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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Hello May flowers,

May is a beautiful month with flowers blooming everywhere. And what rock can be given with a flower on top? A Chrysanthemum Stone of course. Where

can you find some, you may ask, try going to any of the club's society shows to see if you can find one! And speaking of shows, have you realized that the CFMS show is only 52 days away! Have you volunteered? Why not, what are you waiting for?

Did you go to any of the shows I mentioned last month? I did and I enjoyed myself and it looked like all the volunteers were enjoying what they were doing and others were busy sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with the guests as they came in. The shows are worth going to either to buy or volunteer, you never know what you can find or learn from a vendor, a volunteer, and/or even a club member, it's a big adventure!

So yes, I am going to sound like a broken record, as I stated a few months ago please volunteer in either the same position that you helped your local club, or sign up for a different position within CFMS, 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 for the society. 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!

Finally, I need to say, "Thank you", to those mothers out there! Happy Mother's Day! And we cannot forget those members who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces who have given the ultimate price to this county, we can't thank them enough, we "Thank them from the bottom of our hearts". Enjoy the month and don't forget to volunteer!

Kimberly Fiala



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 5. /Deadline for June newsletter
June 23-25. CFMS Convention and Show
July 5. Deadline for Aug newsletter
Aug 5. Deadline for June newsletter
Aug 20-26. Camp Paradise Week 1
Aug 27-Sep 2. Camp Paradise Week 2

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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:

CFMS Scholarship Fund
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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.

CFMS LODI SHOW CRACKER BARREL

Hello to all CFMS members, Directors and EC. There will be a silent auction at the Cracker Barrel on Friday evening at the Lodi show. Please send your clubs donations with your Director to the shows meetings. All proceeds go to the CFMS Endowment fund that keeps things running and able to help. Thank you so much for all your generosity in donating.

Submitted by Heidi Hall, CFMS 2nd VP



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Junior Activities Chair

Building a Successful Kids Program, Part 3: Plan the Full Year

Plus: Still Seeking Help in our 2023 CFMS Show Kids' Booth!

To Build a Successful Kids Program, Plan a Full Year in Advance...

If you've been reading this column, you know that last year I conducted a survey to gauge the state of kids' programs within CFMS clubs. I promised I'd share "best practices" garnered as a result. In the last two months, I noted the top two ingredients for success involve having a "Kids' Champion" within your club, then having all club members support that Champion with volunteers to provide expertise and resources in leading activities.

The next step? Sometime between October and December, gather folks within your club most invested in encouraging kids and plan out a full year's schedule. Then solicit volunteers who can help with each month's program and publicize that program via your club newsletter and email blasts at the very beginning of the New Year. The worst thing is moving in chaotic fits-and-starts and sending out last-minute announcements on an ad-hoc basis and scrambling to get resources and experts to help.

Clearly specifying each month's activity with the New Year allows everyone to plan. For instance...

- Parents and their kids are always overbooked between work and school activities, sports, band, and other organizations they may belong to (4H, Scouts, etc.). By laying out your full year in advance, they can best identify which topics/activities they would most like to attend and thus carve out the requisite time within already busy schedules.
- Planning a full year allows your volunteer presenters and helpers to plan out their activities and to gather any resources they may need well in advance. A good presentation is a well-planned presentation.

When planning for each month, make sure everyone is aware of the need to fill that schedule not just with dry,

boring talks ("the Mohs scale is composed of 10 minerals, blah, blah, blah"), but with activities that are hands-on and fun from a kids' perspective ("let's start scratching rocks together and use quartz to pulverize talc into dust!"). Each class should include all children going home with new rocks, minerals, or fossils to add to their collections. I've seen some activities that include making toothpaste from mineral products. I don't know about kids today, but the last thing I was interested in when I was a kid was brushing my teeth. But gold panning? Sign me up! Think from a kid's perspective.

In addition to classroom-type presentations and activities, make sure to include at least two kid-oriented field trips each year. When I was growing up in Illinois, the state geological survey sponsored field trips that included collecting opportunities. That was the "crack" that got me totally hooked on this hobby of ours, and many of the specimens I collected remain in my collection some 60 years later. Choose spots close to home (rather than overnight or multi-day trips) and make sure there's plenty of good stuff that can be readily and easily collected to foster enthusiasm rather than fan frustration.

Finally, with one month left to go before our 2023 CFMS Show & Convention...

In my position overseeing the Kids' Booth for our upcoming CFMS Show, I wish to thank Barbara Meisenheimer and Janelle Thompson (both of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, VGMS) for sewing and donating no less than 1,800 empty grab bags. Totally awesome! Also thank you to Nancy Bird (Searchers Gem & Mineral Society) for sending a box of chalcedony for use in filling those grab bags and as Kids' Booth Spinning Wheel prizes, and to David Springer and Diane Cook (both of VGMS) for providing calcite rhombs and tumbled stones, respectively. Thanks, as well, to the many folks who have already volunteered their help in the Kids' Booth during the show. Thus far, this includes Dick and Phyllis White (VGMS & Conejo Gem & Mineral Club), Nancy Bird (Searchers), Karen Oliver (Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society), and Robert Seaton and Nancy Brace-Thompson (both of VGMS). Everyone is coming through in spades, and each and every one is appreciated!

1) Still Seeking Volunteers in the Kids' Booth. Even with volunteers who have already stepped forward, I desperately continue to need help with the Kids' Booth. I've assembled most of the necessary supplies, but with no individual club running the Show, I need *your* help running the booth. We will have several stations (a

Spinning Wheel, a Sand Sifting Activity, Grab Bag sales), and several free activities (coloring corner, touch-stones, and “Dig-a-Dino”) that will all need monitoring. Might you help? If so, please contact me (805)-659-3577 or jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Heck! I’ll even give you a free spin on the Spinning Wheel! That’s a \$1.00 value. Well worth the drive to Lodi! May I count on you? Please!

2) Show Chair’s Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit.

In addition to the Kids’ Booth, I’m also on the Exhibits Committee, and we welcome entrants! 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 out of my very own wallet! The only way to earn it is to participate, so encourage your club kids to participate! See you in Lodi!



This sterling silver handcrafted pendant was donated to the opportunity drawing to be held at the CFMS Show being held in Lodi, June 23-25. Silver work is by Jill Atkins and the stone was done by Bob Rush. Tickets will be available at the show. Have something you wish to donate to the cause? Please bring to the show on set up day so it can be included in the display case.

**SHOW & CONVENTION
ROCK, BEAD & JEWELRY SHOW
RETAIL VENDOR SPACES ARE
STILL AVAILABLE**

At: <https://cfmsinc.org/>

For more information contact: Susan at
slchaisson@yahoo.com

Show Dates: June 23, 24 & 25, 2023
Location: Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockeford Street
Lodi, California 95240

Show Hours:

Friday & Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

CAMP PARADISE—Part 2

By Jill Atkins

Just before you get to the barn itself, there is a swimming pool to the right. On the concrete pad outside the barn is the lapidary area. Two rows of tables are set with trim saws (2), a large Titan grinding/polishing machine, numerous Genie grinding/polishing machines, an elk hide polisher, a bigger polisher...well, you get the drift. Tom is in charge of this area. A former CFMS President, he is also the blower of the horn to let you know when classes begin and end and when meals are ready. A very important guy! Let me tell you a little about Tom. He has been a lapidarist for more years than he wants me to tell you. Talk about the Stone Age. Yes, pun intended. No lab fee.

Diamond Pacific has always been generous in lending machines to the students and Tom provides his expertise to teach students how to make a perfect cabochon. Once you have done that, the sky's the limit with what you can do in stone cutting and jewelry making. Also in this area we have hard stone carving taught by Bob Rush, currently the 1st VP for CFMS. He will show you how to take an ugly stone (heaven forbid you have one) and show you the beauty hidden beneath. You will weep with joy at what he can teach you about carving stones. He also writes a regular column in Rock and Gem magazine. There is a lab fee to cover the extensive, expensive bits and burs he uses. Prerequisite is basic lapidary.

Also in this area is Dolly who teaches intarsia. This is her first year teaching at Paradise but she is very experienced and a delight to be around. This will be a class that requires 24 hours after have assembled your piece. There is also a class fee. Prerequisite is basic lapidary. Before we go into the barn I should point out that next to the mess hall is the soft stone carving area taught by Tammi, who is young at heart and a very sweet carver. Nestled under the shade of the trees, she gently guides your decision making about what you want to create. A little (or maybe not so little) soap stone, some hand tools or maybe electric tools and you are on your way to making your vision a reality. You will want to bring an apron and maybe a mask for this class. There is a fee for some materials. No prerequisite.

Also in this area and situated inside the mess hall is the faceting area. Yes, the fascinating faceting. Gary Gooch teaches this and is a pro. Don't tell him I said so! and don't let his kind demeanor fool you. He is a tiger when it comes to faceting. If you have your own faceting machine you may bring it but he also has machines you can use. Here the students learn how to make stones flat as opposed to lapidary where they teach making stones round. Ahem...I digress. If you have ever seen the difference between a rough stone just from the ground and that same stone faceted then you know that this is magical. The way the light is captured and bounces back to you is a sight to behold. You can do that in this class. No materials fee. No prerequisite.

I started my jewelry career here in Camp Paradise and at the Reno Gem and Mineral Society. I didn't know what an exciting, creative, wonderful time I would have making jewelry. I have bought DVD's, gone to jewelry school classes but can honestly say that I learn more from my weeks at Camp Paradise jewelry camp than by any other mode. I am happy to tell you more about what you too can learn at Camp Paradise. Last month I told you about "the barn". This month I will begin telling you about it because there is a lot to learn.

When you walk in the barn, to your immediate right is the beginning silversmith class. Through the ages silver and gold have always captured peoples imagination. It has intrinsic value but more than that a silversmith can take a flat piece of metal and turn it into a thing of beauty. This class sets you on the road to doing just that. Taught by Steve (husband to Glenda) and one of the nicest guys you will meet, he will guide you from how to hold a saw for cutting metal, working a torch, what solder does, the do's and don'ts of pickle (and what pickle is) to cleaning metal and polishing your finished piece. When you are done you have a piece of jewelry of which you can be proud. This is a 2 1/2 day class beginning on Mondays and Wednesday afternoons and there is a \$25.00 materials fee. No prerequisite.



Just beyond the beginning silver fabricating area is the advanced silversmithing taught by Moi, Jill, who will help you achieve your goals in silversmithing. Just contact me before (weeks before not days

before) and let me know what you want to learn so I bring the correct equipment. There is a \$5.00 per week supply fee. Advanced silversmithing is where you earn your stripes as a silversmith. If you have taken beginning silver classes elsewhere (within 3 years) this is your chance to polish those skills. (Pun intended.) In addition to Jill, your fellow students add to the collective information available...and not only in class. Countless times throughout the week you will find, get, make opportunities to talk with other students about a jewelry problem you have or you may be a solution to someone else's problem. Camp Paradise is the answer place and the sharing place. You could wear a diamond tiara and no one looks askance at you. The first question they ask is, "Did you make that?" And the other question is, "How did you do that?" Prerequisite is basic silversmithing within the last 3 years.

You know what I'm going to say next. Keep saving that moola for a few more months and you will be well on your way to joining in this wonderful educational opportunity.

SAFETY

SNAKE BITE FIRST AID

- 1 Stay calm, get safely away from the snake, and have someone call 9-1-1 (or the emergency number in your area). The less the victim moves the bitten site, the less likely the venom will be spread through the body and cause damage.
- 2 Have the victim lie down with the affected limb lower than the heart. Keep the limb immobilized. If practical, splint the limb.
- 3 Treat for shock and preserve body heat.
- 4 Remove any rings, bracelets, boots, or other restricting items from the bitten extremity. (It WILL swell.)
- 5 Apply a light constricting band about 2" above and below the bite, however never place the bands on either side of a joint (such as above and below the knee or elbow). This band should be made up of wide, soft material, which could be a handkerchief or shredded clothing. The band should only be as tight as the band the nurse applies when taking a blood test.
- 6 NOTE: The purpose of constricting bands is to restrict lymphatic flow, not blood, so they should not be too tight. Check pulses below the bands and readjust the bands as necessary when they tighten due to swelling.
- 7 Wash the bite with soap and water (if available).
- 8 If the victim has to walk out, sit calmly for 20-30 minutes to let the venom localize at the site, then proceed calmly to the nearest source of help and try to avoid unnecessary exertion which will stimulate circulation of the venom.
- 9 Get the victim to definitive medical care for antivenin, which will provide the greatest relief from the toxic effects of the bite.
- 10 Bring in the dead snake only if this can be done without risk of further injury. Do not waste time hunting for the snake, and do not risk another bite if it is not easy to kill the snake. Be careful of the head when transporting it -- a dead snake can bite from reflex for up to an hour.

ACTIONS TO AVOID:

- 1 DO NOT cut the bite. The additional tissue damage may actually increase the diffusion of the toxins throughout the body.

2 DO NOT apply a tourniquet. Such action can result in the loss of the limb.

3 NEVER try to suck out the venom by mouth. You can try the suction cup in a snakebite kit if it doesn't delay other needed treatment. Suctioning seldom provides any measurable advantages, however.

4 Do not apply cold and/or ice packs. Recent studies indicate that application of cold or ice makes the injury much worse.

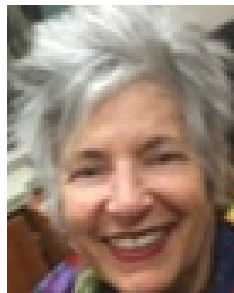
The recommended treatments presented are those published in the current edition of *Brady's Emergency Care for the Sick and Injured*, the standard training and procedures manual for Emergency Medical Technicians.

This is for informational purposes and no liability is assumed in its use.

Submitted by John Martin

CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chair



The CFMS Show and Convention in Lodi is coming right up, June 23-25 which is right around the calendar corner. This is our major fundraising event for 2023 and we are asking for your help. Both monetary and rock related items donated for us to sell at the show would be greatly appreciated. We also need volunteers during show hours to work at our selling tables. It is actually fun to interact with other club members, the public and kids of all ages who come to buy and to spin our roulette wheel!

Please contact Sharon at 702-499-0272 or sharonrr@cox.net to tell us that you are donating and/or volunteering some time at our table space. We will have lots of materials for sale, some are of superior quality. If you cannot donate, please come, bring yourself and have a great time! You can bring donations to the show and drop them off at our space or send with people who are attending if you are not. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in June at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds Endowment Space!

ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chairman

It is that time again, to start documenting your clubs activities. In 2022, due in March 2023, we had no entries for the All American to judge and move forward to AFMS. This is the first time that has happened since I took over as All American chair. I am hoping to prevent that in 2023!

I do not make the rules, so I can't help with that – if you think there are changes that can make this contest better for the clubs, I am happy to take that information to the AFMS and see if we can make some changes.

Basically, if you are documenting what your club is doing all year, I suggest starting now – it is easier to do it monthly or quarterly and not all at the end of the year. Pictures of what your club does, your outreach programs, classes for your members, shows – attendance at the CFMS or AFMS shows all can be documented in pictures and show us what your club has done over 2023. This not only is great for your club to look back on – but it will give ideas to clubs that maybe do not hold classes or hold a show. Please consider putting a committee together (it's always fun to work as a team rather than one person) and starting on the All American Book.

The rules are posted on the AFMS, but even if you make your own rules, make a scrap book and submit it I will guarantee it will be judged. Let me know what is stopping you – or how I can help your club enter this contest.

GET YOUR EXHIBITS READY

Show time is two months away and now is the time to get your exhibits ready to display. Just know that the exhibit displays are the one thing that sets Federation and club shows apart from the many commercial shows. Whereas both kinds of show feature dealers who offer a vast array of merchandise ranging from fine jewelry and other finished goods to the products used to produce your own creations, only the club and Federation hosted events show off the handiwork of our multi-talented membership.

Opportunities exist for both competitive and non-competitive exhibits. Applications are posted on the CFMS website, www.cfmsinc.org. Exhibitors get free admission to the show for themselves and a guest.

EC TREASURER

By Diane Cook, Treasurer

We are almost to SHOW TIME! June 23, 24 & 25, 2023 will be here before we know it. The CFMS Show is a no host show. Which means – all clubs in CA are helping to make this a great show. We need volunteers for all kinds of areas. With 2020 and the COVID shut down, like all the clubs, CFMS lost income too. This show will be a great start to helping to get the funds needed to keep us alive. Please consider volunteering and coming to the show.

Don't forget we have a Facebook page – I and my assistants are hoping you and your club Facebook chair will like our page and share your show information on our page – we will make it a point to help get the word out. If you have any ideas you want to share – Facebook is the place to share it! My offer still stands that if you like our page I will place you in a drawing to win a rock related item. (Suggestions welcome to what you might want to win). I'll be shopping at the Lodi Show to pick something nice! Send me an email: info@vgms.org. Do a search for California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and if you see that beautiful agate and our logo you know you found us – just hit LIKE.

MORE SHOW REMINDERS

All show forms are posted to the CFMS website. A list of suggested motels was recently added to the site. Lodi is in the heart of wine country and there are a numbers of motels/hotels in the immediate area. There is no designated "host" hotel.

There is camping at \$35 per night available on the festival grounds. An application for camping is also available on the website. Please send this application and your payment to Bob Rush. Make all checks payable to CFMS. Please direct all questions about camping arrangements to Bob.



THE VALUE OF THE UNSUNG HERO

By Judi Allison, AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

Every club has at least one. Some clubs may have many. Those may be the folks who are almost always at the meetings. Perhaps they quietly help clean up the room. Or maybe they are the ones who regularly bring items for show and tell, or provide treats, or quietly help others learn about some aspect of the hobby. They are the folks who help keep our hobby going even if they are not the ones who are in the “limelight.”

We can honor these folks in such a simple manner. That is what I believe the “American Rockhound of the Year Award” is all about. This award is not a contest. The only requirement is that someone in your club takes the initiative to pass on the information to the right people. Some clubs have committees to choose a person, some have the Executive Committee do the choosing, or possibly, the previous recipient makes the choice. The point is that the process is not set in stone with strict guidelines. The idea is to honor someone in your club who may have gone unnoticed in what they have done for the club during the year. Please don't overlook the quiet majority.

Contact Chris Ward chris_ward678@yahoo.com for all the details. The form is available on the CFMS website.

Condensed from *AFMS Newsletter*, March 2023

IN MEMORIAM

I recently learned that CFMS Past President (2003) Jack Williams passed away in early March. Jack could be quite the character to say the least and his sense of humor was always on display. A former Navy man, he enjoyed a long successful career as an electrician.

He had a lifelong interest in rocks and minerals and became involved in club activities while living in southern California. After retiring he and his wife moved to Placerville where he became a member of the El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society and served in a variety of leadership roles. I like to think that he was partly responsible for his club stepping up to host the CFMS Convention and Show in 2002.

Our condolences go to his wife Judy and family.

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 (now increased to 1000) 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 (Right column) entitled: **CFMS INSURANCE**.

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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

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>

April 29-30, 2023 – Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium,
307 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA
Contact: scrzmgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.scrckngem.org>

May 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street, Yucaipa
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
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: marylandoriele@gmail.com
Website: <http://avgem.weebly.com>

June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Craft Show at Kennedy Mine,
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson CA
Hours 10-4
Contact: (916) 698-9853,
mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.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 Blvd.
Escondido, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Delvers Parking Lot Sale, 14515 Blaine
Ave., Bellflower, CA
Hours: 10-4
Website:
<https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/>

June 23-25, 2023, Lodi, CA
CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds,
413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi, CA
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 Mem Auditorium,
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson
Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444
Hours: Fri. & Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral
Roebbelen Event Center @the Grounds –
Roseville,
700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact:
gloriarosevilleroockrollers@gmail.com
Website:
<https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA
Hours: 9-5
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August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge
50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA
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
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October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society AND
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities Bldg ,
1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA
Hours: 10-5
Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net
Website:
<http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
12584 Maplevue St., Lakeside, CA
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
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**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*

CAMP PARADISE REGISTRATION UPDATE

The dates published on the registration forms published in prior newsletters are off by a day. Due to formatting issues with the revised form, I only include the following:

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 Facetng, Beginning Lapidary, Advanced Lapidary, Soft stone Carving, Beginning Silversmithing, Intermediate and Advanced Silversmithing, Lost Wax Castng, Beading, PMC-3-clay, Fused Glass, Enamel, Cold Connecton, Intarsia. All classes are subject to change. Please Note: Class assignment preference will be given to first time students.

Corrected week 1 dates are August 20-26. Week 2 dates are August 27-Sept 2.

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**

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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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