.S.C. § 170, provides a deduction, for federal income tax purposes, for some donors who make charitable contributions to most types of 501(c)(3) organizations, among others. Regulations specify that such deductions must be verifiable to be allowed (e.g., receipts for donations over \$250). Please note that donations made to other organizations e.g. 501 (c)(5) may not be deductible.

### Books of Accounting and Other Types of Records

All tax-exempt organizations, including churches, religious organizations, and Rock Societies are required to maintain books of accounting and other records necessary to justify their claim for exemption in the event of an audit. Tax-exempt organizations are also

required to maintain books and records that are necessary to accurately file any federal tax and information returns that may be required.

There is no specific format for keeping records. However, the types of required records frequently include organizing documents (charter, constitution, articles of incorporation) and bylaws, minute books, property records, general ledgers, receipts and disbursements journals, payroll records, banking records and invoices. The extent of the records necessary generally varies according to the type, size and complexity of the organization's activities.

The loss of 501(c)(3) status can be highly disruptive if not fatal to the organization's continued operation, most cities that allow our societies the use of their community centers at greatly reduced fees, or no cost will no longer give you the use of these buildings and banks that waive fees for non-profits will no longer waive these fees, many foundations and corporate matching programs do not grant funds to a charity without such status, and individual donors often do not donate to such a charity due to the unavailability of the deduction but worst of all is if you are a non-profit corporation, that corporation will become a C corporation and in the state of California you will owe \$800 a year in minimum tax, even if you lose money that year.

Some of the other types of organizations:

- 501 (c)(1) Federal Credit Unions
  - 501 (c)(2) Title-holding Corporations
  - 501(c)(4) Civic Leagues and Employee Associations, etc.
  - 501(c)(5) Labor, Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations
  - 501(c)(6) Business Leagues, Chambers of Commerce, Real Estate Boards, etc.
  - 501(c)(7) Social, recreational (added by editor)
- And so on.

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tax advisor comments: If you ever lose your exempt status due to failure to timely file the required Form 990 or 199 (CA clubs only) which applies to your organization, all is not lost. You can generally file to reinstate your exempt status. It does involve some paperwork and fees; if you need guidance. just ask.



## 2022 CFMS SHOW DATES

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*Show or Event as soon as possible  
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*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!*

## CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS ARE LISTED HERE

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### 2022

#### September 31-October 3 – Vista, CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society  
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040  
N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083  
Hours: Fri, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Website: <http://www.vistarocks.org>

#### October 1-2, 2022 - Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fair and Event Center, 1890  
Briggs St., Anderson, CA  
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
Contact: [miller3987@gmail.com](mailto:miller3987@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

#### October 8-9, 2022 – Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND  
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society  
Redwood City Community Activities Building,  
1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5  
Contact: (650) 575-3144, [cci@pacbell.net](mailto:cci@pacbell.net)  
Website: <http://pggs.org>

#### October 8-9, 2022, Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society  
Earth's Treasurers Show 2022  
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney  
Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [4vanclan5@att.net](mailto:4vanclan5@att.net)  
Website: <https://www.ncgms.org/show-info/>

#### 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, 2022 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First Methodist Church, 22770 Sherman  
Way, West Hills, CA 91304  
Hours 10-5  
Website: <http://www.rockchippers.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  
Contact: (707) 849-9551, [jolene4srms@gmail.com](mailto:jolene4srms@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

#### October 15-16, 2022, Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem  
Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100  
Placerville Dr., Placerville, Ca 95667  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5  
Contact: [office@edcmgs.org](mailto:office@edcmgs.org)  
Website:  
<http://www.eldoradocountymineralandgemociety.org>

#### October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society  
6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA  
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Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

### 2023

#### February 18-19, 2023 – Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201  
West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Antioch, CA 94509  
Hours: Sat and Sun 10-5  
Contact Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957  
Website:  
<http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

#### March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W.  
Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (805) 312-8467  
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

#### March 11-12 2023 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Mother Lode Mineral Show  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N.  
Broadway, Turlock, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5  
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Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

#### March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club  
Lemoore Gem & Mineral Show  
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore,  
CA  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4  
Website:  
<https://facebook.com/AndLemoore>

#### March 25-26, 2023 – Angeles Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun  
Club Rd., Angeles Camp, CA 95222  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (262) 348-6804,  
[clairemathison1@gmail.com](mailto:clairemathison1@gmail.com)  
Website:  
<http://calaverasgemandmineralsociety.net>

#### June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
The Convention Center at the California  
Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido, CA  
92025  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [tonifloyd41615@gmail.com](mailto:tonifloyd41615@gmail.com)  
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## National/Regional Shows:

*Eastern Federation September 23-25,  
2022, Harrisburg, PA*

*Midwest Federation  
October 21-23, 2022  
Springfield MO*

*Northwest Federation  
September 30-October 2, 2022  
Hillsboro, OR*

*Rocky Mountain Federation  
TBA*

*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.***

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## **STILL LOOKING FOR CONTENT!!**

Please reminded that the newsletter is only as good as the content that is included. Where does all that content come from? It comes from you—the chairmen! The society members need to hear from you. In their eyes, you are the Federation. I deeply appreciate those chairmen who send me articles on a regular basis—it does make an editor's job that much easier.

As you've noticed I do "borrow" content from the AFMS Newsletter. I also reprint previously published material from past CFMS Newsletters that may be of interest to our membership. Fortunately ones I produced are stored on flash drives so I still have access to them. Any that were posted on the old website were lost when the new site went online. The best stuff is still the fresh new information that comes from the chairmen—let's hear from you.

Due to the AFMS meetings being held during the time that I normally prepare the newsletter for publication and distribution, the November issue may be a bit late. I am undecided as to whether I take a computer with me to New Orleans so I may not be able to work on it until my return home. Having never been there before, I do plan to do the tourist bit as much as possible and don't plan to spend much time at the hotel.

As Rules Chair for CFMS, I plan to attend the AFMS Rules meeting and will advise you of any changes or other matters discussed at that meeting.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 12/31/22): \_\_\_\_\_

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 info requested above & accompany this application with full responses to all sections/subsections listed below. Info should be provided for the past calendar year (2022). Also include a brief cover note highlighting accomplishment/s to which you wish to draw special attention where you feel you really shine. Mail or email this application with your responses to:

Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Junior Activities Chair  
7319 Eisenhower Street  
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All entries should be postmarked by March 1, 2023 (if sent by mail) or should be received via email not later than March 1, 2023. Should you have questions, call or email Jim at (805) 659-3577, jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Winners will be announced at the 2023 CFMS Show & Convention. Kids who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place last year in the 2 age groups need to sit out a year **UNLESS** they are moving from Age Group 1 (under 12 years old) to Age Group 2 (ages 12-18).

### 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, sidewalk or beach clean-up, etc. 10 points



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