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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Hello CFMS members,

As the end of summer approaches, it's time for juniors to head back to school or for anyone else interested in self-help classes or further education. I hope that they will have exciting reports to share with their teachers about all that they have learned from the local rock clubs or society. There is so much to discover about rocks, gems, and minerals, and the possibilities are endless.

For those who had the opportunity, attending Camp Paradise must have been a fantastic experience. Whether they learned cabochon making, silver smithing, wire wrapping, beading, faceting, or any other skill, it's wonderful to see people improving and expanding their knowledge. There are always new things to learn and different ways to grow.

Although I couldn't attend the Billings Montana show or field trip because of my responsibilities as the treasurer of the Roseville Rock Rollers, I am eagerly awaiting the highlights and stories from those who did attend. I'm sure there were great digs and exciting finds to be had. It's always thrilling to hear about the discoveries made during these adventures.

If you're looking for another field trip, be sure to check out an upcoming trip to Topaz Mountain and Dugway Geode beds at the end of September. Just remember to sign up and contact the leader to secure your spot. I can personally attest to the fun and challenge of rock hounding on this trip. Searching for Bixbite (Red Beryl) and Topaz is always a thrill, and the Geodes provide a surprise every time you cut them open.

And let's not forget that there are still plenty of shows to attend all over California and Nevada. Keep an eye out for shows in Monterey, Reno, San Luis Obispo, Grass Valley, Signal Hill, Anderson, Fallbrook, and many more. Visit the CFMS website and click on shows to get all the details. These shows are wonderful opportunities to shop for unique gifts, and yes, Christmas will be here before we know it. So, as we dive back into our studies and continue to learn about our society and what can be done with rocks, gems, and minerals, I wish everyone the best of luck. Enjoy the journey of continuous learning and exploration.

Kimberly Fiala



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 20-26. Camp Paradise Week 1
Aug 27-Sep 2. Camp Paradise Week 2
Sept 5. Deadline for October newsletter
October 5. Deadline for November newsletter
Nov 10-12. Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at bplarue@earthlink.net. "snail mail"? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Articles without a byline are written by the editor.

DONATIONS

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

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AFMS Endowment Fund
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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 Edhe memo section.

A GREAT SHOW IN BILLINGS!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep to AFMS

The Billings Gem & Mineral Club hosted one terrific show August 3-6 in Montana. It was the combined show and convention of the Northwest Federation and the American Federation. Because I've literally just returned home after driving 18 hours over two days, I'm still working the kinks out of my legs, but I promise a full report on this fun-filled event, along with news of interest to us all within CFMS. This includes news related to juniors programs, competitive exhibiting, a new-and-improved AFMS website, and more. At this stage, I can say that we have one tough act to follow when our California Federation hosts the American Federation show in Ventura come May 2024. The Billings club put on a class act all the way around!

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2024 Officers will be held November 10-12, 2023 at the Wyndham-Visalia, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$102 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 3, 2023**. The group code is 111023CAF. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation. Do not make reservations through the website; call them directly.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, hotel policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 11, at 9 a.m.** Join us at the **Banquet** that Saturday evening. The incoming president will have a brief meeting of the 2024 committees Sunday morning. Time to be announced.

Banquet Menu Lemon Pepper Chicken

Marinated and Grilled 6 Oz Breast of Chicken Served in a White Wine Sauce with Lemon, Shallots and Peppercorns
Roasted Red Potatoes
Baby Carrots
Mixed Baby Greens Salad
Dinner Rolls with Butter
New York Style Cheesecake

\$45 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

As in past years, we will not have a bar in the room, but a cocktail server will be available to take your orders and deliver them to the room.

Make banquet reservations by November 6, 2023.

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Junior Activities Chair

Our 2023 Show & Convention

*Congrats to Outstanding Juniors &
Thank You to Volunteers!*

The CFMS Junior Achievement Award recognizes excellence across four realms: our rockhound hobby, educational achievement, community involvement, and work (not just employment, but also home chores, etc.). Kids in two age groups are eligible: under 12 and 12-18. Winners receive a certificate of achievement and \$100. Five excellent candidates submitted applications this year, and I'm pleased to announce our winners, who were honored at the CFMS Show & Convention Awards Banquet in Lodi.

Valerie Churchill of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society won in the under 12 age group. In fact, two of our four judges awarded her a perfect score of 100, and her overall averaged score came to 97.75. Valerie's cover letter alone left me exhausted. It outlined field trips in multiple states, prize-winning displays entered into multiple venues (club and Federation shows, the county fair), badges earned in the AFMS/FRA program (including her Rock Star pin for earning all 20 badges), CFMS and AFMS prizes won for articles she wrote, and more. All at the tender age of 7. Try keeping up with her—if you dare!

Alyson Nishimura of the Pasadena Lapidary Society stood out in the 12-18 age group. As with Valerie, two of our four judges awarded her a perfect score, and her averaged score came to 97.75. Alyson was literally born into a rockhounding family, and she proved just as active as Valerie in field tripping, collecting, exhibiting, writing—and in pursuing lapidary arts. Here's what stood out most to me, though: at the age of 17, Alyson is Editor of her society's award-winning newsletter. Outstanding!

My thanks to our judges who clearly had their work cut out for them in evaluating five fine candidates for these awards: Tony and Sandie Fender, Pat and Bural LaRue, and Susan Chaisson-Walblom. Thank you one and all!

My thanks, as well, to all who helped in many ways with the show Kids Booth. Before we even gathered in Lodi, Barbra Meisenheimer and Janelle Thompson →

Junior Activities cont...

sewed hundreds of grab bags, which proved to be our top money-maker. Other folks, including Nancy Bird, contributed rocks for grab bags and spinning wheel prizes to supplement those from my own rock pile. The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society loaned the spinning wheel, sand sifting tubs and tools, and Dig-a-Dino box. And a small army from over a half dozen clubs happily gave of their time to run the booth: the entire Breidenstein family, John Cook, Debbie Bunn, Robert Seaton, Taylor Thompson, Dick & Phyllis White, Gwen Fissel, Nancy Brace-Thompson, Karen Oliver, and Nancy Bird. Each of you is appreciated! And if I missed anyone: you are, too!



Kids of all ages enjoyed our Kids Booth at the CFMS Show & Convention in Lodi!

NEWS FROM AFMS

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep to AFMS

A Win-Win Deal with *Rock & Gem* Magazine: *Subscribe and Support both R&G and AFMS!*

Rock & Gem (R&G) has long been recognized as the designated hobby magazine of AFMS and, by extension, the seven regional federations and their individual clubs. At last year's AFMS Annual Meeting, R&G editor Pam Freeman submitted a "win-win" proposal. Here's how she put it at the time: "We at *Rock & Gem* recognize that rock clubs are the lifeblood of this hobby. We'd like to grow with you through a proposed subscription commission partnership. Simply put, a rising tide lifts all ships! How might it work? For every *Rock & Gem* magazine subscription purchased by an AFMS affiliated member and/or club, R&G will pay a 15% commission to AFMS. This would apply to both new and renewing subscriptions."

We agreed at the 2022 AFMS Annual Meeting to proceed with this proposal, and I agreed to serve as the liaison in working out details given my long affiliations with both AFMS and R&G. Details have now been worked out, and here's what I presented at this year's 2023 Annual AFMS Meeting.

The R&G marketing team has produced a "Rock & Gem/AFMS Subscription" flyer/order form that we suggest be posted to the websites of AFMS and the regional federations. Anyone interested could print the form and mail it to R&G at the address provided. It has a specific code on it (P73RNG01) that tags the order as being part of this promotional effort. If you order or renew a *Rock & Gem* subscription via regular mail, be sure to reference code P73RNG01 to ensure that a portion of your payment goes to AFMS. Those preferring to order online can go to www.rockngem.com/afms. Or, for the truly young and hip among us, a QR code is provided that can be scanned with your cell phone to place an order.

Again, this is for both new subscriptions and renewals of existing subscriptions. Not only will individuals get a 61% discount off the cover price, AFMS will receive a commission that breaks down to approximately \$6 per 1-year subscription/renewal and \$10 per 2-year subscription/renewal for each order. The same would apply to any subscriptions you might sell to members of the general public by having copies of the flyer/order form at, say, a take-one table at your annual club show.

I'll be working with webmasters and newsletter editors of AFMS and the regional federations to get the word out and to provide the ordering code and QR code that tags an order to generate income for AFMS. Here's to supporting our official hobby magazine as it, in turn, supports us!



Scan this QR code to quickly access the special *Rock & Gem* subscription deal that directly benefits AFMS!

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward - CFMS ROTY Chair

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Hello Fellow Gem & Mineral Societies!

Just about 4 and a half months left in 2023 for you to submit your recipient for Rockhound of the Year. Don't let this opportunity slip by. Send me your submissions today.

Guynell Miller - Delvers Gem & Mineral Society.

The Rockhound of the Year Award for the Delvers Gem and Mineral Society goes to Guynell Allen Miller. Guynell's involvement with the Delvers goes back more than 55 years. She began as a Pebble Pup under a family membership with her parents Harvey and Sylvia Allen and sister Francine. At that time there were many children involved and when she and Francine were old enough they became Delver members as well as another sister, Connie who also joined. Connie met Delver Gilbert Kleckner and they married. Guynell has always been an active supportive member at first guiding the Pebble Pups along with her sister Francine. Guynell loves the field trips and going to Quartzsite, AZ for the powwow. Eventually Guynell married Delver Steve Miller. The years pass quickly and she is the lone survivor of the Allen and Miller clans. We all look forward to the Silent Auctions as Guynell uses her mother's fudge recipe and brings it to the auction.

Guynell has provided a meeting program to demonstrate her knowledge of using metal detectors, a common secondary hobby of Rockhounds. She and her late husband were avid treasure hunters using these simple machines. Guynell is found at all our meetings sitting close to the door to greet guests and new visitors. She facilitates the monthly raffles in which one was almost guaranteed to win something at a time when our attendance was at a minimum. The last few meetings, the refreshments have escalated into a full blown buffet with main entrees and sides, and desert, which Guynell is sure to have made a memorable morsel each time. Our club was invited by the Cerritos Library to fill their lobby display cases to showcase the many aspects of our hobby. She has graciously loaned several beautiful pieces of Petrified Wood from Gabbs, NV and some Bruno Jasper pieces made into beautiful jewelry.

Guynell has served in many officer and board positions over the years, including President, 3rd Vice President, Show Chairman, CFMS Representative, and Board of Directors. She is currently serving as Vice President. We are honored to present this award to Guynell. It is very well deserved as she is always willing to help out in any capacity at a moment's notice and always has a big smile.

Submitted by: Marvin Belcher - President
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

PRACTICING PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE AGE OF NEW MEDIA

By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Public Relations
Chair

Most often we in rock clubs pursue traditional public relations in promoting our clubs and our shows, but in our current media age there's a need to fully embrace social media for effective publicity campaigns. The impact of social media was emphasized to me recently by my editor at *Rock & Gem* magazine. She posted a 3-sentence extract on Facebook from a *Rock & Gems Kids* article I had written about fire agate along with one of my photos, and within 2 days it generated some 6,300 likes, 1,700 shares, and 245 comments. Within 2 days! Try doing that with hardcopy show postcards...

While I have long served as a publicity chair for shows at local, regional, and national levels and consider myself adept at pursuing traditional (primarily print) avenues of PR, I admit to being a social media neophyte in sorry need of advice to catch up. Thus, in my position as AFMS Public Relations Chair, I plan to host a Zoom conference on "Practicing Public Relations in the Age of New Media." If you are interested in participating, please email or call me (jbraceth@roadrunner.com, 805-659-3577). My hope is to hold this in October or early November in order to get the word out to maximize attendance. Don't delay! Call today!

The draft agenda begins with a brief definition of social media and the major platforms currently out there and how the popularity of platforms varies across age demographics (important to know in targeting those whom you wish to engage). We'll then move into specifics of using platforms. My hope is to have a mix of participants, including old hands at new media and newbies like me. I, myself, will be participating in both moderator/learner modes and look forward to coming away with great ideas and info to share with everyone in future newsletter articles.

Editor's note: Readers are reminded that CFMS now has a Facebook page. As one of the services available to its members, clubs are able to post their shows to the page in addition to the listing on the website and in the newsletter. Contact Diane Cook for details. Her contact information is on the officer/chairperson page.

A CASE OF BLACK AND WHITE LIGHT SAFETY MATTERS

Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

The universe is filled with energy. Its energy is all around us, all the time. It's also an energy mankind has utilized for doing amazing things. Our concern here is about the safe use of some of that black and white energy in the rock and mineral hobby.

But first, some background information: Picture, if you will, ocean waves roiling on a beach. There is lots of energy there. The distance from one wave crest to the following wave crest is called a wave length. Ocean wave crests can vary from a few inches to many yards in distance. The energy in those waves varies with the longer and shorter wave lengths. In the universe we have waves of a different nature, that of electromagnetic energy.

The waves of energy there are named cosmic rays, gamma rays, x-rays, ultra violet / visible / infrared rays, hertzian (radar and television) waves and the very long waves of what we call our radio waves. The electromagnetic wave lengths just mentioned range from far, far, far smaller than the thickness of a sheet of paper to about half a mile long. This spectrum of electromagnetic energy is used for studying the universe, medical imaging x-rays, lighting our homes, entertaining ourselves with television and radio, studying rocks and minerals. We use the ultra-violet light portion of the electromagnetic spectrum in our ultra-violet ("black light") mineral lamps. In the mineral hobby we further divide a portion of the spectrum into short ultraviolet (UV) waves and long ultra-violet waves – the short and long waves of our UV lamps.

Our star generates infra-red energy – heat energy. Waves shorter than those are visible light – allowing us to see the colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple/violet. The red waves are longer, the violet ones are shorter. Beyond the visible spectrum we have the shorter waves of the ultra-violet band. This is where the erythema rays, the sun-burning rays are found. Yes, our UV lamps can "sun" burn our skin, severely damage our eyes, and cause great harm if not used carefully. The area between the short and long UV rays is where the sunburning rays reside.

It used to be that UV lamps were expensive due to housings, special bulbs and tubes, and costly glass filters. The people who bought such lamps were careful to use them cautiously, safely. Now-a-days relatively low cost light emitting diodes (LED) are proliferating. People are having a world of fun with UV lamps and may not realize all of the safety concerns with their use. That said,

modern UV LED light designs vary greatly. Some designs may produce UV light in the danger zones. It is wise, therefore, to read the light's instruction and heed their requirements so as to use the lights with an eye to being safe. People are strongly urged not to look at the sun without proper eye protection. The sun is bright and emits UV energy. The same goes for UV lamps. While we cannot see this black light energy, the potential for damage is of great concern. The fact that we cannot see it means we may not know we are being exposed to the damaging rays.

Here are some tips to mind when using UV lamps:

- Keep the lamp from pointing at exposed skin and eyes
- Keep the lamp's shades and guards in place.
- Be careful of reflected UV light. (Yes, light can reflect from the water and other reflective surfaces, including some minerals, and cause a sunburn UNDER the brim of our hats.)
- If the UV lamp is used in a display at a rock show, ensure the lamp's UV rays cannot be seen by patrons (one may use a test rock to help with this evaluation. Note, kids love to look up into the light to see what is up there.
- At a show's UV display, place some kind of wire cloth or wire mesh at the front of the display to keep people's hands away and ensure people cannot move close enough to look up into the lights. Or perhaps place a clear acrylic barrier in front of the display to protect patrons. Where that may not be possible, offer UV protective glasses / face shields. (Which adds the complexity of sterilization of the eyewear between users.)
- Also please consider posting a safety warning that the display has UV light in use. Be mindful of prolonged use of UV light – especially for volunteers in the UV display area. One will not receive a sunburn immediately upon exposure from a UV lamp; however, prolonged exposure is a problem. The closer to the light source - the greater the energy - and the greater the risk of skin and eye damage.

When in doubt about a UV lamp's risks, read and abide by its safety and use instructions. White or Black Light - Your Safety Matters.

Follow up – an LED UV lamp is a valuable teaching tool. In the mineral hobby there are a great many experiments, tests, games, learning experiences, fun and fascinating things to do with UV lamps, and kids love the bright colors (and I do too).

Thanks to Susan, a Midwest Federation Club member, for suggesting the subject of this article

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2023 CFMS SHOW DATES

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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

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,
susieharlow@gmail.com
Website: <http://cvgms.rock>

September 16-17, 2023 – Reno, NV
Reno Gem and Mineral Society
Reno/Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S.
Virginia St., Reno
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: (775) 229-4420, sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renogms.org

September 16-17, 2023 – San Luis Obispo, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial
Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis
Obispo, CA 93401
Hours: Sat. & Sun 10 - 5
Website: <http://slogem.org>

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gen and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228
McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: 4vancan5@att.net

October 7-8, 2023 – Signal Hill, CA
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Signal Hill Library, 1800 E. Hill St.,
Signal Hill, CA 90755
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (562) 253-1390,
lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com
Website:
<http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

October 7-8, 2023 – Anderson, CA
Shasta Gem and Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4
Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com
Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gen and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA
Hours: 9-4
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society AND
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities
Building, 1400 Rosevelt Ave., Redwood
City, CA 94061
Hours: 10-5
Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net
Website:
<http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

October 21-22, 2023 – West Hills, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church, 22700
Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307
Hours: 10-5
Contact: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 21-22, 2023 – Santa Rosa, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351
Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Hours: Sat. & Sun 10-5
Contact: (707) 849-9551,
jolene4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://srmgs.org>

October 28-29 – San Diego, CA
San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center/Point Loma
Nazerene University, 2660 Lanir, San Diego,
CA 92106
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: luannz@att.net
Website: <http://sdmg.org>

October 28-29, 2023 – Orange, CA
American Opal Society
Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S. Flower St.,
Orange, CA 92868
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Contact: (714) 501-9959, info@opalsociety.org
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>

October 28-29, 2023 – Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St.,
Sacramento, CA 95819
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (916) 662-5819,
webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <http://www.sacgemshow.com>

November 4-5, 2023 – Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord
CA 94521
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: mike@diablorocks.com
Website: Contra Costa Mineral and Gem
Society/Facebook

November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside, CA 92040
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Contact: (619) 277-4981, ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://ecvgma.org>

December 2-3, 2023 – Barstow, CA
Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community/Fitness Center
841 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10-5
Contact: (760) 979-6138,
MDGMSsecretary@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.mdgms.net>

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation/AFMS
May 24-26, 2024
Ventura, CA

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. 13-15, 2023
New Orleans, LS

Southeast Federation
October 21-22, 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!

- **Local newspapers**
- **Current events sections!**
- **Local TV stations,**
- **Community calendars!**
- **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.

EDITORS COMMENTS

In her President's message Kim mentions an upcoming field trip to Topaz Mountain and the Dugway geode locality in September. There was no information regarding the pertinent details—when, who to contact for signup and further information, etc. No doubt the person who was supposed to submit the information for publication in the newsletter either forgot or wasn't aware it needed to be sent to me. The host for this trip is possibly a member of the COOP group of northern California field trip chairpersons. This is not an official CFMS field trip.

Unfortunately I cannot publish information about which I have no knowledge. This is one more reason why those of you who are committee chairpersons need to submit information about what their committee is doing.

I recently heard that one of our members was asked by her club what CFMS does for them. She couldn't answer the question. As committee members you have the perfect opportunity to answer that question by reminding the membership of what services we offer beyond the obvious. Just know we offer far more than just insurance! I don't expect an article every month but one or two a year would be great. Thanks go to those who contribute regularly. You help make my job as editor much easier.

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