



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Barton

Hi Rockhounds,

This is my final message as your President for 2022. Its been a life changing experience for me and I hope you are looking forward to the next year as President-Elect Kimberly Fiala takes the reins. Best of luck to you all.

This month, December 2022, we highlight CFMS Junior Activities. Jim Brace-Thompson is the 2022 Chair. Jim has fulfilled the requirements listed below for many years and has promoted society competitions to keep our youth engaged in the Earth Science Studies. He is an asset to this organization.

The following is copied from the CFMS Operating Regulations posted on our website [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org). Please contact your society's Director for the password.

### 20. Junior Activities Committee

a. The Junior Activities Committee shall have a chairman who will:

- (1) Act as a clearinghouse for ideas for junior programs.
- (2) Provide information and ideas for forming junior groups, using the CFMS Newsletter to keep the information current.
- (3) Keep a file on clubs with junior programs.
- (4) Arrange for a booth for juniors and manned by juniors at CFMS Convention Show.
- (5) Serve as a member of the American Federation Juniors Program Committee. Added 6/93.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



*Jim Barton*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for January newsletter  
Jan 1. . . . . Dues/insurance for 2023 due  
Jan 5. . . . . Deadline for February newsletter

## 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 [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 Fund

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.

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## INSURANCE NEWS

Due to increases in the cost of the public liability insurance CFMS provides for its member societies/clubs, we found it necessary to increase the per member cost to \$7. This amounts to a \$1 increase (less than the cost of a cup of coffee or bottle of drinking water). The total amount due is \$9. The cost breakdown is \$2 for the CFMS dues and \$7 for the mandatory insurance.

The form for payment of dues/insurance is included in this newsletter. Be sure to mail all payments to CFMS; do **not** mail to McDaniel Insurance Services.



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS  
Junior Activities Chair

### CFMS Offers Many Awards for Junior Members in 2023

*Encourage & Nominate Your  
Club Kids!*

As 2022 winds to a close and we look to the New Year, encourage kids within your clubs and societies to strive for any of several awards available to them. These include...

**The CFMS 2023 Junior Achievement Award.** We will sponsor our Third Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Award to acknowledge and reward outstanding kids in two age groups: under 12 (Age Group 1) and ages 12-to-18 (Age Group 2). Kids submit applications, and winners earn a Certificate-of-Achievement and \$100. An application form will be distributed at the Fall Directors' Meeting in Visalia and is posted to the CFMS website (<https://cfmsinc.org/juniors-achievement-award/>). In order to evaluate entries and announce winners at our CFMS Show & Convention in Lodi June 23-25, the deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2023. Applicants must be enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society. The child's age as of December 31, 2022 determines the age group he or she will be in. If a child won last year, that child will need to wait out a full year to enter again UNLESS s/he has moved up from Age Group 1 to Age Group 2. If a child submitted an application last year but did not win, s/he can enter again this year. Should you have questions, contact me (805-659-3577 or [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)).

**Show Chair's Award at our Show & Convention.** Our new Show Chair's Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit will be determined and presented by the 2023 CFMS Show Chair at our annual Show & Convention in Lodi. The award will consist of a Certificate, a \$100 cash prize, and a mineral specimen. There are no rules (nor applications to fill out) for this award, which may be presented to any kid's exhibit at the show, whether competitive or noncompetitive. (In short, it is like the President's Award granted to whatever display appeals most to the CFMS President.) May each club encourage kids to enter exhibits!

**Bulletin Contest Awards.** Newsletter editors of each CFMS club and society are encouraged to submit

entries into the CFMS Bulletin Contest each year. These include several categories for kids: Junior Poetry, Junior Articles written by kids under age 12, and Junior Articles written by kids ages 12 through 17. Details are posted to the CFMS website (<https://cfmsinc.org/cfms-bulletin-contest/>). Nominations are traditionally made by the newsletter editors of individual societies.

**Junior Rockhound of the Year.** Each year, societies within CFMS may award "Rockhound of the Year" recognition to an individual or a couple who has shown outstanding achievement and participation within their club. This award is published and celebrated in both the CFMS and the AFMS newsletters, along with certificates-of-achievement. In addition to adults, each society is encouraged to honor a "Junior Rockhound of the Year." All you need do is write a brief paragraph about your Junior Rockhound of the Year and submit it to ROTY Chair Chris Ward ([chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com)). Here's looking forward to honoring a kid within *your* society!

Here's to a great New Year helping kids earn awards—while having fun!



Pat LaRue presents Margaret Kolaczyk her AFMS Past President plaque at the CFMS Fall Business Meeting

John Martin photograph

## 2022 CAB CASES SOUTH

By Chris Ward, Chair

The Cab Cases South were proudly showcased, along with their cousins, Cab Cases North and Cab Cases Central, at the 2022 CFMS Show & Convention last May 6-8 in Lancaster, CA. It had been a very long time since all three sets were displayed together and it truly was a joy to see them there. The Cab Cases South are available to be displayed at your show in the Southern California area. Please submit to me the dates of your show if you'd like the cases to be included. My contact information appears each month in the CFMS newsletter as well as on the CFMS website. If available, I can travel up to 50 miles to arrange delivery/pick-up.

My club's (Del Air Rockhounds) Volcano, Igneous & Sedimentary Rock displays and our educational children's game may also be available along with the cab cases should you want them and have the space to accommodate them. Don't hesitate to ask about their availability as well. I will be continuing on as Cab Cases South Chair through the 2023 calendar year.

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## FIELD TRIPS NORTH

By Jim Barton, Chair

On October 22 – 23, 2022 Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society Field Trip Leaders Gene Doyle, Jim Hutchins and Gloria Marie led a COOP/CFMS field trip for mineral specimens near Hawthorne and Mina Nevada. Twelve CFMS societies' members attended, 10 from Roseville and 2 from Reno. The first day included garnets and epidote, while the second day included barite, selenite, and petrified wood. The trip also included stops for geologic stratigraphy and history lessons describing how unconformities and pegmatites are formed. Gloria Marie provided photos on the Roseville Rock Rollers public group Facebook Page.

In March 2023 COOP will conduct field trip leaders training in a Saturday Seminar in Fair Oaks, CA, date to be determined. Visitors are welcome.

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## CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

As the Endowment Fund is considered to be the financial backbone of the CFMS, all donations are greatly appreciated and very much needed. Earlier this year, we raised a little over \$2,000.00 at the CFMS Show earlier this year through sales of donated rocks, gems, minerals and other rock related materials.

In addition, we had our very fun roulette wheel going for children of all ages which contributed \$600 or so as a portion of the \$2,000.00. Monetary donations throughout the year are particularly helpful. Donations may be made in "honor of", in "memory of" or for any other reason that you or your society wish. Checks may be sent to Pat LaRue via snail mail, PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA, 92377-1657, delivered at the twice yearly business meeting like right now or at the Endowment Fund table at the Federation Shows. Jewelry, gems and other rock related items may be sent throughout the year to Sharon Rogow, Endowment Fund Chair at PO Box 35078, Las Vegas, NV 89133. All donations are tax deductible and if you wish, a written donation letter will be supplied to you.

We are looking to you to give until it...feels good! Please refer to the financial report for details on the fund contributions and income.

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## VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

As of this writing there only been very few requests for programs from our library. This is not nearly the activity that we had hoped for. I would like to suggest that the program chairs consider requesting from our library as there are a great number and a great variety to choose from. They can be used at meetings, shows, special events and for any other creative activity that may be appropriate.

The most popular subjects over the last few years have been Red Treasures of the Rockies (gorgeous rhodochrosite from the Sweet Home mine in Colorado with history of the mine) #57, German Agates #22, Flint Knapping #43, Franklin, NJ-Fluorescent Mineral Capital #3, Sedimentary and Vein Agates #4, and Tree Stories #2.

No postal fees are charged to CFMS as an anonymous donor covers them.

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## RULES COMMITTEE

By Pat LaRue, Chair

The recent CFMS Convention and Show hosted by the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club saw not only a return to a show but a return to exhibits in general. There were 20 displays on the competitive side and nearly twice as many on the non-competitive side. The next opportunity to show off what we do will be at the no-host show being held June 23-25, 2022 in Lodi.

I recently attended the Rules meeting at the AFMS Convention and Show in New Orleans. Although the meeting itself wasn't all that productive in terms of changes, it was rich in discussion between those in attendance. A common concern is why we don't get more participation. California and the Northwest Federation consistently get more participation than the other 5 federations. At the recent show there were only two displays in competition and another 6 or 7 non-competition. (Two of those were the past-President memorabilia cases.) It is hoped that some of the ideas on how to make the whole process of putting in a display more appealing will come to fruition.

When I took over as Rules Chair this past year, the first thing I noticed was that a list of judges wasn't included in the boxes I inherited. Fortunately I knew some of the people who had judged in the past and I didn't hesitate to ask them if they could help out. One of the lines on the competition display application asks if the entrant who be interested in judging and if they had done it before and in what categories. That's how I filled out the list of people who gave of their time to judge the 20 cases in Lancaster. I used that information to begin a list of persons who might be available to evaluate displays at future shows. This is a list that needs to grow and I encourage anyone who does display to consider becoming a judge. I do hope we will have a judges training session in our Federation so we can be ready for 2024 when CFMS again hosts the AFMS.

The Rules book itself was one of things that was brought up at the AFMS Rules meeting—we must continue to encourage interested persons that they only need to pay attention to the section which pertains to their category and some general requirements that apply to everyone. Don't let the size of the book scare you off. A lot has changed over the years. Gone are the days when many judges seemed to go overboard in their criticism of any given display case. We all have

horror stories of losing a point for a dead fly or debris in the display case that wasn't there when we closed it up. Ideally the person will only make a note that the issue was noticed but not deduct any points. All judges current and future should embrace their role as that of a teacher and not that of a critic.

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Additional notes: Colleen McGann will be the Rules Committee Chair in 2023. I will be serving as the second year member who receives the applications and Jim Brace-Thompson will begin his 3 year term on the committee.

Many years ago "workshops" for judges as well as exhibitors were hosted by CFMS member clubs. I would love to see that practice return. The Committee looks forward to hearing from you.

*From MWFMS Bulletin Editor News 1/84  
via Golden Spike News 9/00*



## AFMS BULLETIN EDITORS AWARDS—2022

Compiled by Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS rep to AFMS

At the Editors/Webmasters Breakfast & the Awards Banquet, CFMS-affiliated societies & individuals earned many honors:

- First Place Gold in All-American Club competition - Ventura Gem & Mineral Society\*\*
- 1st Place, New Bulletin Editor - Celia Churchill, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura G&MS
- 1st Place, Large Bulletins - Laura Driskell, *The Rock Bag*, Oxnard G&MS
- 6th Place, Large Bulletins - Amy Phillips, *Rockentour*, Santa Lucia Rockhounds
- 10th Place, Large Bulletins - Josephine Borucki, *Breccia*, Santa Clara Valley G&MS
- 2nd Place, Adult Articles - Ted Gray, "Fossil Hunting," Santa Lucia Rockhounds
- 6th Place, Adult Articles - Les Flynn, "Faceting: Gem Examples," Reno G&MS
- Honorable Mention, Adult Articles - Pat Speece, "Carats, Carets, Karats, Carrots...Oh, My!" Santa Clara Valley G&MS
- 4th Place, Adult Articles Advanced - David Springer, "Caliperite," Ventura G&MS
- 8th Place, Adult Articles Advanced - Jim Brace-Thompson, "Collecting at Punta Gorda," Ventura G&MS
- Honorable Mention, Adult Articles Advanced - Steve Mulqueen, "Def. of the Month," Ventura G&MS
- 1st Place, Junior Articles, Under 12 - Lucia Hetrick, "Valley of Fire," Ventura G&MS
- 3rd Place, Junior Articles, Under 12 - Valerie Churchill, "Panum Crater," Ventura G&MS
- Honorable Mention, Written Feature - Jim Brace-Thompson, "Picturing the Past," Ventura G&MS
- Honorable Mention, Written Feature - Louisa May Carey, "Pebble Pups Page," Oxnard G&MS
- 4th Place, Adult Poetry - Carolyn Hiwe, "Stones for Christmas," Oxnard G&MS
- 1st Place, Junior Poetry - Lucia Hetrick, "I Love Them All Big & Small," Ventura G&MS
- 2nd Place, Junior Poetry - Valerie Churchill, "Tide is Low, Time to Go!" Ventura G&MS
- 3rd Place, Junior Poetry - Ellie Langille, "The Best Part of Rockhounding," Ventura G&MS

\*\*presented at AFMS Awards banquet

From CFMS Representative to AFMS report—Fall Business Meeting 11/22

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## THERE WILL BE A 2023 SHOW!!

After speaking with several societies in their area and finding no takers, the Executive Committee reluctantly decided that CFMS needed to hold a no-host show for 2023. As all are aware we were unable to have our traditional show in 3 of the previous 5 years—in 2018 although a club in northern California graciously invited us to hold a Directors Meeting at their show, as a Federation we were not part of their show except for the Endowment Fund table. COVID prevented us from having a show hosted or otherwise in 2020 or 2021.

You can plan to be in Lodi June 23-25, 2023. The show committee is hard at work finalizing all the various forms so these can be posted to the CFMS website as soon as possible. The event will be held at the Grape Festival and Harvest Fair in Lodi, CA. This is the same site of a successful no-host show in 2015. First Vice President/President elect Bob Rush will be Show Chairman with Jim Barton acting as his assistant Show Chair.

Unlike a hosted show, a no-host show doesn't have a pool of club members to handle all the tasks involved. We are asking those in the nearby area to let Bob or Jim know how you can help. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up, security, admissions, demonstrations, etc. Most importantly all the clubs will have the opportunity to meet members of the public who could possibly become your future members. Bob plans to put the tables promoting membership at the front of the dealers building so these are the first thing visitors see when they enter the building.

Be watching the newsletter for details and information as it evolves. The basic framework for 2023 was begun in 2021 so the committee is basically picking up where it left off when we had to cancel last time due to the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic. Here's to yet another successful no-host show!

Submitted by Pat LaRue, 2023 Show Registrar

## 2022 SURVEY ON THE HEALTH OF CFMS KIDS' PROGRAMS, POST- PANDEMIC

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Jr. Activities Chair

Starting in the August 2022 CFMS newsletter, I surveyed our clubs to gauge the health of our kids' programs, pre- & post-pandemic. I ran 2 articles with my survey questions in the CFMS Newsletter & sent a Federation-wide blast with the survey via the CFMS club email list. When I received a disappointingly low response rate of just 16%, I mailed all clubs that had not responded a printed copy of the survey & a self-addressed stamped return envelope. This lifted the response rate greatly. Number of survey respondents: 49, or 50%. Per experts on surveys, 25% to 30% is considered an excellent response rate from which to extrapolate out to a general population, so I believe we have very solid results to form a discussion.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE SURVEY AS A WHOLE

Before presenting specific responses, here's an overview of my own key take-aways from this survey:

- Post-pandemic, we are in a precarious state not just with kids programs but for the overall health of clubs, in general. Some are hanging on by a thread.
- It takes a leader—and a village. Lacking a firmly committed “champion” within a club (assisted by an enthusiastic cadre of volunteers), a kids' program cannot start nor flourish.
- Kids' meetings should be activity-based with concrete rewards at the end.
- Field trips are a huge draw & helped several clubs keep kids (& adults) interested & involved.
- A majority of clubs use the excuse of "we have no kids," but if you truly want a kids' program, you need to actively, consistently recruit. The question comes down to: Do you truly want a kids' program?
- Kids' programs aren't for every club. Don't try to force one-size-fits-all.

Per the Directory on the CFMS website, we have 98 clubs. Of these, in their club profiles 43% say they have junior members. However, per my survey, just 24% say they had an active juniors program prior to the COVID Pandemic & just 20% have one today. While

many clubs claim to have juniors, few are apparently doing anything in the way of organized programs or activities for those juniors, despite an abundance of resources provided by CFMS & the AFMS/FRA program. There would seem to be an obvious disconnect.

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

What's the key to success? Here are some tips from clubs that have not only survived but thrived:

The club found a way to keep kids engaged during the pandemic period, either with outdoor meetings & field trips and/or monthly Zoom meetings & activities delivered in-person, online, or via mail.

One club member served as a "champion" for a kids' program; when the champion disappears, the program withers and dies.

The junior leader was assisted by others in the club—for donating specimens, leading classes or field trips, etc. It was not an individual effort, but a communal contribution from multiple committed adults, all led by a completely committed champion.

### SURVEY RESULTS

#### Question 1a: Did you have an active kids' program prior to the COVID pandemic in 2019?

Yes = 24%

No = 76%

About a quarter of our clubs had kids' programs, pre-pandemic. This would seem to contradict what clubs claim in their profiles on the CFMS website, where 43% of clubs claim to have junior members. If that is indeed the case, then half of those clubs with juniors are apparently not doing anything in the way of organized programs or activities specifically geared to keeping their kids interested & active despite free Federation resources.

#### Question 1b: If yes, how many kids were involved & what did you do?

The number ranged from 1 home-schooled child up to as many as 32 kids. The majority of clubs with kids' programs had a dozen or fewer kids.

In most instances, kids had their own monthly meetings with presentations & activities (sometimes tied to AFMS/FRA badges) that took place prior to or during the general monthly membership meeting. Kids always left with a rock, fossil, or other item. In most instances, kids also participated in club field trips & the annual

club show (with exhibits, helping sell grab bags, etc.). In just a few instances, kids were given instruction in, or accompanied parents to, lapidary workshops.

**Question 1c: If no, why did you not have a kids' program?**

Two reasons predominated:

7. Membership problems in general (shrinking membership) accompanied by difficulty getting a volunteer to run a kids' program and/or a general lack of interest in starting a kids' program.

8. Few to no kids or families in the club.

A third reason was named by two highly specialized clubs:

9. We tried, but our niche proves too specific & specialized for kids (e.g., an opal society & a scientifically oriented mineralogy society).

**Question 2: If you had a kid's program, what happened when the pandemic struck with social distancing requirements?**

By far, the most common response was that all activities stopped & the kids' program dissolved altogether. Following is a selection of other responses:

10. 3 kids (down from 7 pre-pandemic) met via Zoom & took occasional field trips.

11. Took a few months off then resumed in-person meetings with 6 kids (down from 12, pre-pandemic)

12. 3 kids (down from 20) went on field trips while some earned AFMS/FRA badges independently.

13. Continued via email & phone with 1 home-schooler.

14. Within 2 months of shut-down, we continued a monthly program viz Zoom with activities mailed or hand-delivered to kids & shared during the program, which included presentations by club members; took field trips to beach localities; conducted a Weekly Challenge via email with kids winning free rocks mailed to them. Our program actually grew during the pandemic such that we now have 42 kids.

15. We did a few videos, but most activities were just postponed.

**Question 3: Have you resumed any kids' program your club had pre-pandemic or started a new kid' program? If so, how have you gone about this & how would you judge your success thus far?**

Of responding clubs, 10 of the 12 that had a kids' program pre-pandemic have fully re-started or continued (77%). Extrapolating out from the survey,

this indicates only 20% (one-fifth) of CFMS-affiliated societies now have an active kids' program compared to 24% (one-fourth) pre-pandemic. This contradicts the CFMS website club profiles, where 43% of clubs claim to have actively involved junior members. In all but two instances, those clubs that have resumed their kids' programs are doing so with considerably reduced numbers of kids, with some down by as much as 85%. Thankfully, our two exceptions offer a ray of hope. Both have actually seen a healthy increase between pre- & post-pandemic enrollments. One (Sacramento Mineral Society) went from 25 kids to 30; the other (my own Ventura club) went from 28 to 42.

**A FINAL NOTE**

In the CFMS Newsletter in 2023 I'll be writing articles on "best practices" as gleaned from this survey for how the most successful & active clubs have maintained (& grown) their kids' programs, how they've attracted kids, & what they are doing with them. It's time to rebuild. It's time for the Federation to help!

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## 2022 CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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*Please submit your  
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to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:  
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*Use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

*You should receive a confirmation  
within 5 days after submitting your  
Show Date information!*

## CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS ARE LISTED HERE

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### 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>

#### February 25-26, 2023 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall,  
900 Fairgrounds Dr, Vallejo, CA  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: (415) 254-1506  
Website: <http://vjgems.co>

#### 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 3, 4 & 5, 2023, Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark,  
CA  
Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: [showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
Website: <http://mgscv.org>

#### March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
47<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound  
Tailgate  
Contact (760) 245-2330 - leave a message  
Website: <http://vvgmc.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  
Contact: [bwendx2@yahoo.com](mailto:bwendx2@yahoo.com)  
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 24-26, 2023 – Clovis, CA

Fresno Gem and Mineral Society  
The Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Dr.,  
Clovis CA 93612  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Website: <https://www.fgms.online>

#### 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>

#### March 18-19, 2023 – San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully  
Rd, San Jose, CA 95111  
Hours: Sat-Sun 10-5  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

#### 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)  
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

## National/Regional Shows:

#### *California Federation*

*June 23-25, 2023  
Lodi, CA*

#### *Eastern Federation TBA*

*Midwest Federation  
TBA*

#### *Northwest Federation*

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