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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Hello,

We have less than 4 months left until our No Host Show in Lodi, CA. and a necessary evil we need to work on is volunteers. Every society and club needs volunteers, but how does one get someone to volunteer? Maybe we need to reevaluate and/or set up a recruitment program. Most people like to be a part of what they are passionate about or join an organization/club that shares their interests, skills, and passion. Being a volunteer is work but when it's something you enjoy and passionate about it is rewarding.

Please talk with your friends/family and neighbors to see if they are interested in joining or volunteering to help the society or your own local club. I'd have to admit that most people that I run into don't really have any idea what a "rock/gem" show is. We all know that the shows are a big part of our society and for those vendors/clubs to show off their skills on what is actually done with rocks, gems, and/or minerals. If everyone can just get one person to volunteer and help out no matter what small task it would be a tremendous help.

Take your friends and family out to a show, search for local rock events or shows in your local area, so your friends and family can experience the excitement of great finds! For those of you in the south, check out Quartzsite, AZ. There is a wide variety of things to look at that may also pique interest in people to join the society or local club. And have you have ever tried going to Tucson, AZ?

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and enjoy the month!

Kimberly Fiala



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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.

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:

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:
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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.

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 was included in the December 2022 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!

You may have read this report last month, but it remains pertinent, especially since I've received not a single response. I need everyone's help and attention in two specific ways. Please! Can you help!? Please! Kindly spread the word among your club members. Here goes, once again!

Seeking Help with the 2023 CFMS Show Kids Booth

For 2023 there will be a no-host CFMS Show & Convention June 23-25 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. As CFMS Junior Activities Chair, I welcome and need 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 Show Committee and we need volunteers from clubs throughout the Federation to help however best they can. I've volunteered to run a Kids Booth, and I myself need help in two specific ways:

- **1) Materials.** I'm assembling grab bags, spinning wheel prizes, and tiny specimens for sand sifting from my own overflowing rock pile. But I 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 hours to help in the Kids Booth. Both I and kids will value your efforts! Please contact me if you can help.

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 jbraceh@roadrunner.com). Many thanks in advance!

Seeking Nominees for the CFMS Junior Achievement Award

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? Encourage them to apply. Our CFMS Junior Achievement Award rewards outstanding kids in two age groups: under 12 (Age Group 1) and 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 s/he 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 jbraceh@roadrunner.com). Here's to helping kids earn honors—while having fun!

Providing Help for Your Club with a Juniors Program

Finally, as promised when I conducted a survey of local juniors' programs last year, in the coming months I'll be providing "best practices" from successful clubs to help us all grow and successfully run pebble pup and juniors' programs. Watch next month for my first installment!



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.

The show forms are now posted on the CFMS website. A form for the non-competitive displays will be available as soon as a volunteer to receive the entries is confirmed.

As pointed out in Kimberly's message, we need volunteers 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 the 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.

We should have a Facebook page for the show launched soon. Diane Cook who has experience working with social media took on this project and we thank her.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chairman

The year 2022 is entered in 2023 - What you need to know about the All American Club Yearbook.

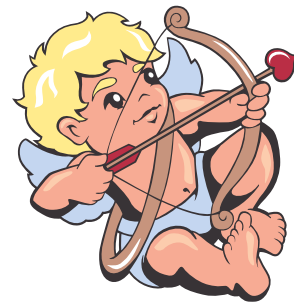
IMPORTANT! – A very early deadline for entry in the CFMS Contest is **MARCH 10, 2023.**

Please send your entry to Diane Cook at johndianedaisy@yahoo.com by March 10, 2023 and it will be judged at the CFMS level and winners will be forwarded to AFMS to be judged.

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 participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, and involvement in ALAA - all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone.

PDF entries are welcome as it saves a lot in postage. Page limit is 150 single pages for the pdf, and 100 double sided pages if printed.

The All American CFMS Deadline has been determined by the AFMS deadlines. The deadline for the All American 2022 year is March 10, 2023. The information needs to be emailed to: Diane Cook, email: johndianedaisy@yahoo.com; if you have a book you are mailing, please send me your phone number and I will contact you with a mailing address.



ANNOUNCING THE 2023 CFMS BULLETIN CONTEST

Celia Churchill, CFMS BEAC

Happy New Year, CFMS Editors! Greetings from your new BEAC.

It's that time of year again when we reflect on our newsletters from the past year and all the wonderful things your club accomplished. By the time this newsletter is published, the "Bulletin Contest" section of the CFMS website should be updated with this year's entry forms. Since we are getting a slightly later start than previous years, the deadline for entries will be February 15, 2023.

Entries may be submitted and any questions may be directed via email to cfmsbeac@gmail.com. Electronic entries are preferred; please contact for a paper mailing address if necessary. If your files are large in number or size, consider sending a download link to a shareable file storage system such as Google Drive or Dropbox (it will save you a lot of time sending multiple emails).

Good luck to all entrants!

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward - ROTY Chair -
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Happy New Year Rockhounds!

With the new year comes your opportunity to nominate that outstanding member from your society for Rockhound of the Year recognition. Remember, you can choose an adult individual or an adult couple plus a junior member each year. Your recipient will receive a beautiful certificate from both the CFMS and the AFMS plus a lapel pin. Simply email me the name of your recipient(s) and include a short biography of their accomplishments as well as a physical mailing address where I can send the certificate(s) and pin(s) to. I will send your submissions for publication in both the CFMS and AFMS newsletters. This can be done at any time throughout the coming year and does not need to wait until the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at chris_ward678@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to seeing and processing all your Rockhound of the Year submissions in 2023.

PROVIDING PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

By Fred Ott

From time-to-time, we may be asked to provide someone with a 'proof of liability insurance' for such activities as rockhounding on private property/claim or using a facility (such as a fairgrounds or school for a show).

One of the benefits of the Federation's insurance policy is that the \$1 Million of liability insurance coverage applies to any sanctioned society event at which fewer than 500 people will be in attendance at no additional premium. For events (such as rock-and-gem shows) where 500-or-more people will be in attendance, there is an additional premium (which is determined by providing McDaniel Insurance Services a completed form called a **Special Event Questionnaire** which is found on the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org). For the owners of property who require a 'written document' to confirm the existence of the \$1 Million of coverage, the 'proof' of liability insurance is a document called a 'certificate of insurance' which is issued by the insurance company through its agent/broker (in our situation, by McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.). The form can be found on the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org and, when completed, can be emailed or faxed to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.

On occasion, the owner of the property may insist upon being named an "Additional Insured" together with the Certificate of Insurance. In such circumstances, there must be a 'written agreement' between the owner and your society requiring such Additional Insured endorsement and such document needs to be provided to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. when requesting a certificate of insurance.

For further information, please go to the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org, and clicking on the various forms that can be found on the home page. Click on the **insurance forms** link in the right hand column.

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COMMUNICATE FOLKS!

By Beverly Moreau, past CFMS President (1998)

One of the most important aspects of an organization is how its officers and members communicate with each other.

Most people develop a certain style of communicating. The many become their trademark (unknown to them), and can be very important to the success of the group.

Beware of the individual who has charge of some important aspect of the Show or Club who, for weeks and months on end, utters not a word about progress on the task at hand. Of course, everyone is absolutely certain that all is well, sure that he/she is taking care of all the details in his/her usual efficient manner.

Surprise! Three weeks before the show, up pops our member who announces he/she hasn't been able to do the job because personal and family problems had to take precedence.

Then take a look at another member over there (sometimes considered the club loudmouth, who just can't stop talking about the things that have been done to accomplish his/her assignment. It might even sound like bragging but gee, learn to put up with it. At least you know what he/she has been up to!

The difference in the two individuals is what is called communication. One is probably frustrated beyond words, not knowing how to take care of his/her end of the bargain, and too scared to admit the truth to anyone. Intimidated, no doubt, by the other person's constant commentary on his/her progress.

One hasn't yet learned to communicate his/frustration, and the other just likes to talk about it because of the good feelings that his/her efforts are paying off.

Perhaps we could help both of these persons to communicate in a more positive fashion if, during the club or show meeting the President or Show Chairman had a checklist of the various tasks that are pending.

If each of the responsible parties was called upon to give a short progress report, he or she would have an opportunity to air any difficulties or roadblocks that stand in the way of accomplishing the task, or ask for assistance—in a timely manner. Conversely, it would be

an opportunity to report on some of the glowing successes and accomplishments to date, in an appropriate forum.

If you want your club to run efficiently, don't be afraid to ask for intermittent progress reports. It may give the responsible individuals just the chance they're looking for to let off some steam (or prevent a disaster). And as a bonus, communication just may promote peace of mind.

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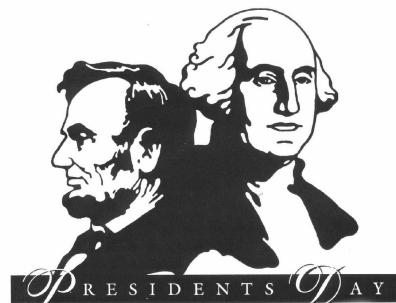
SILENCE

By Billy Benyon

There is a silence that you hear and feel deep in the woods or at sunset in the desert when for a few moments the birds are hushed and the wind is stilled, but the most silent silence in the world is when the president of the club asks for a volunteer. PLEASE - stop sitting on YOUR good intentions and dare to say YES, I'LL HELP. Remember, it is not THEIR club or SOMEONE ELSE'S club, it is EVERYONE'S club and YOU are needed to make it work and grow Please remember being busy may be a reason but not an excuse. Everyone is busy (if in doubt check any officer's calendar. The reason for this article is this, YOUR help is needed, so say YES when called on, or be daring-VOLUNTEER.

From *Eureka News*, 10/84, via *Glacial Drifter* 2/87 and reprinted in the *Glacial Drifter* 2/98.

Editor's comments: This is what I call a golden oldie that is just as valid today as it was nearly 40 years ago.



2023 CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

*Sponsored by
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*Please submit your
Show or Event as soon as possible
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:
SHOW DATES*

*Use the Online Show Form
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

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.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 1-2, 2023 – Vista, CA

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

April 15-16, 2023 – Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds,
100 Placerville Dr., Placerville CA
Contact: office@edcmgs.org
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

April 29-30, 2023 – Anaheim, CA

Anaheim Searchers Gem & Mineral
Society
Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W.
Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA
Contact Nancybird68@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.searchersrocks.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
Contact: marylandorile@gmail.com
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>

August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd.,
Arcadia CA 91007
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (626) 260-7239
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.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!

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

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

www.rockngem.com/

[showdate-submissions/](#)

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

**SAFETY MATTERS: SAFETY IN THE
NEW YEAR**

by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Dedicated readers of this column, it has been an honor to bring these messages of safety to you. Thank you for reproducing some of them in your own newsletters. It has been a pleasure presenting safety messages so we might help one another keep your club members safe. Thank you for sending your safety ideas to me these past few years - by doing so you too have had a hand in keeping others safe...what a team! Thank you, kind readers, for your thoughtful words of encouragement. They have been appreciated. Please be safe. Your safety matters.

Safety guidelines, rules, parameters, restrictions, advisories and more--Oh My. What a lot of safety. What are all these safety documents? They are documents, the following of which are meant to keep people safe from harm. That is straight-forward, but how, where, and when do rules apply and how does one make those judgements? In a word (or three) - practice, judgement, and understanding.

A medical kit is an extremely helpful thing to have in an emergency. But a better use of the kit will be made when the user is familiar with the contents, how to use the items, notes expiration dates before needing the supplies in the kit, and has it available when needed. There are rules and guidelines for almost everything; however, the wise use of those rules often makes the difference of being safe or having problems.

Here are a few ideas worth considering:

- Have multiple people read and understand the guidelines.
- Know where the guidelines apply and where they might not.
- Safely practice the guidelines.
- Get help or research areas where rules are unclear.
- Become knowledgeable where judgements apply, know the risks, and err on the side of safety.
- Make sure everyone knows the rules applicable to the task.
- Common sense goes a long way in being safe.

Here are a few good starting places for safety guides:

- Medical emergency kit safety booklets
- Equipment guides
- Personal protective gear instructions
- Hand / power tool maintenance recommendations
- Meeting place / show facility rules
- Mine, quarry, pit procedures and restrictions

Your safety matters. That is not a judgement. It is a rule.
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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
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Email address: jbraceth@roadrunner.com

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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