



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Hello All,

As you know the CFMS show is just around the corner. This is not a one person show, this is a show that requires the entire CFMS community of clubs to be involved. CFMS has over 90 clubs just within the states of California and Nevada, which is great to see but numbers don't matter. We care about people within the club who get together to enjoy a common hobby and/or career. Here is where people get to learn about rocks, gems and minerals. The show is just an extension to the community to teach them what our hobby is about. This is also an opportunity for the clubs to grow with new potential club members. This can become a great show and a great Federation!

I know I stated this last month but please talk with your friends/family and neighbors to see if they are interested in joining us by volunteering at the CFMS show. We all know that the show is a big part of CFMS and lets vendors and clubs show off their skills and share what is actually done with rocks, gems, and minerals. If everyone can just get one person to volunteer and help out no matter how small a task, it would be a tremendous help.

For the love of Rocks, Gems and Minerals volunteer in the same position that you helped with your local club, or sign up for a different position in the CFMS show, do something new, be adventurous! The show committee is asking for you, the people, to volunteer. If everyone can commit just a few hours to help out before, during and after the show, in return you will receive free admissions to the show. We can do this together and make this a great show. It is really rewarding to be a part of show and see all the joy it gives to the kids and even the big kids at heart! I will see you there!

Have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and enjoy the month!

Kimberly Fiala



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 1' Dues/insurance for 2023 due
Mar 5. Deadline for April newsletter
Apr 5. Deadline for May 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:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgment. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

DUES ARE DUE!!

Thank you to our member societies and clubs who have already mailed payment for the 2023 CFMS dues and general liability insurance. If you misplaced the payment form or never received one from your Federation Director, these are available on the CFMS website at www.cfmsinc.org.

At the same time you can mail out the officer change form so I can learn of changes to your club contact information and the addresses of those members who you designate to receive the 3 complimentary newsletters. Your information is not shared. If you prefer to read the newsletter on the website, let me know so a hard copy is not mailed.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Junior Activities Chair

How To Build a Successful Kids Program, Part 1: Have a Champion!

And Three Reminders from Last Month!

To Build a Successful Kids Program, Have a Champion!

Last year, I conducted a survey of juniors' programs among CFMS clubs, and I promised I would provide a series of articles enumerating "best practices" from clubs that have proven most successful in starting, growing, and running pebble pup and juniors' programs. Here's my first installment. The NUMBER ONE ingredient for success? ***Have a Champion!*** In our survey, clubs listed two reasons for not having a Kids Program: 1) no kids within the club, and 2) lack of a volunteer willing to take this on. I'll tackle #1 next month. Meanwhile, let's focus on #2, or the lack of a volunteer willing to step forward.

The few clubs that have proven exceptionally successful in starting and maintaining a kids program have one thing in common: a true-blue and totally committed champion. Among the clubs where this has proven to be the case, that champion was either the parent of kids who were especially into our hobby or a current or retired school teacher. Identify who, within your club, is the most "kid-centric." Then encourage and help them to start a kids' program. Begin by identifying the parent of a child who is truly fascinated by minerals or fossils. Or a parent who is already a leader of a 4-H, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, home-schooling, or similar kids' program. A champion will be someone already invested as a parent, an educator, a community leader, or a volunteer involved in a kid-centric program. If you lead a rock and gem society, meet-and-greet and get to know everyone within your society, and once you spot that one person who might serve as a Pied Piper for kids, latch onto and encourage him/her. My own Ventura club has had ups and downs with our kids program. The times we've been "up" is when we've had one truly invested "champion" to take charge and lead our kids. Without a champion, there is no kids program.

However, don't leave your champion out-to-dry. In other words, don't expect him/her to do it all. Once you have a champion, ***support*** your champion! Without support, there is no champion. For true success, it takes a village and all-hands-on-deck. I'll say more on this in next month's installment. Stay tuned!

Three reminders from last month...

1) Seeking Volunteers. I seek help with the 2023 CFMS Show Kids Booth. With our 2023 no-host show June23-25 in Lodi, we need volunteers. I welcome help supplying materials (high quality spinning wheel prizes, tiny sand-sifting specimens, grab bags). And I welcome help running the Kids Booth. 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).

2) Seeking Applicants for our Junior Achievement Award. At the CFMS Awards Banquet, I'll present our 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. Kids submit applications, and winners earn a Certificate-of-Achievement and \$100. The application form is posted to the CFMS website (<https://cfmsinc.org/juniors-achievement-award/>). The deadline is March 1. If a child submitted an application last year but didn't win, s/he can enter again this year. Should you have questions, contact me (805-659-3577 or jbraceth@roadrunner.com). Let's all help kids earn honors while having fun!

3) Show Chair's Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit. Whether entered as a competitive or noncompetitive exhibit, kids who enter a display in our 2023 CFMS Show are eligible to receive the Show Chair's Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit. No application form needed. No hoops to jump through. Enter a display, and the Show Chair picks out what he/she prefers best. Get a certificate, a special gem, and a \$100 bill! The only way to earn it is to participate! See you in Lodi! Seeking Donations & Help for the 2023 CFMS Show Kids Booth



HELP WANTED!!!

Hi CFMS Directors and Society Members! Please help the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) by volunteering on June 22 (setup), 23-25 (show and takedown), 2023 in Lodi, CA at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. For questions and sign-up sheets to use at your meetings, please contact Jim Barton, CFMS Show Co-Chair at 916-847-7321. Leave a message if I don't pick up, and I will return your call, or text me at this number. Thanks.

Jim Barton
2023 CFMS Show Co-Chairman

2023 BULLETIN CONTEST

By Celia Churchill, CFMS BEAC

Greetings, CFMS Editors. My apologies for the delay in getting materials to you. To reflect that, I have extended this year's contest deadline to February 20, 2023. All forms are accessible by the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/cfms2023> (CFMS BEAC Google Drive folder) and will be uploaded to the CFMS website ASAP.

Please read the Contest Guidelines document first and make sure to submit all entries with the appropriate completed score sheet and a Bulletin Editor's Checklist. One thing to note when submitting entries is that CFMS and AFMS are back to the pre-Covid rule of deeming authors and bulletins ineligible to compete at the CFMS level if they won first place in 2021 or 2022. The exception is for New Editors.

Editors who submit entries to this year's contest may be asked to judge, especially if your club has no entries for a category. Please consider helping out if you are asked and have the time!

Finally, please email me at cfmsbeac@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 734-635-2524 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing your entries and good luck to all clubs!" Thank you. Please ask if you have questions.

Best regards,
Celia

SEEKING "GOLDEN BEAR AWARD" NOMINEES FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CFMS

By Bural LaRue, Golden Bear Committee Chair

The CFMS Golden Bear Award is an honor for especially outstanding service to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The CFMS Board of Directors established the award in 1961 and called for it to consist of a lapel pin, plaque, or other award form. It is presented to a person or couple who is or was a member of a CFMS-affiliated society and whom the CFMS wishes to honor by conveying public appreciation and recognition. Most past awardees have generously offered years of sustained and committed service.

Nominations for people who have performed outstanding work for CFMS should be submitted to members of the Golden Bear Committee. Any nominee must be a member of a CFMS-affiliated society/club. Please note that nominee/s should not be informed of their nomination. It should come as a surprise honor during the Awards Banquet at our Annual Show & Convention.

More than one person may receive the award in any given year. Nominations may be made by the CFMS Executive Committee, a Federation Director of a member society/club, and/or a CFMS Committee Chair.

ONLY CFMS SERVICE IS CONSIDERED FOR THE GOLDEN BEAR AWARD. In other words, this is not to honor service to an individual member Society. (For that, we have the Rockhound of the Year award program.) Simple documentation must accompany the nomination. Deadline for nominations is April 30.

Please submit all nominations to Golden Bear Committee members:

1. Bural LaRue (Chair), bplarue@earthlink.net
2. Susan Chaisson-Walblom, slchaisson@yahoo.com
3. Jim Brace-Thompson, jbrace@roadrunner.com
4. Kimberly Fiala (CFMS President), fialakimberly@yahoo.com
5. Jim Barton (immediate CFMS Past-President, geologist1@surewest.net)

Please email your nomination letter to Bural LaRue with a cc to all members of the committee. We look forward to honoring an outstanding member of our CFMS community at the Annual Show & Convention taking place June 23-25 in Lodi, California.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward - ROTY Chair -
chris_ward678@yahoo.com

Looks like we got two more honorees for 2022. Keep your 2023 honorees coming as we look forward to recognizing your special members all throughout the coming year.

Bob & Sonia Zola **San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society**

Bob & Sonia Zola were nominated as our Rockhounds of the Year for 2022. Bob is a long time member and has held various board positions. Together, he and Sonia have overseen our annual picnic and have been a supportive and positive influence on others in our club. When there is a need for help, Bob always steps forward. We are very appreciative of all they do and find it such a pleasure to have them in our membership. Submitted by: Peggy Richard, President
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society

Sue Soy – Conejo Gem and Mineral Club

It is with great pleasure that the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club's 2022 Rockhound of the Year award is presented to Sue Soy. Over the years she has compiled a long list of contributions as she is always eager to pitch-in and help where ever there is a gap that needs to be filled. Every year she has worked diligently helping in various ways at our annual show. She assists with the set-up and take-down and has grown numerous plants for the plant booth. During the show she greets attendees at the Hospitality Table, making them feel welcome. At other times she rolled up her sleeves as part of a clean up crew at our lapidary shop. Other contributions include helping at our silent auctions, donating raffle prizes and submitting articles for our club newsletter. Some of her favorite rockhounding excursions have included trips to the Mojave Desert or searching for peridot in Arizona with her husband, Jack. At home she makes jewelry, which she gives away as gifts. Sue has served as 1st VP (programs) for the last 2 years. Diagnosed with cancer, she continued to do her job while undergoing chemo, radiation and surgery, all the while bringing in outstanding speakers month after month. On behalf of all the members of our club we thank Sue with this honor.

Submitted by: Mary Pat Weber, President – Conejo Gem and Mineral Club

EXHIBIT AT THE 2023 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

Whether Competitive or Noncompetitive, Let's See You There!

By Colleen McGann, Rules Committee Chair

When it comes to attractions at gem and mineral shows, exhibits are a hit with the public. Folks love seeing natural rocks, crystals, gold, and fossils, all of the wonderful ways they are shaped and polished via the lapidary arts, and educational exhibits teaching about a specific concept or craft. Thus, we encourage one and all to exhibit at the upcoming CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 23-25 in Lodi, California. Whether entering a competitive or noncompetitive exhibit, we hope to see you there, along with your special wonders!

Show forms are posted on the CFMS website (<https://cfmsi.nc.org/2020-cfms-show-forms/>). Download and print these forms and mail them to Colleen McGann (189 El Solvo Avenue #2, Ben Lomond, CA 95005-9505) and/or Pat LaRue (P.O. Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657). Or scan and email them as attachments to kmcgann0009@gmail.com and bplarue@earthlink.net. The deadline is June 1.

In addition to the various formal categories for competitive exhibits, we have a number of “supplemental trophies.” Find the “supplemental rules” at the same web address noted above. For instance, we have the Show Chair’s Award, the Bob Stultz Mineral Trophy, Diamond Pacific Trophy for Cabochons, Choate Jewelry Trophy, the Ruth Baily Award of Excellence, the Best Novice exhibit, and one just for kids—the Show Chair’s Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit.

If you can help in registering exhibitors, please let us know. This is a no-host show, so we definitely need volunteers who can help sign in exhibitors and guide them to their spots, as well as help with judging of competitive exhibits as judges, clerks, and/or general assistants on judging morning, June 23. While judges need to be “certified,” no experience necessary for clerks or assistants. And hey! Jim Brace-Thompson will have free oranges from his own backyard orange grove for anyone helping out. It pays to play!

THE FIRST BLM SPONSORED ADVENTURE OF 2023 HAUSER GEODE BEDS

January 28, 2023

By John Martin
CFMS PLAC

Susy and I left Quartzsite about 7:15 AM MST so we could reach the meeting point before 9:00 AM PST. We forgot about the time change so we had an extra hour to get there



We made a tour of the Wiley's Well BLM Campground, an nice campground to stay if visiting the Geode Beds, though it is about an hour drive to get there over minimal maintained OHV Roads crossing multiple

dry stream beds and winding up and down desert canyons.

We arrived at the meeting point around 8:45 PST at the intersection of Wiley's Well Road and Route 518, about 50 feet from the Riverside County Line and the direction sign for the Hauser Geodebeds Area. There was no one else there so we waited for the rest of the adventurers to arrive. They came in one about every 5 minutes and by 09:30 PST there over 15 vehicles and over 40 people from several areas from CFMS and as far away as Washington State and Oregon (NFMS),



Idaho and Arizona (RMFMS) and 2 K9-Rockhounds.

While we waited for the BLM arrival we had a small Tailgate Party which had several geodes from the Hauser Beds and several from the Potato Patch. In the Wiley's Well District there are five different Geode Beds that are open for collecting and hopefully will remain open through the BLM-CFMS MOU.

The BLM arrived about 09:35 AM PST and gave a brief introduction to what was there and what the route

there was like. We signed in as participants and signed the media release forms and had our group picture



taken, climbed into our cars and away we went, about 15 miles on high clearance vehicle Routes (EC557). After what seemed like a trip on the Mojave Road in 1910, we arrived at the original Geode Site about 11:00 AM PST.

We got parked and the BLM had Home Depot Buckets, Rockhammers, Shovels and gloves for us to use. We used them!



The group separated into small groups of 3 to 5 explorers and off they went to claim some of the famous Hauser Geodes throughout the beds. Let the digging begin, and it did. There were not many geodes on the surface, though a couple were found. Most of them were under the top soil from about 1 foot to 3 feet deep. The

deeper one would dig the larger the Geodes would be found.





There were several Happy Recreational Rockhounds and displayed some of their finds.

Susy collected a small bucket of Geode fragments from the surface while I sat in the parking area and took pictures for the BLM.



There were many happy collectors and everybody seemed to have a good time. Around 12:00 Noon PST some of the Recreational Rockhounds loaded their 25 pounds of geodes and headed back to civilization. About 1:00 PST the BLM loaded up the tools and empty bucks and headed back to El Centro and we followed them to Wiley's Well Road where they headed South east and we headed North West back to I-10 and then on to Quartzsite. A great time was had by all.

All Photos provided by BLM.



2023 CFMS WEBSITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neil, Chair

Websites are a vital part of our Clubs and Societies. To honor our webmasters, the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) features a website contest each year. This contest is provided by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AMFS) for all of its member societies.

All CFMS webmasters are invited to enter the 2023 Website Contest. The CFMS/AFMS website contest forms will be available soon. Depending upon the availability of the forms, the tentative deadline for entering the 2023 CFMS Website Contest is currently scheduled to be Sunday, March 19.

If you have any questions, please contact me at mvoneill@comcast.net

Merryan O'Neil, CFMS Website Contest Chair

COOP CFMS Director and CFMS Field Trips North CO-OP Seminar Is Just Around The Corner!

By Jim Barton, Field Trips North

Date is March 4th, 2023, held at the Woman's Thursday Club 10625 Fair Oaks CA 95628. We welcome our CO-OP Society members to attend! Nonmember guests are also welcome as room permits (limited room space and parking). Check in is between 9:30 am & 9:50 am. Coffee and breakfast snack will be provided. Donation toward costs appreciated! All guests are welcome to bring an Auction item if they so wish, (our only fund raiser). Meeting to start right at 10:00 am. Our speaker Jim Hutchings will start around 10:15. The topic will be "Chemistry and Origins of Gold". Afterwards we will have a short break, then the Live Auction (our only fundraiser)! Business meeting after lunch (Pizza \$7) is open to guests if they would like to stay and attend. Field Trip Leaders Orientation to precede Business meeting. We please ask you to RSVP! Nonmembers contact Jim Barton, Permanent Director, Co-operative Field Trip Chairmen's Association, by voice or text at 916-847-7321.

2023 CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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Please submit your

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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://vjpgems.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
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,
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.scvngms.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 22-23, 2023 – Thousand Oaks, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park, 190 N. Reino Rd., Thousand
Oaks, CA
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: conejogemandmineral@gmail.com
Website: <https://cgamc.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 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street, Yucaipa
93536
Hours Friday 6PM-10PM, Sat Noon -10PM
Contact: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.yvgms.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>

June 23-25, 2023, Lodi, CA CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E.
Lockeford St., Lodi, CA 95240
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Contact: rocksbob@sbcglobal.net
Website: <https://cfmsinc.org>

July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA

Culver City Gem and Mineral Society
Culver City Veteran's Memorial
Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver
City 90203
Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Hours: 9-5
Contact: (661) 972-1117,
travis462@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.tvngms.orcks>

August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007
Contact: (626) 260-7239
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

September 16-17, 2023 – Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA
Hours: 10-5
Contact: (831) 801-5887
Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

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
September 16-17, 2023
Howell, MI

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

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

South Central Federation
Oct. TBA
New Orleans, LS

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

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



THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

Earth Science Studies—Camp Paradise 2023 12725 LaPorte Rd., Strawberry Valley, CA 95930

CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21(Marysville Rd.) towards Brownsville. Elevation is approximately 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp. Bunk beds are furnished in rooms and cabins. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. On a limited basis, cabins are available for 4 or more persons, communal bathrooms and showers are located nearby. RV space with electricity, water and sewers for most spaces are available. **Room assignments are made by staff. This is a church camp facility—no alcoholic beverages are permitted.**

COVID REQUIREMENTS

1. Proof of vaccination or negative test required.
2. All National, State, & County Covid requirements will be met.

Make Checks payable to: CFMS Earth Sciences.
Cost per one week session is \$500.00 (Room/Board)
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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Cut off date Aug.4, 2023. After Aug. 4, 2023
There will be a \$25 fee for late registration
2. No refunds after August 4, 2023 unless a substitute is provided. A \$25 cancellation fee will be deducted.

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Please Note: Sign in will be on Sunday, August 20, 2023, and Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Classes – Beginning Faceting, Beginning Lapidary, Advanced Lapidary, Soft stone Carving, Beginning Silversmithing, Intermediate and Advanced Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beading, PMC-3-clay, Fused Glass, Enamel, Cold Connection, Intarsia. **All classes are subject to change. Please Note: Class assignment preference will be given to first time students. Applications will be accepted starting March 15, 2023.** You will receive confirmation by e-mail.

*****Changes may be made as necessary*****

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1st Choice class _____ 2nd class _____ 3rd class _____

Are you new to the ESS Program? Yes _____. No _____

_____ Week 1. August 21 – 26 _____ Week 2 August 29 – September 2 \$500 per person/per week

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club affiliation _____

Accommodations:(Circle one). DORM: Couples Women Men Cabin. RV Space

Who would you like to room with if possible? _____.

Use a C-Pap Machine? ____yes____no

Dietary Constraints: ____Food ____Diabetic. ____Vegetarian ____Other.

(please explain)_____

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

Additional things you should know:

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2023 CFMS CONVENTION AND SHOW

Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair
413 E. Lockeford St.
Lodi, CA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM—DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2023

Registration will be recorded under this name – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Club Affiliation _____ Exhibitor Yes _____ No _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS:

_____ CLUB _____
_____ CLUB _____
_____ CLUB _____

SHOW ADMISSION FEES:

_____ Adult tickets @ \$6 per day OR _____ 3-day pass for \$15
_____ Senior (60+) tickets @ \$5 per day OR _____ 3-day pass for \$12
_____ Juniors (12-17) \$3 per day OR _____ 3-day pass for \$7

Kids under 12 are FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PAID ADULT.

Free admission to Military (active, veterans and their dependents) with valid military ID card.

Demonstrators and Exhibitors will receive complimentary admission for themselves and 1 guest.
Additional admission tickets may be purchased with this form or at the admission gate during the show.

TOTAL FOR ADMISSIONS: \$ _____

BANQUET RESERVATIONS: To be held at the Jackson Room Saturday June 24 on the fairgrounds. Mexican buffet. Awards to follow.

_____ @ \$40 \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: Make check payable to 2023 CFMS Show \$ _____

Mail this form with payment to CFMS, PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377. Make check payable to CFMS.

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