



CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Dear Fellow Rock Lovers,

Here we are—in the heat of summer again. Time to find a pool to cool off in and bring a few rocks with you to wash off and see if you want to keep them. That's what we are doing only we don't have a pool—just a bucket and we have to go outside early to beat the heat. Our show is just around the corner and our silent auction needs some new rock for the table. (Ha,ha—how can we have “new” rock?) Anyway out of 4 buckets we set aside 1 to give away. It is hard to high grade the rocks as each one seems to have something special to it. One may have a tiny quartz cluster in a vug, another great color, and the next is a mineral specimen, etc. However, I have to remember that someone also may treasure the same piece and the club will be the benefactor.

Did you know that according to the International Mineralogical Association (IMA), the latest number of valid species identified is 6,062 and growing. I guess what that means is when I donate a mineral specimen there are many more that I don't have and there is something else to replace it with. At the CFMS/AFMS Show and Convention there were quite a few cases that had mineral specimens and in total the species represented couldn't have been more than 200-300. Many museums have nice mineral collections and summer is a great time to plan a trip to a museum. California and Nevada have quite a few outstanding ones to visit.

I would like to remind societies to remember to submit their Rockhound of the Year choices to Chris Ward. His most recent article was in the July newsletter. It's a nice way to acknowledge the service and work of an individual, couple and/or junior who have contributed to your society's success.

Marcia Goetz



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 5. Deadline for Sept Newsletter
Sept 5. Deadline for Oct Newsletter
Aug 16-31. Camp Paradise
Nov 8-10. Fall Business Meeting Visalia

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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

DONATIONS

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

- CFMS Scholarship Fund
- CFMS Endowment Fund
- CFMS General Fund
- Diedrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund
- Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)
- Facilities Development Fund

Your donations should be sent to:
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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 ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chair

The All-American Club Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of individual clubs in documenting their activities over the past year through their yearbooks. These yearbooks serve as a testament to the club's collective endeavors, showcasing group activities, individual member participation, workshops, and shows. The criteria for the award encompass a range of activities, such as attendance at regional and national shows, active participation in meetings, holding officer positions on committees, and advocacy efforts like writing to state or federal representatives. These activities exemplify the vitality of a club and contribute to the enriching experience of membership for all involved. The AACA distinguishes these efforts through bronze, silver, and gold levels, culminating in an overall 1st place gold award.

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2025 Officers will be held November 8-10, 2024 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 **October 25, 2024**. The group code is 110724CAF. 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 9 at 9 a.m.** Join us at the **Banquet** that Saturday evening. The incoming president will have a brief meeting of the 2025 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 1, 2024.

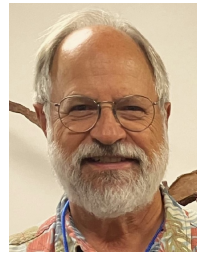
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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

If You Do Educational Outreach, Take Advantage of the Summer Lull!



If you and your society engage in educational outreach—be it classroom visits, science night activities, presentations to local youth groups (YMCA, Scouts, 4H), etc.—I hope you're enjoying the lull that summer typically brings. I find I'm most busy in the spring when every school in our district seems to host a science night nowadays alongside classroom visits. Some weeks, I'll be running to three different events that all somehow seem to bunch together. No sooner am I home than I'm preparing for the next gig.

The materials I pull together for show-and-tell and the hands-outs I gather and make for Goodie Bags for each child all end up in some disarray by the end of spring, so it's now time to take advantage of the summer lull. If, like me, you prepare Goodie Bags, how's your supply of rocks, fossils, and/or minerals that populate those bags? If you distribute coloring pages and informational sheets, how's the supply and might any of them be changed, updated, or replaced? Time to order a fresh supply of club flyers? Time to fix that chipped tooth on the sabertooth cat skull cast? Take a look at what you use for your outreach program, re-stock, and consider ways to better organize it all for easier transport come the new school year.

Also, take time to reflect and maybe redirect. Which talks, activities, and other programs worked the best for you during the last season? Can they be improved, and if so, what new materials might be needed? To keep things fresh, what new topics and activities might you add to your repertoire? Do you have a new club member with interesting new ideas to consult and recruit? In short, how can you make a good program better? Here's to taking full advantage of the Summer Lull!



Jim Brace-Thompson photo

VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

Sadly, There have been no recent requests for programs that can be used for Society meetings or events. I am asking everyone at this time for ideas and suggestions to help promote this service that we have available.

I did try reviewing a few programs in the newsletter. No indications of interest came about as a result. We would be happy to hear anything that may be helpful. We have instructional, travel, mining and many other subjects available. We have listings on the web site and suggest that requests be made three weeks prior to the showing date. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas.

sharonrr@cox.net
(702) 499-0272

Report given at CFMS Directors Meeting 5/24

CFMS SHOWS OF THE FUTURE CFMS NEEDS YOU!

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Show Consultant–South

We are currently looking for Host Clubs/Societies for 2025, 2026, 2027 California Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual Show & Convention. Each year the CFMS Show & Convention travels around the state to different venues. Ideally the annual Show & Convention would be held one year in Southern California and the next in Northern California and so on.

The Federation Show itself is not that different than hosting your own club show. In addition, you get to host the Cracker Barrel, Directors Meeting, Board Meeting, Competitive Exhibits and Awards Dinner.

Hosting the CFMS State Show & Convention can be a very rewarding experience. It can help you grow your membership, earn extra income for your club and help building a returning vendor base for your own club's annual shows.

Please contact me for further information on hosting a future CFMS Show & Convention at slchaisson@yahoo.com.

CFMS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Marcia Goetz, Chair

The CFMS Electronic Communication email system is very helpful to send out information to the Directors and Chairpersons in a timely manner. I have finally gotten to the point where I don't get any bounced-back emails. Diamond Dan continues to be a popular email because I get "thanks" back from sending it.

This service is only as good as its ability to timely information to those who need it. Please make sure that you provide me with the name and current email address of the person in your society/club who is responsible to making sure the information makes it to your membership. Be sure to send any updated information to me as soon as possible so you don't miss out on the latest.

Report given at CFMS Directors Meeting 5/24

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION REMINDER

By Pat LaRue, Editor

As previously announced, this is a reminder that physical copies of the CFMS Newsletter will no longer be mailed after this one. Going forward the newsletter will be emailed to those persons on the mailing list for whom I have a valid email address. Many of you are already receiving an emailed (digital) newsletter as part of Marcia's electronic communications mailings because you are the Federation Director for your society/club. I am in the process of compiling email addresses that were provided on the Officer Change Forms submitted earlier in the year. Many of you already prefer to read the newsletter on the website and no longer receive the physical copy at your request.

Heads up to paid subscribers—due to the cost of first class postage, the subscription cost will increase to \$10 per year when your renewal date comes up. The subscription expiration date is shown on the mailing label as follows: xx/xx,

If you are unsure if I have your email address, please send it to me as soon as possible so it will included on the mailing list. Marcia and I will attempt to coordinate the mailings to keep duplication of mailing to a minimum.

A "CO-OP MEMBER" and "CFMS NORTH"
FIELD TRIP TO LOVELOCK NEVADA

September 28th and 29th

Sponsored by Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral
Society

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in and sign out with the field trip leader.
- CO-OP website has information: www.co-opfieldtrips.com.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- All non-CFMS members are required to contact the Field Trip Leader before a field trip for any insurance requirements
- The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip are expressly prohibited.

TRIP LOCATION: Various locations in the vicinity of Lovelock, Nevada.

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE - Vehicle access & parking: 3 to 4 for vehicles, high clearance at least, 4x4 preferable, no motor homes or low slung vehicles.

Collection or View Site: Most all sites are a 3 or 4 at the worst, some flat ground walking close to vehicles.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO: Please contact ahead of time: Gene Doyle, CO-OP & Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leader, Text or leave message, Cell (408) 605-9457, Email eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net. Jim Barton, CFMS-N, Cell (916) 847-7321, Email geologist1@surewest.net.

MEMBER'S GUESTS: Members guests are allowed. This is a public collecting area, anybody may collect at the area concurrent with our activities.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Saturday - Hematite coated druzy Quartz, Magnetite, Emerald crystals. Sunday - petrified wood if the site is still producing, exploring wood and common opal sites.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Saturday - East of Lovelock to Coal Canyon Road to the Valley View mines, the Iron pit South of the Valley View, then end at the Oreana Mine off Limerick Canyon road at the Oreana Exchange offramp! Sunday - North and West of Lovelock towards Sulfer.

MEET: Meet at the parking lot under the Marquise for the C Punch Inn and Casino at the east end of Cornell Ave in Lovelock Nevada by 9AM! Departing shortly after 9AM Saturday and Sunday!

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: Lovelock is East of Reno Nevada. You can estimate a four hour drive from Roseville to Lovelock. Or about 1.5 hours from Reno Nevada.

VEHICLE REQ'S: 2 wheel drive high clearance vehicles at least, 4x4 would be best! No trailers, motorhomes, or low slung vehicles.

CAMP/FACILITIES: State Campground at Rye Patch Dam. Those coming in from Rye Patch Dam can meet us at the Coal Canyon Road off ramp South of the of framp just off 1-80 on Saturday only. There are several Hotels and Motels in Lovelock! The C Punch, the Cadillac Inn and four or five others! Check, Hotels in Lovelock on the internet.

TOOLS: The collection methods will be varied. Rock picks, hand sledge and cold chisels would be appropriate at the Valley View mine and the Iron pit. The emerald mine will be hand raking through tailing piles of shards of quartz, looking for specimens. I would suggest that ¼ inch screens be used to check the float on the side of the hill and the ravines running below the exposure for stones eroded off over millions of years. The wood site may require some digging, so a pick and shovel might be handy. Otherwise, gloves, safety glasses, day packs or bags to carry out specimens would be good to have. Some areas, depending on access, could require some exploring, so a day pack with snacks and water.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Scorpions, snakes, and other common desert animals. Common sense should be used when moving rocks or climbing hills. Do not put your hands where you are not sure that it is clear of creatures. The weather should be cool, snakes and scorpions should be at a minimum. Working around other people presents it's own hazards, keep an eye out for people below you and above you. Always carry a quality whistle! If you should become lost, or injured, stay close to where you realized you were lost and use the whistle.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: This is the transitional period for the desert to winter. Weather can change radically overnight. It is suggested that you plug "Lovelock" Nevada in your Weather Channel App and check it each day up to the trip. Check in with me by cell phone for updates on weather if you see a weather concern. Obviously, snow over the summit on I 80 is an issue, even if the weather is fine out in the desert...it's a desert...it's usually dry.

CLOTHING: Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing.

OTHER REMARKS: If you do not contact the leader with phone and cell phone numbers, we will not be able to update you if conditions, schedules, or access changes at the site. Dogs are welcome, as long as they are well behaved, under the control at all times. These sites have been frequented over the years by rockhounds, no guarantees that specimens are easily obtainable. This is a field trip to look for minerals that formed in the area, and may still be found if diligent effort is made to prospect for them! Access to locations and weather can change and some sites may have to be abandoned. We won't know until the day or so prior to the trip so, BE FLEXIBLE! There are plenty of places to go, and minerals to chase in the area... we WILL have a good time!

FEES: There are no fees for these sites

Submitted by Jim Barton, Field Trips North



PHISH OR SMISH: DON'T TAKE THE BAIT

The IRS continues to see a barrage of email and text scams targeting businesses and individual taxpayers. The IRS and the Security Summit partners continue to remind taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals to be alert for a wide variety of these scams and schemes. Businesses such as car dealerships should remain alert for targeted email and text scams aimed to disrupt their computer systems.

These businesses should be alert to fake communications posing as legitimate organizations. These messages arrive in the form of unsolicited texts or emails to lure unsuspecting victims to provide valuable information that can lead to identity theft or malicious malware installed on computer systems. There are two main types:

Phishing: An email sent by fraudsters claiming to come from a legitimate source. The email lures the victims into the scam with a variety of ruses such as enticing victims to provide sensitive information.

Smishing: A text or smartphone SMS message where scammers often use alarming language such as, "Your account has now been put on hold," or "Unusual Activity Report," with a bogus "Solutions" link to restore the recipient's account.

Never click on any unsolicited communication as it may surreptitiously load malware. It may also be a way for malicious hackers to load ransomware that keeps the legitimate user from accessing their system and files.

In some cases, phishing emails appear to come from a legitimate sender or organization that has had their email account credentials stolen. Setting up two-factor or multi-factor authentication with their email provider will reduce the risk of individuals having their email account compromised.

Posing as a trusted organization, friend or family member remains a common way to target individuals and businesses for various scams. Individuals and businesses should verify the identity of the sender by using another communication method, for instance, calling a number they independently know to be accurate, not the number provided in the email or text.

What to do:

- Never respond to phishing or smishing or click on the URL link.
- Don't open any attachments. They can contain malicious code that may infect the computer or mobile phone.
- Don't click on any links. If a taxpayer inadvertently clicked on links in a suspicious email or website and entered confidential information, visit the IRS' identity protection page.
- Send the full email headers or forward the email as-is to phishing@irs.gov. Don't forward screenshots or scanned images of emails because this removes valuable information.
- Delete the original email.

Excerpts from *IRS Newswire* Issue # IR-2024-186 dated 7/11/2024

SHARING BEST PRACTICES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Public Relations

As I noted when I was offered the position of AFMS Public Relations Chair, I wasn't quite sure what the position was all about nor just what to do. So I turned to AFMS Newsletter articles written by past PR Chairs. I found a lot of sound suggestions and great accumulated wisdom clearly reflecting much thought over many years, but unfortunately, that info is buried and inaccessible except to hardy souls who might want to go to the online AFMS Newsletter archive and wade through each and every issue extending back years.

I've taken it on to be that hardy soul. Thus, I've been working on pulling together an edited collection of best advice from past PR Chairs. My hope is to pull it all together into an edited collection organized thematically that can be posted to the website to be readily accessible to folks at the regional and local club levels who are seeking advice on conducting public relations efforts.

Along those lines, last October I held a Zoom meeting on conducting public relations in the age of social media. Before year's end, my hope is to hold a similar Zoom on public relations, in general. If you might be interested in participating—or if you have a PR chair, webmaster, or newsletter editor who might be interested—contact me at jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Here's to helping us all spread the word about what we're all about and connecting with our broader communities.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, May, 2024

**AFMS BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST
CFMS Awardees**

Adult Articles:

- 2nd Place - Stephanie Leonard, “The Case of the Missing Id”, *The Conglomerate*, Reno GMS
4th Place - Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick, “Earthquakes in Ojai: How We Map the Data”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
7th Place - Donald Perez, “Desert False Bedrock”, *Grubstake*, Hi Desert Gold Diggers, Inc.

Adult Articles Advanced:

- 5th Place - David Springer, “Hornitos Poppy Jasper”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
10th Place - D.W. Webb-Varnum, “The Human Race is in Danger From Mother Earth”, *The Conglomerate*, Reno GMS
HM - Jim Brace-Thompson, “Better Wear that Name Badge”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS

Wild Card-BEACs-Written Feature:

- 5th Place - Celia Churchill, “Editors Notes”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS

Written Features:

- 6th Place - Erin Valenzuela, “Anna of Gelerstein”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
HM - Steve Rose & Steve Norman, “Kids Corner: Nevada and California, the BIG Picture”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
HM - Belinda Poore, “Beginning Rockhound at 63”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
HM - Jennifer Russell, “Shine Bright Like a Diamond”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS

Junior Articles, under 12:

- 1st Place - Henry Irie, “Out of This World”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
2nd Place - Colin Popiet, “Gem Hunting at Oceanview Mine”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
5th Place - Daniel Nishimura, “PLS Rockhounding at North Edwards Desert”, *Rockhound Ramblings*, Pasadena Lapidary Society

Junior Article, 12-17:

- 3rd Place - Lucia Hetrick, “Geological Features Found at the Ranch”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
5th Place - Elyssa Jones, “Earning My Leadership Badge”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS
8th Place - Rylee Jones, “My Little Rock Library”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS

Adult Poetry:

- 1st Place - Beth Wallis, “Beachcombers”, *Rockonteur*, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Jr. Poetry:

- 1st Place - Skyla Zuniga, “Teeth of the Sea Megalodon”, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura GMS

Small Bulletins:

- 2nd Place - *Ore-Cutts*, Tara Machin, editor, Orcutt Mineral Society

Large Bulletins:

- 2nd Place - *Rockonteur*, Beth Wallis, editor, Santa Lucia Rockhounds
5th Place - *The Conglomerate*, Sue Webb, editor, Reno GMS
9th Place - *Grubstake*, Donald Perez, editor, Hi Desert Gold Diggers

Compiled from listing in *AFMS Newsletter*, May 2024



2024 CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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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

2024

August 2-3 – Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave.,
Nipomo, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: wmmills50@hotmail.com
Website: <http://omsinc.org>

August 3-4 – Roseville CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
@the Grounds Roseville, 700n Event Center Dr,
Roseville, CA 95678
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: <https://rockrollers.com/show.html>

August 17-18 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Tehachapi Senior Center, 500 East "F" St,
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Hours 9-5 daily
Contact: (661) 972-1117,
travis462@outlook.com
Website: <http://tvngms.rocks>

August 24-25 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte, Arcadia,
CA 91007
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (626) 260-7239,
marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

September 14-15 - Reno

Reno Gem and Mineral Society
Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, 2500 E.
2nd St., Reno NV
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: <https://renogms.org>

September 21-22 – Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds
Road, Monterey, Ca
Hours: 10-5 both days
Contact: susieharlow@gmail.com
Website: <http://cvngms.rocks>

September 21-22 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral
Society, Inc
Chico Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357
Fair St., Chico, CA 95928
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Website: FeatherRiverRocks.org

September 28-29 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand
Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Hours 10-5 daily
Website: <https://slogem.org/gems-by-the-sea/>

October – 5-6 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 Mccourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA
95949
More information as it becomes available

October 12-13 – Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society and
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities
Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood
City, CA 94061
Hours: 10-5 daily
Contact: cci@pacbell.net
Website:
<https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

October 12-13 – Long Beach, CA

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

October 19 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church, 22700
Sherman Way, Woodland Hills, CA 91307
Hours: 10-5
Contact: barnettcelia53@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.rockchippers.org>

October 19-20 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: (707) 849-9551, coons@sonic.net
Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

October 26-27 – Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street,
Sacramento, CA 95819
Hours: sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (916) 662-5819,
gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <http://sacgemshow.com>

November 2-3 – Concord, CA

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd,
Concord, CS 94521
Hours: sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: show@ccmgclub.com
Website: <http://www.ccmgclub.com/show>

November 2-3 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600
Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
Contact: Benton.luannz@gmail.com
Website: <https://bit.ly/gemdiego2024>

2025

January 18-19 – Exeter, CA

Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 246
Chestnut St., Exeter, CA 93211
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://tulegem.com>

NATIONAL/REGIONAL SHOWS:

*Midwest Federation
August 24-25, 2024
East Peoria, IL*

*Rocky Mountain Federation
October 25-27, 2024
Oklahoma City, OK*

*South Central Federation
November 23-24
Mesquite, TX*

*Southeast Federation
TBD*

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.

KEEPING KIDS CONNECTED TO SAFETY

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Kids are different from adults. To young kids everything is new, exciting, curious, to be explored, tasted, touched, tried. With luck, they will keep those traits and be well served by them as they mature. One of the things kids do not have in

abundance is patience. How might a kid wait around while there is a huge world out there to explore?

When it comes to safety, there are several issues that relate specifically to kids. Kids are generally not ones to listen attentively to a long boring safety lecture either at a club meeting or at a mine or quarry collecting site. So, how are kids to be safe if the safety lectures are not reaching them? Parents do their very best to keep their kids safe, but it is difficult to watch them every second of every hour.

One of the ways kids learn on their headlong race to adulthood is to watch the world around them. They watch other kids, they watch strangers, they watch their parents, they watch every thing, every one, all the time. Now, if what kids see are other kids, strangers, their parents and everyone wearing their safety goggles, wearing safety gloves, not tossing rocks down-hill toward other collectors, and in general being safe and respectful, kids will take note of this.

Kids need to learn, want to learn, struggle and strive to learn to be the adults they are destined to become. To help them on toward their goal, we all need to set examples of how to be safe.

Here is an example to which many can relate – before taking off, the airline cabin crew gives a brief safety lecture. In the lecture mention is made that, in case of loss of cabin pressure passengers are to put the oxygen masks on themselves first, before putting the masks on their kids. In order to protect our kids why aren't we told to put the masks on the kids first? One answer is, if kids see their parents putting their masks first, then kids will know it is safe and necessary for them as well to put on a mask.

Kids learn from the real world examples displayed by all the adults around them. Don't have kids of your own, or your kids all grown up and moved away? Kids will still look at you as an adult and a role model of what to do to be an adult. As adults, aware of this or not, kids are watching everything we do. We need to be setting the best of examples of what it means to be an adult. And, one of the examples we need to be setting is with the need to be safe. If we keep ourselves safe, kids will see this and respond with modeling our behavior, it is what they do.

All that said, kids travel their own path to adulthood. They sometimes need to break things to see what happens. They need to test limits. They need to be curious. They need to make mistakes to learn. So parents still need to maintain vigilance with keeping everyone safe. We all need to be watchful and help kids learn the correct ways to be safe. We can do this. After all, everyone, that's kids and adults alike, safety matters.

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ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

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The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is proud to present the following honorees into our Rockhound of the Year program.

Steve Collett--Kern County Mineral Society. The Kern County Mineral Society's (KCMS) nomination for the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) Rockhound of the Year is Steve Collett. Steve Collett has been an active member of the KCMS since the early 2000s and has served on the Board of Directors for many years. He was editor of the monthly KCMS Newsletter – *The Pseudomorph*. He also served as historian for the KCMS and CFMS. Steve loves to research the history of the KCMS and he is familiar with many of the previous Presidents. When you come to the KCMS Rock and Lapidary Workshop, you assume all things will be working properly and ready for a productive day. Yes, many members are familiar with the lapidary equipment, but we all need to know that Steve makes the journey across town to work on the lapidary equipment to keep it operating smoothly. He comes early or even on an off day and works on the saws and polishing equipment so the Club can come and enjoy themselves. We all, at times, take for granted that the lapidary equipment operates flawlessly, but Steve is one of the reasons that things run smoothly. He has also rebuilt and donating several saws and polishing wheels for the Rock and Lapidary Workshop. Steve has come to help set up for the special dinners, rock auctions, and BINGO night. He has knowledge of the various rocks that members collect and assists with their identification. Steve is and continues to be an integral part of the KCMS and is adored by all. Steve has been known to sew many rock bags and polish rocks for the annual Kern County Fair. Steve works tirelessly at the Fair and even does his own specialty booth polishing thunder-eggs for the smiling-faced customers. Steve also is very active in making beautiful spheres for display at the Kern County Fair. Not only can you expect to see Steve Collett at the Kern County Fair, but you can always enjoy the display cases he prepares. He also is very generous in giving newer members assistance with their display cases. Steve has allowed the KCMS to use his self-made Rock and Fossil Identification Display that we use at the Kern County Fair and other educational events as a learning resource. Steve also is instrumental in awarding scholarships to students in the local community and has a good relationship with the Geology Department at California State University – Bakersfield. Steve recently held a rock sale at his home and he and his wife Cathy donated all the proceeds to the KCMS. He has always been very generous and has

helped the Club greatly. Thank you, Steve Collett, for your generosity and hard work. The KCMS would have a difficult time prospering without your selfless dedication. The Kern County Mineral Society takes great pride in honoring you for the 2024 Rockhound of the Year.

Submitted by: Connie Fleishauer, Kern County Mineral Society

Sherlee Bailey--San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society. If you're going to write about Sherlee Bailey's contributions to the San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society, you had better have plenty of paper. She has been a member for about 5 years. First of all, she brings to the Club her expertise, knowledge, and experience with rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils. Sherlee is a certified gemologist, and she gave the Club a presentation on the subject. She has been of tremendous value to members learning to create educational cases at the Kern County Fair. Sherlee has won numerous awards for both Club and individual, including first place, CEO awards, and Chairman awards. All of this is highly motivational to many members. At the same time, she has shared her knowledge as a Jewelry store manager, by guiding us on how to best set up for our booth at our county Fair. Not only for sale but to show the items beauty and quality. Sherlee is an accomplished reader and her very intricate works have wowed the judges and the general public. She also provides workshops to members on beading. She serves on the Board as Treasurer and in this capacity has made many improvements with the bookkeeping and transparency. She has been an advisor in legal matters, such as annual taxes and producing a contract for setting up a new workshop. Sherlee is highly organized and when we set up our annual booth at the county Fair, the inventory is weighed, priced, and stored so effectively that when it comes time for set up, she makes it easy. Another huge job she has been doing behind the scenes is rock tumbling. She has produced many pounds of polished rocks for over four years. Sherlee has donated materials for the monthly Silent Auction, paper, ink, and other office supplies. She donated 2 large metal shelves, a utility sink, and a large work bench to the club for our new shop. Most of all she has donated her time to a multitude of projects. She has hosted meetings and workshops at her home. Sherlee is always ready to step in whenever and wherever is needed. Sherlee is 100% deserving of Rockhound of the Year 2024.

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