Hello Everyone,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to remind you that our last gathering of the year will be in November. This will be a great opportunity for us to network and collaborate with colleagues and friends that we have built relationships with over the year or years.

If you haven’t already, please be sure to send in your committee reports to Pat LaRue. If you haven’t, it would be helpful to print out plenty of copies to share at the meeting in Visalia, CA. For those of you who are new, we welcome you to learn your roles as a representative or committee member.

For those of you who plan on attending the banquet, I hope you already have made your reservations with Pat LaRue. Please note that there is no guarantee that there will be any extra space available, as the deadline for reservations is November 6th. It is always a fun experience to witness the transition of new officers coming in for the next year.

Lastly, there are still a few shows to attend and get those last-minute things for that someone special. The following places to go are as hosting shows: Eureka, Lake Elsinore, Concord, Ridgecrest, Lakeside, and Barstow. If you don’t make it to any of these shows, there will be more next year!

On a final note, I hope that everyone will enjoy some quality time with their family and friends. Don’t forget to thank a veteran and/or a service member for their dedication and time of service.

Thank you and enjoy!

Kimberly Fiala
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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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.

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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

Building a Successful Kids Program, Part 6
Practice the Four P’s

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. Then publicize your program, both within the club and outward to the broader community, and take full advantage of resources freely available from fellow club members and from CFMS and AFMS, especially the AFMS/FRA program.

My final words of advice? Practice patience and persistence! In my survey, some clubs said they once tried to start a kids’ program, but no kids showed up. Don’t give up after just one or two tries if kids are a no-show. As they say in the movies, “If you build it, they will come.” Maybe not right away. But eventually.

A couple of times within my own Ventura club, we’ve found ourselves without a volunteer to lead a kids’ program, and it withered. But when volunteers resurfaced and plans were laid out and publicized, we waited. During the first few sessions, only a couple kids attended. Frustration mounted, particularly when plans had been made, ample supplies had been gathered, volunteer teachers had stepped forward, and considerable effort had been extended, yet so few showed up. Some suggested calling it quits given that—obviously—no one was interested.

Well…That was then. This is now. Within our Ventura club, we currently have something like 40 pebble pups and junior members. Nearly 20 regularly engage in our monthly programs. If you and fellow club members have made plans for a great juniors program and are frustrated to see little immediate interest, don’t give up! All it requires is Planning, Persistence, and Patience, along with a fourth P: a Pinch of faith!
SEEKING NOMINEES FOR THE 2024 CFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Jr. Advisor

It’s time again! Time for our 4th Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Awards to acknowledge and reward outstanding kids. At the end of this month’s newsletter, we include the Application Form, which also will be posted to the CFMS website. In this article, I outline the full process. Please share this article and the Application Form with kids in your club to help them shine!

The CFMS Junior Achievement Award goes beyond the “Rockhound of the Year” award that any club may bestow with a paragraph highlighting a selected junior, who then receives a certificate. Instead, our CFMS Jr Achievement Award requires a formal application from the junior member that will be scored against other applications. At the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention, winners receive a Certificate-of-Achievement and $100.

Membership Requirement & Age Groups.
Applicants must be enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society and will fall within two age groups. Group 1 (Pebble Pups): ages 11 and under. Group 2 (Juniors): ages 12-18. The child’s age as of December 31, 2023 determines the age group. If a child won in the past year, that child needs to wait out a full year to enter again UNLESS s/he has moved up from Age Group 1 to Age Group 2.

Application & Deadline. An Application form is posted to the CFMS website and is printed herewith in the CFMS Newsletter. After completing the Application, kids secure signatures of two representatives from their society (for instance, President, Federation Director, Membership Chair, Juniors Leader) confirming their membership and acknowledging their achievements. They will then mail or email their Applications to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair with a postmark as indicated on the application form. Questions about the application process may be directed to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair via phone (805-59-3577) or email (jbraceth@roadrunner.com). The deadline is March 1, 2024.

Application Guidelines. The following areas will be considered: hobby related, educational achievement, community involvement, and work related. For each area, kids should provide as much detail as possible covering the full preceding year.

Cover Letter. Applications should be accompanied by a short cover letter written by the child (or dictated to a parent) highlighting any info or accomplishments to which s/he wishes to draw special attention. Basically, “in your own words, tell us where you really shine.”

Scoring. Applications will be evaluated by the CFMS Jr Activities Chair and at least 2 other CFMS representatives selected by the Chair (drawn from different societies to minimize bias). Scores will be added and averaged by the Chair to determine the top winner in each age group. The Chair has discretion to break tied scores. To earn the Award, juniors must achieve a minimum averaged score of 80.

Notification. Top winners will be notified by letter, text, email or other method within 1 to 2 months of the deadline, as will other entrants who may not have won. Notice of the winners, with brief descriptions of accomplishments, will be posted in the CFMS Newsletter, and they will be honored at the CFMS Show & Convention Awards Banquet. If winner/s are unable to attend, certificates and checks will be passed along in trust to an affiliated club member in attendance or will be mailed.

Let’s all help each of our outstanding club kids! Please share this info today!
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.

2nd Vice President: Diane Cook (2023 CFMS Treasurer)

1st Vice President: Heidi Hall (2023 2nd Vice President)

Unfortunately for health reasons, Bob Rush (2023 CFMS 1st 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 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.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2023 ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK
By Diane Cook, Chair

IMPORTANT! – Deadline for entry in the CFMS contest is January 20, 2024. Please send your entry to me, Diane Cook @ johndianedaisy@yahoo.com by January 20, 2024 – and it will be judged at CFMS level, and the winners announced at the end of May at the CFMS-AFMS Show in Ventura.

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook, highlighting a club’s activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for attendance at regional and national shows, participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, etc. - all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

Take a look at what your club has accomplished this past year, and give credit where credit is due!. The more members contribute to the yearbook, the more completely it can serve as an historical document for the club, as well as an excellent tool to encourage prospective members. Canvassing members for any missing documentation, letters, flyers or other materials to fill in some gaps just might make the difference between a good club and a great Club Yearbook entry.

Take advantage of the guide that is on the AFMS site written by John Washburn. “An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation.” This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries. It also highlights areas that are usually the weakest for many clubs and offers suggestions to improve those areas, as well as hints and tips for organizing the book.

Remember – you can get credit for activities such as participation in Competitive Displays, Junior activities, and for club members volunteering as Judges for AFMS contests.

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

Document your club’s year for 2023 and send it to me no later than January 20, 2024. Hope to see lots of entries in 2024 – showing what your club did in 2023.
THE PURPOSE
Richard Braun, 1st Place AFMS Poetry 2023
From Rock-N-Rose, 12/2022

A shattered stone lay on the ground
In hopes one day it would be found.
The life it led was sure and good
Its many uses were understood.
Tumbled in sand by the river’s bed
A thing of beauty it was said.
Tapped and knapped to a razor’s edge,
To serve you well was its humble pledge.
An ax or knife for a hunter’s attire.
Struck against steel for warmth from fire.
Truly a stone from heaven sent
This stone, this stone, the mighty Flint.

Via AFMS Newsletter, October, 2023

FIELD TRIP REPORT
By Jim Barton, Field Trips North

Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leader Gene Doyle lead the field trip to Topaz Mountain and Dugway Geode Beds, Utah on September 28 - October 1, 2023. The field trip was open to all members and guests of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies to collect champagne topaz, red beryl, and geodes at the Bureau of Land Management Public Collecting Areas near Delta, Utah. Participants were given a trash bag and asked to pick up the area as they walked in honor of Public Lands Day (September 23). Feedback received was very positive, that it was a great trip and they were looking forward to returning. Thanks, Gene for your report. Additional information provided by Jim Hutchins on the Roseville Rock Rollers Facebook page.

2024 CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
Follow the Mermaids!
By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Rep to AFMS

Follow the mermaids to Ventura for the 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention May 24-26. Save the date! And keep track of the mermaids that will be appearing in this and forthcoming issues of the CFMS Newsletter. The person/s attending the convention who can correctly identify the specific location within Ventura of each mermaid pictured will receive a rocky reward during the show banquet!

AFMS NEWSLETTER: DO YOU RECEIVE IT?
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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
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@rockchppers.org
Website: www.rockchppers.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
2600 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, 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
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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
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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
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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
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Website: http://ecvgms.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,
MDGMSecretary@gmail.com
Website: http://www.mdgms.net

January 20-21, 2024 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA 93221
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (559) 802-6029,
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Website: http://www.tulegem.com

March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: http://www.vgms.org

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
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, LA

**Southeast Federation**  
October 21-22, 2023  
Port St. Lucie, FL

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

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**DON’T FORGET TO UP-DATE YOUR CLUB WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW SHOW DATE**

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

street address or P.O. Box

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city, state, zip code

Email address of parent/guardian: ____________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________________________________________

Name of your local club: _____________________________________________________

Signatures of 2 officers in your club: __________________________________________

Instructions: Provide info requested above & accompany this application with full responses to all sections/subsections listed below. Info should be provided for the past calendar year (2023). Also include a brief cover note highlighting accomplishment/s to which you wish to draw special attention where you feel you really shine. Mail or email this application with your responses to:

Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Junior Activities Chair
7319 Eisenhower Street
Ventura, CA 93003
Email address: jbraceth@roadrunner.com

All entries should be postmarked by March 1, 2024 (if sent by mail) or should be received via email not later than March 1, 2024. Should you have questions, call or email Jim at (805) 659-3577, jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Winners will be announced at the 2024 CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention. Kids who won 1st Place last year in the 2 age groups need to sit out a year UNLESS they are moving from Age Group 1 (under 12 years old) to Age Group 2 (ages 12-18).

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points)
A. Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation, etc.). 20 points
B. Hobby/Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metalwork, beading, collecting, etc.). 20 points
C. Competitive involvement (displays, articles in competition, awards, etc.). 5 points

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points)
A. Scholastic (GPA, honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades, etc.). 15 points
B. Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music, school clubs, etc.). 10 points

Section III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points)
A. Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs, etc.). 10 points
B. Scouts, Campfire, 4H, church, or other community or youth groups. 10 points

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)
A. Employment, home chores, neighborhood work, sidewalk or beach clean-up, etc. 10 points
SAVE THE DATE!!

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