



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kimberly Fiala

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all doing well. I wanted to remind you that October is here, and it's time to start preparing for the new month. I hope you were able to enjoy your club shows and field trips in September, despite the unpredictable weather. But don't worry, there are still a few more shows for you to attend and do some last-minute shopping.

In addition, there may be a few more field trips before the rainy season starts, so make sure to stay in touch with your club representatives and members. You can also check the CFMS website for things to do or do a simple search for upcoming events and opportunities. I've provided some basic information, but you'll need to do some more research to get all the details

I wanted to remind you that the CFMS election will be taking place in November. Take some time to read about the positions that may become available or are currently open. You have the opportunity to nominate someone or volunteer yourself for a position. The CFMS November meeting will be held in Visalia, CA, and it's a great opportunity for everyone to come together, network, collaborate, and build strong partnerships and friendships. If you have anything to share about your club, please bring it to the meeting. And if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to attend and voice them.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope you have a wonderful month ahead.

Best regards,

*Kimberly Fiala*



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5..... Deadline for November newsletter  
Oct 31... Deadline for Directors meeting reports  
November 5. . Deadline for December newsletter  
Nov 10-12. .... Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

### CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

McDaniel Insurance Services  
PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024  
Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288  
Fax (805) 646-9976; email: [mcins@west.net](mailto:mcins@west.net)  
Web Site: [www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com](http://www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com)

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Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Be sure to cite the source.

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### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bpelarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bpelarue@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 Edhe memo section.

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### DIRECTORS MEETING IS FAST APPROACHING

By Pat LaRue, Exec Secretary/Treasurer

The annual Fall Business Meeting is right around the corner. Details are in the next column and I am hoping that most of you are making plans to attend this important meeting and represent your society/club as its Director or alternate Director. This is a great opportunity to meet like minded hobbyists from all over the CFMS territory.

CFMS Committee Chairpersons are reminded that the reports for the Directors packet should be submitted no later than October 31 to allow time for me to prepare them for duplication. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring at least 50 copies of your report to the meeting for distribution to those present.

## 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:

CFMS  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS  
Junior Activities Chair

### Building a Successful Kids Program, Part 5: Take Full Advantage of Free Resources

If you've been reading this column regularly, you know that last year I surveyed CFMS clubs to gauge the state of kids' programs. In the pages of this newsletter, I promised to share Best Practices as gleaned from the most successful kids' programs in the Federation. Over the course of several months, I've noted the "Top 2" ingredients for success, namely, having a "Kids' Champion" within your club, then having club members support that Champion with volunteers to provide resources and expertise in leading activities. The next step? Crafting and posting a full year's schedule of monthly programs in advance rather than proceeding in a haphazard *ad hoc* manner. And then? Publicize your program, both within the club and outward to the broader community.

And now? As things come together and you're ready to initiate or renew a kids' program, take full advantage of available resources, especially those that are free if only you ask. For example:

- Turn first to fellow members of your local society, many of whom will gladly donate supplies of rocks, fossils, and mineral specimens to support youth activities. Others will gladly offer expertise, such as running a basic wire-wrapping class, gold panning fun, a cabbaging or knapping class, etc. All you need do is ask! (And then offer genuine gratitude and thanks to those who step up to the plate.)
- If your club has given you a budget and you know folks who regularly go to the Quartzsite shows, draw up a shopping list and have those folks search for bargains to bring back still more goodies you can use in kids activities. Quartzsite is a wonderful venue for getting nice stuff in bulk at bargain-basement prices. We've even met some wonderful dealers who provide materials for free when they learn how it's being used.
- The AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Program offers an online manual filled with activity ideas and badges kids can earn, a Rock

Pals rock exchange program, contests, a Juniors Volunteer Award, poster contests, and more. *All entirely free!* To see all that's available, simply turn to [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org) or email AFMS Junior Programs Chair Lora Hall at [youth@amfed.org](mailto:youth@amfed.org). If you haven't checked this out, you're missing out on a fully stocked one-stop shop to assist you in leading a successful kids program!

- A subscription to Diamond Dan's *Mini Miners Monthly* is paid for by CFMS and is emailed as a free pdf each month to all affiliated clubs that have asked to be included on Marcia Goetz's email list. Chock full of interesting info, neat ideas, fun activities, and coloring pages, *Mini Miners Monthly* is a fantastic resource aimed right at kids. Has your club signed on to receive it and are you sharing it with club kids?
- Both CFMS and AFMS offer contests and awards aimed right at kids: Bulletin article contests, competitive exhibiting trophies, Show Chair's Award for best junior exhibit at a Federation show, the CFMS Junior Achievement Award, Junior Rockhound of the Year, and more. These offer kids a sense of satisfaction at a job well done, as well as more tangible satisfaction in the forms of certificates, plaques, and even cold hard cash. Has your Federation Director been keeping your club kids informed and aware of these while offering encouragement to participate?

In short, abundant resources are out there and are free for the taking. All you need do is seek and ask!



## A RECAP OF THE 2023 AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

### *And an Invitation to Next Year's Show!*

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep to AFMS

The Billings Gem & Mineral Club hosted a truly great AFMS National Show & Convention August 3-6 in Montana, which I had the pleasure to attend along with several others from the California Federation. Following are selected items of interest to us all within CFMS.

New AFMS officers were voted upon and sworn in for 2024: President – Roger Burford, President-Elect – J.C. Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ronna Watkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Wayment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Sheri Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Jim Brace-Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ellery Borow, Secretary – Donna Moore, and Treasurer – Pat LaRue.

Efforts are well underway to make the Uniform Rules Manual more user-friendly by breaking it into more-or-less self-contained sections to minimize the need to flip back-and-forth among sections and by supporting it with PowerPoint presentations to provide visual guidance (for instance, photos of actual exhibits to illustrate elements of showmanship that judges score). They also hope to sponsor a Judges Training Seminar in conjunction with the 2024 AFMS Show in Ventura.

Lora Hall has assembled an outstanding team between herself, Dennis Gertenbach, and Joan Stoker for the Junior Programs Committee. They've added much to the AFMS/FRA program beyond the badges; for instance, a newsletter by kids for kids, contests, the Juniors Volunteer Award pin, and more. Check out the many fantastic resources at [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org).

Work on upgrading and updating the AFMS website is nearing completion. As a sneak preview of what the new site will be like, check out the AFMS Juniors section, which is already completed ([www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org)).

A Zoom roundtable seminar hosted by yours truly is in the works for late October/early November on "Practicing Public Relations in the Age of New Media." Whether promoting your club as a whole or a special event like your annual show, social media is now a vital part of the marketing mix. Tips and suggestions emerging from the seminar will be shared in the pages of this newsletter.

Our very own Sandie Fender is President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, which awards scholarships to



graduate students. Help Sandie (sandie.fender@gmail.com) by donating checks to the Scholarship Foundation and by donating jewelry, fossils, mineral specimens, etc., for auctions to raise still more funds.

CFMS members performed especially well in the national AFMS Bulletin Contest. Awardees from within our ranks were as follows:

**New Bulletin Editor:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Beth Walls, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

**Mini Bulletins Editor:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Alyson Nishimura, Pasadena Lapidary Society

**Large Bulletins Editor:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Celia Churchill, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Large Bulletins Editor:** 10<sup>th</sup> place, Josephine Borucki, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**Adult Articles:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Hilary Loupee, Reno Gem & Mineral Society

**Adult Articles:** 4<sup>th</sup> place, William Borucki, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**Adult Articles:** 10<sup>th</sup> place, Rex Nishimura, Pasadena Lapidary Society

**Adult Articles Advanced:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Steve Mulqueen, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Adult Articles Advanced:** 10<sup>th</sup> place, David Springer, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Adult Articles Advanced:** Honorable Mention, Jim Brace-Thompson Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Junior Articles Under 12:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Valerie Churchill, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Junior Articles Under 12:** 4<sup>th</sup> place, Rylee Jones, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Junior Articles Under 12:** 6<sup>th</sup> place, Henry & Beecher Irie, Venture Gem & Mineral Society

**Junior Articles 12-17:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Alyson Nishimura, Pasadena Lapidary Society

**Junior Articles 12-17:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Lucia Hetrick, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Junior Articles 12-17:** 4<sup>th</sup> place, Beatrice Blackburn, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**Written Features:** 9<sup>th</sup> place, Josephine Borucki, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

**Written Features:** Honorable Mention, Troy Schmidt, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Finally, I invite EVERYONE within CFMS to attend next year's combined CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention in my own hometown of Ventura come May 24-26, 2024. Save the date! And to keep abreast of show details, check in periodically at [www.2024cfms-afms.com](http://www.2024cfms-afms.com).

## A WIN-WIN-WIN DEAL WITH ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE

*Subscribe & Support both R&G & AFMS—& Get a Discount for Yourself!*

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep to AFMS

A reminder: *Rock & Gem* (the officially designated hobby magazine of AFMS) is offering a special deal to us members of local gem and mineral societies affiliated with the Federation. It's a win-win-win deal in that *Rock & Gem* gets subscribers, we subscribers get a special 61% discount, and AFMS gets a 15% commission on each subscription that will go into the Endowment Fund. This deal applies to both new and renewing subscriptions.

The R&G marketing team has produced a "Rock & Gem/AFMS Subscription" flyer/order form that I hope to get posted to the websites of AFMS and the regional federations to ensure that a portion of your payment goes to AFMS. Those preferring to order online can use a QR code (see below) that can be scanned with your cell phone. By the way, the same deal applies 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. If you'd like a master copy of that form right away, I can send it as an attachment. Email me at [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com).

Here's to supporting our official hobby magazine as it, in turn, supports us as individuals and as a Federation!

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



## 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Chairperson

The 2023 CFMS Nominating Committee has been searching for possible nominees for the 2024 CFMS Executive Board. The following are recommended for nominees of the 2024 CFMS Executive Board. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the November CFMS Meeting in Visalia, with the election to follow.

Secretary: Incumbent, Frank Van Hecke (2023 CFMS Secretary)

Treasurer: Bob Papac (Bob is Vice President of the Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society where he has served for many years as the society Federation Director. Bob has served for several years as the Cab Case Central Chairman for CFMS. Bob has also been entrusted with the transport of the Golden Bear.

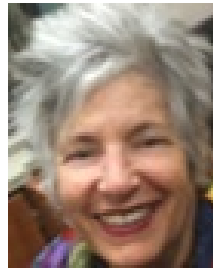
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Diane Cook (2023 CFMS Treasurer)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Heidi Hall (2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)

*Unfortunately for health reasons, Bob Rush (2023 CFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, President elect) will not be able to continue next year as the CFMS President. Because Bob will not be able to hold the office of President in 2024, we will be electing a person to hold that position.*

President: Marcia Goetz (Marcia has served previously as CFMS President 2020, as well as other CFMS Board positions.

Again, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November CFMS Meeting in Visalia, with the election to follow.



## CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

We are on the look out for all forms of donations to the Endowment Fund. If you are going to the fall business meeting in Visalia on November 10-12, please remember that you can bring donations by check or via rock related items to be used to sell and raise money. We will be present with a triple table space at the 2024 annual CFMS Show.

Our efforts at the shows are usually well rewarded with significant fundraising results. Who doesn't love to shop for a good cause, spin the roulette wheel with unusual prizes and socialize with lots of other club members and visitors who we can rock educate? Also needed are many volunteers to assist in set up, selling and tear down. When show time gets closer, we hope that you will contact us by text, email or phone to offer your help.

Recalling that the Endowment Fund is an underlying support vehicle for many projects throughout each year, we encourage donations in honor of, in memory of and for many occasions such as new births, birthdays, graduation, weddings, anniversaries, holidays, even groundhog day! So let's hear from you and see great support for this fund!

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## VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow

Just a brief reminder that we are still here offering many programs for societies to use at meetings, shows or additional events. If you have opportunities to educate the public, both adults and kids, about rock hounding and related topics, remember that we have a library of DVDs and some CDs for your use.

There is information available on the CFMS web site and you can also call or text Sharon at (702) 499-0272 for guidance. Submitting the request well in advance is helpful, 3 weeks is preferable. Following up in writing is essential. The fee is \$10 with returns expected within ten days to two weeks. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!!!

## 2023 CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events*

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*CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

*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](http://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

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### 2023

#### 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](mailto:susieharlow@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

#### 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](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renogms.org](http://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 Gem and Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney  
Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949

Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Contact: [4vanclan5@att.net](mailto:4vanclan5@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](mailto: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](mailto:sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

#### October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA  
Hours: 9-4

Contact: (760) 728-1130, [info@fgms.org](mailto: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 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood  
City, CA 94061  
Hours: 10-5

Contact: (650) 575-3144, [cci@pacbell.net](mailto: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](mailto:whrc@rockchippers.org)  
Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://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](mailto:jolene4srmgs@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://srmgs.org>

#### October 28-29 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society  
Liberty Station Conference Center  
2600 Lanir, San Diego, CA 92106

Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Contact: [luannz@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org)  
Website: <http://www.sacgemshow.com>

#### November 4, 2023 – Lake Elsinore, CA

Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society  
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA  
92530

Hours: 10 AM-4 PM  
Rock and Craft Show  
Contact: (909) 208-6956,  
[berylman50@aol.com](mailto:berylman50@aol.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](mailto:mike@diablorocks.com)  
Website: Contra Costa Mineral and Gem  
Society/Facebook

#### November 4-5, 2023 – Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S.  
Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Contact: (760) 375-7905,  
[iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com](mailto:iwgjmjfrocks@gmail.com)

#### November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
12584 Maplevue St., Lakeside, CA 92040

Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
Contact: (619) 277-4981,  
[ecvgms@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:MDGMSsecretary@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.mdgms.net>

**2024**

**May 4-5, 2024, Lancaster, CA**  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
2551 W. Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536  
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Contact: [marylandoriole@gmail.com](mailto:marylandoriole@gmail.com)

## 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*

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## DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR CLUB WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW SHOW DATE

Check for show links at  
[www.cfmsinc.org/shows](http://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.



## **CAMP PARADISE RECAP**

By Jill Atkins, Co-Chair

Camp Paradise 2023 is in the rear view mirror and what a camp it was! We had 12 instructors who provided classes to all the students even when the electricity went out for 2 hours. They carried on with other projects so the students didn't miss any work time. We also had a bit of rain (very unusual) but that did not dampen enthusiasm.

Many of the classes ran until 9 pm when the barn closes for the night. There were also lectures/demonstrations (after classes) on hard stone carving, Viking knit, painting with fire, as well as informal talks among the students and teachers about tricks and techniques to make your jewelry better.

We also had the Monday sell-a-thon where students and staff sell stones, tools and ephemera. Always great fun to get a bargain! Thursday was the silent auction but sometimes it wasn't so "silent". Good natured banter abounded until Tom blew the horn and we could see who got a new treasure.

Pepe was back with delicious and plentiful meals. There were vegetarian options available and next year he will have more. If you had a dietary restriction he was the man to make sure you had plenty to eat.

As we are building a community, we had many volunteer opportunities and the students pitched in to help where needed. It was so appreciated by all of us too! We had students from as far away as Florida to the East and Washington to the North. We even had some students from the LA area! Word has gotten out that Camp Paradise is a bargain. As this was mine and Gary's first year as director we plan further outreach so we expect the camp to fill up much sooner. The dates for next year are August 16-31, 2024.

Should you have any questions about Camp Paradise please do not hesitate to contact me.



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