



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Greetings to all and I hope everyone had a wonderful time with the family and friends over Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Getting together is a great time to reflect on the past and reminisce on those stories that are told time and time again. But now we are looking towards the new year and what is to come for CFMS.

But first I would like to thank Jim Barton for his service as President and welcome him to the "Past Presidents" club. But know that he will not be out of the picture for he will still be involved with things to come. Jim will serve as the chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, be on the Golden Bear Committee, and the Jury of Awards Committee for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. Then when he has nothing else to do, he can update the CFMS Officers & Committee Manual if any changes are needed. And lastly, he is the chair for Field Trips – North, so look out for those future trips.

I also want to thank those who have chosen to stay in current positions and those that have volunteered to help join in the committees or becoming a chair leader. We come together to keep things going and hopefully bring new ideas to the table for our new and continuing committees.

And lastly, I want to thank you all for letting me become your President for 2023. Lots of shoes to fill but with the knowledge this organization has to share I know I have plenty of resources to turn to for guidance, and thank you all in advance. On that note, for things to come for CFMS, we will have a No-Host Show in June, but to make this show the best we all need to help so please think about volunteering some of your time and effort to keep this society as great as it can be.

See you all in the NEW YEAR!

Kimberly Fiala



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 1' Dues/insurance for 2023 due
Jan 5. Deadline for February newsletter
Feb 5. Deadline for March newsletter
June 23-25. CFMS Convention & Show

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at 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:

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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.

Fill-in forms are available on the CFMS website.
www.cfmsinc.org



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Junior Activities Chair

Seeking Donations & Help for the 2023 CFMS Show Kids Booth And a Reminder about our Junior Achievement Award!

Happy New Year, one and all! As announced at our last Directors Meeting in November, for 2023 there will be a no-host CFMS Show & Convention June 23-25 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds (413 East Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA). Watch for more details in coming months. Meanwhile, as CFMS Junior Activities Chair, I welcome and need your help!

A no-host show means no individual club stepped up to sponsor and run the annual Show & Convention, so the CFMS Board will serve as the Show Committee and we need volunteers from clubs throughout the Federation to help however best they can. I'll be running a Kids Booth, and I myself need help in two specific ways:

1. **Materials.** I'm assembling a lot of grab bags, spinning wheel prizes, and tiny specimens for sand sifting from my own overflowing rock pile. But I definitely need help! My rock pile isn't as varied as it could be, and I especially need quality items (fossils, minerals, crystals, jewelry, etc.) for spinning wheel prizes. And I need grab bags filled with 10 to 15 items. Also, do you have any tiny items that can be swirled into the sand-sifting box?

2. **Volunteers.** We'll have several stations in the Kids Booth and need volunteers who can help sell grab bags, run the spinning wheel and a sand-sifting box, and oversee other stations including free activities, such as coloring pages, a rock touch-table, and an Excavate-a-Dino box. If you'll be coming to the show, consider devoting a couple of hours to helping in the Kids Booth. Both I and kids will value your efforts!

With no individual club running the Show, we all need to come together in providing the resources and personnel to make for a great experience for one and all. Might you help in the Kids Booth? If so, please contact me (805-659-3577 or jbraceth@roadrunner.com). Many thanks in advance!

At the Awards Banquet during the Show & Convention, I hope to present our CFMS 2023 Junior Achievement

Awards. But to do so, we need applicants! Do you have outstanding Pebble Pups or Junior Members in your club? If so, encourage them to apply. Our CFMS Junior Achievement Award acknowledges and rewards 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. The application form was 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, 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). Here's to helping kids earn honors and awards—while having fun!

2023 CFMS WEBSITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill, Chairman

All CFMS society webmasters are invited to participate in the 2023 CFMS Website Contest.

Entering this contest is a great opportunity to have your club's website reviewed.

The Entry Forms for the Website Contest will be posted soon on the homepage of the CFMS website, <https://cfmsinc.org>

The deadline for entry in the contest is Sunday, March 23, 2023.



THERE WILL BE A 2023 SHOW!!

By Pat LaRue, Show Registrar

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.

We still need a volunteer to coordinate the demo area. That person would help get volunteers willing to spend time demonstrating some of the skills we perform as members of our societies/clubs. Examples would include cabbage, silversmithing, beading, wire wrap. Many a show visitor has decided to join a local club to learn more as a result of the interest generated by watching a demonstration.

We also need someone willing to step forward to help organize the banquet. The event itself will be catered but we need someone to head the committee responsible for decorations and getting room ready for the event. Will also need a person to coordinate the ticket sales at the gate. Lots of volunteers will be needed—an ideal opportunity for a local club to help.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2022

By Diane Cook, Chairman

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook, highlighting a club's activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for attendance at regional and national shows, participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives - all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

A lot of work goes into these Yearbooks and it is a great way to keep a record of the club's history. It is time to get a committee together to put the book together. Entry deadline for you 2022 book is March 10, 2022, midnight. For 2022 - Take a look at what your club has accomplished this year, and give credit where credit is due. The more members who can contribute to the yearbook, the more completely it can serve as an historical document for the club, as well as an excellent tool to encourage prospective members. Canvassing members for any missing documentation, letters, flyers or other materials to fill in some gaps just might make the difference between a good club and a great club yearbook entry.

The forms needed are up on the web site and remember the deadline to get the book to me is **March 10, 2023**. Email to me @ johndianedaisy@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, or need help please feel free to reach out to me.



QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory
Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: LjgrAlg@aol.com or at home address: 3515 E. 88 th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER! What a wonderful AFMS/SCFMS show we had in New Orleans this year! Editor, author, and webmaster awards were presented at the annual Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. If you were there, you already have your awards. If we missed you this year, your awards have been mailed to the editor of your club, or they may have been picked up by a representative from your club or regional federation. Congratulations to all of you! Just being top three in your regional federation and having your work submitted to the AFMS contest is an accomplishment. Keep in mind that in the seven regional federations that comprise the AFMS there are approximately 640 clubs with about 53,000 members total. In my "okie accent," let me say that y'all are at the top of the heap!

WHAT MAKES AN EDITOR?

Under the AFMS umbrella we have three types of editor positions:

Editors of local clubs keep their members informed of all club activities, club reports, regional and American Federation news, and provide educational articles, hints, tips, and fun stuff (like poetry or puzzles) that meet the needs of their club. Local editors are part of the glue that holds clubs together. So, if someone calls you "Elmer," . . . consider it a compliment. Local editors could be elected or might be appointed by the president or board of directors of the club.

Editors of the regional federations are kind of like the old fashioned telephone operators who connect everyone in their federation to a party line, plugging all the wires in the right places so everyone can hear. If you are with the younger generation, think "conference call." Within the seven regional federations associated with AFMS, two regions elect their editors and the other five appoint their editors. The federations depend on these editors to help make federation business run smoothly. They print correct information, officer reports, committee reports,

show announcements, regional federation activities, AFMS activities, and other items of importance/interest to member societies in a timely manner and without political comment. Regional editors help everyone work together as a team and are team players themselves. They are knowledgeable about their federation. Some regional editors include educational articles in the newsletter, but some federations consider the regional newsletter to be a vehicle for federation business only. The intent of the regional newsletter is up to each federation in accordance with their operating procedures.

The AFMS Newsletter is the giant switchboard in the sky with connections to each regional federation and every local club. The AFMS editor prints all things related to AFMS business: officer reports, committee reports, safety information, show information, contact information for officers and committee chairs, collecting information (remember ALAA, BLM), and accolades for individuals and societies. He/she also sends out timely reminders to AFMS officers and chairs about important deadlines. And like our other types of editors, the AFMS editor acts as a glue to hold us all together, promotes the interests of our hobby, and works as a team player. The word "divisive" is not part of the vocabulary.

These excerpts from one of our previous (and much loved) AFMS editors, Carolyn Weinberger: "... the editor [every editor!] must be task oriented and good at keeping deadlines, ... Knowledge of spelling (not text speak) and correct grammar (not TV tense change or present day only occurrences) are important as well. ... It's also important that the editor has an understanding of the federation and the good sense to not print inappropriate or items of a political nature or opinion that would most certainly offend some readers."

And these three thoughts from your AFMS BEAC Chair (me):

Being an editor is all about good communication. All the editor descriptions above list things that make good communication happen. We also need to remember that good communication involves listening attentively to others in addition to speaking through print.

Editors know what their job is, they do THEIR job, they help when asked, they do NOT overstep the bounds of their position to do everyone else's jobs, and they do NOT tell others how to do their jobs. Editors DO respect differences and act as the glue that holds us together. Are YOU feeling like glue? May I call you "Elmer?"

From *AFMS Newsletter*, Dec 22/Jan 23

SAFETY MATTERS—WHERE IS SAFETY?

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Where is safety? A short story if I may. Of the 6 or so folks who read these Safety Matters articles, one of those readers related a story of a recent safety matter she experienced. While digging a hole in her back yard to plant a plant, she encountered a large rock. Being a rock person, she gathered her rock cracking hammer and chisel and proceeded to reduce the size of the rock using her tools. She related what I might call a "thought bubble" over her head which read "Shouldn't I be wearing my safety glasses?"

That one reader thought of safety glasses while breaking a rock to plant a plant is what I would call, a success. Safety is a full time responsibility. Where is safety? Safety matters relate to planting a plant, breaking a rock, driving to a field trip, and grinding a stone. Safety matters do not end when one leaves the quarry, or the office or drives back in the garage.

Where is safety? Safety matters are everywhere. In the many and varied areas of our rock hobby, safety matters are everywhere - at our club meetings; our shows; our workshops; our collecting trips; our talking about the hobby in school, church, or civic groups; our rock trimming and identification activities. Safety matters abound in all aspects of our hobby. Some safety matters are well documented and clear. Some safety matters hide in the dark and are unique to a situation. Being safe means being mindful of rules, guidelines, obvious and less obvious hazards, and, perhaps most of all, being prepared and well aware of the potential danger in every situation.

Being safe is not complicated. We pretty much know what we need to do to be safe so it is mostly a matter of doing that which we know is the right thing to do to remain safe.

Please, be safe in and with all you do. Your safety matters.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, November, 2018

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DESERT HIKE

Where: Hauser Geode Beds – Palo Verde, CA

When: January 28th, 2023, at 9:30am

Length: 1-2 Miles

On January 28th, 2023, come walk and talk with the Bureau of Land Management and area "Rockhounds" in the Hauser Geode Beds. Here we will walk and talk about history of the area's minerals. The Hauser Geode Beds were discovered in 1937 by Joel Hauser, a Blythe, CA native.

Friendly dogs are welcome and must be kept on a 6' leash. To reserve your spot, please call (760)337-4442 and leave a message with your name and the total number in your party by January 26th at 12 pm. We will meet at the Hauser Geode Beds at 9:30am. A high clearance vehicle or 4wd is recommended. Please dress in layers, bring your own hat, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes/boots as we will be walking over uneven terrain. Also please bring your own water and snacks.

Directions:

From El Centro, CA, take Interstate 8 East to Highway 111 North. Drive North on Hwy 111 to Highway 78. Turn east on Hwy 78. Continue driving on Hwy 78 towards Blythe/Palo Verde for approximately 72 miles. Turn left on the Bradshaw Trail/30th Avenue and continue West for approximately 11 miles to Milpitas Wash Road. Turn left on Milpitas Wash Road and meet at the 1st Geode Bed Sign at the intersection of Wiley's Well Road and BLM Route 518.

From Yuma, AZ, take Interstate 8 West to the Ogilby Road exit. From I-8, head North on Ogilby Road to Hwy 78. Turn right on Hwy 78 and drive approximately 34 miles. Turn left on the Bradshaw Trail/30th Avenue and continue West for approximately 11 miles to Milpitas Wash Road and meet at the 1st Geode Bed Sign at the intersection of Wiley's Well Road and BLM Route 518.

From everywhere else: Take I-10 to Wiley's Well Road and head south past the prison, past the Campgrounds, and meet at the 1st Geode Bed Sign at the intersection of Wiley's Well Road and BLM Route 518.

Submitted by Jim Barton

2022 CFMS SHOW DATES

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Show or Event as soon as possible
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:
SHOW DATES*

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at 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

2023

January 21-22, 2023 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave.,
Exeter, CA 93221
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (559) 799-6034,
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Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 18-19, 2023 – Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West
10th 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://vjpgems.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 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
Website: <http://mgscv.org>

March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
47th 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
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,
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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

April 8-9, 2023 – Mariposa, CA
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007
Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

May 6-7, 2023 – Lancaster, CA
Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West
Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
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Website: <http://avgem.weebly.com>

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
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

National/Regional Shows:

**California Federation
June 23-25, 2023
Lodi Grape Festival
Grounds
413 E. Lockeford St.
Lodi, CA 95240**

**Eastern Federation
July 7-9, 2023
Syracuse, NY**

**Midwest Federation
Sept. TBD
Howell, MI**

**Northwest Federation
AFMS 2023
August 3-6, 2023
Billings, MN**

**Rocky Mountain
Federation
July 14-16, 2023
Casper, WY**

*South Central Federation
TBA*

*Southeast Federation
October 27-29, 2023
Port St. Lucie, FL*

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

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

REMINDER

Advertise your Show in as many Free locations as possible!

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

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CFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION, 2023

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
Ventura, CA 93003
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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 1st 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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