



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Dear Fellow Rock Friends,

Except for shows this is a slow time, surely because of the heat. A lot of us try to find respite where it is cooler indoors, if you have some sort of mechanical device that helps. However, fans have been around for thousands of years, some made with feathers covered with gold leaf. And a little research shows there are fans made from gem materials that are worth mentioning - Mother of Pearl and tortoise shell, with some containing precious stones. A beautiful mother of pearl with cut out areas and carving showed the meticulous artisanship. One of these would be a treasure for keeping cool.

Rocky Mountain Federation President, Bob Regner, has volunteered to set up a Uniform Rules training session for judges at the upcoming convention in Oklahoma City. They are looking for at least one person from each regional federation to participate. If you are interested, please contact Bob Regner as they need to know how much space they will need. He will have more details.

Coming up soon the Nominating Committee will have information on who the slate of officers will be for 2025. The Directors will vote at the CFMS Fall Business Meeting in November. If you are going and staying at the hotel the CFMS price discount is good until October 25. I know this seems soon to talk about, but time has a way of slipping away (see page 3 for more info).

There have been a lot of great shows this year and most clubs keep me (Show Dates Chair) informed, however, I run across show info that doesn't get submitted sometimes. I know the Show page gets looked at quite a bit, so if you are having a show and haven't submitted info please do so at cfmsinc.org and find the 'Submit a Show' tab. I try to get the info up within a day or tw

*Marcia Goetz*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sept 5. . . . . Deadline for Oct Newsletter  
Oct 5. . . . . Deadline for Nov Newsletter  
Nov 8-10. . . . . Fall Business Meeting Visalia

**CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS**

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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 [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto: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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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.

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**LAST CALL FOR 2024 DUES AND INSURANCE PAYMENTS**

To date all but three of our member clubs/societies have submitted payment for the 2024 dues and insurance. To date letters sent to the last known contact or address have gone unanswered. Hopefully these groups are still around and the mail has simply gone to the wrong person and it was not forwarded on. If anyone knows how to contact any of them, please let me know so contact can be made. Any club not in good standing as of Oct 1 will be dropped from the roster and will not be included on the CFMS liability insurance renewal. The three clubs are: Lake County Rockhounds, Faceters Guild of So Cal, Mojave Mineralogical Society.

## 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.

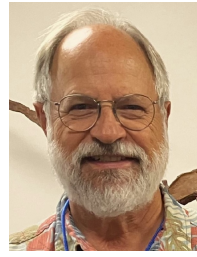
Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

A cocktail server will be available to take your drink orders and deliver them to the room.

**Make banquet reservations by November 1, 2024.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Jr.  
Activities Chair

### **Seeking Nominees for the 2025 CFMS Junior Achievement Awards**

Believe it or not, it's time again! Time to kick off promotions for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Awards to acknowledge and reward outstanding kids. Following is an outline of the process. Please share this article with parents and kids in your club.

The CFMS Junior Achievement Award requires a formal application from the junior member that will be scored against other applications. At the CFMS Show & Convention Awards Banquet, 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, 2024 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 will be posted to the CFMS website and will be printed 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, i.e., me. Questions? I'm happy to field them! (Phone 805-659-3577; email jbraceth@roadrunner.com). The deadline will be set and the application form will be posted once we have a date for the 2025 CFMS Show & Convention. The deadline is usually about 3 months prior to the convention to allow time for judging.

**Areas to Be Evaluated.** The following areas will be considered: 1) hobby related, 2) educational achievement, 3) community involvement, and 4) work related. For each area, kids should provide as much detail as possible covering the full preceding year (2024).

**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 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 our outstanding kids! Please share this info today with parents and kids within your society!

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## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION REMINDER

By Pat LaRue, Editor

As previously announced, this is a reminder that physical copies of the CFMS Newsletter are no longer “snail” mailed. 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 still in the process of compiling email addresses that were provided on the Officer Change Forms submitted earlier in the year.

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. If you are already receiving an emailed newsletter, let me know and I’ll remove you from my list so you don’t get too many duplicates.

## 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](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com).

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## 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 send 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

A "CO-OP MEMBER" and "CFMS NORTH"  
FIELD TRIP TO LOVELOCK NEVADA  
September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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](mailto:eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net). Jim Barton, CFMS-N, Cell (916) 847-7321, Email [geologist1@surewest.net](mailto: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



## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward - 2024 CFMS ROTY Chair

[chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com)

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies is proud to present the following inductee into our 'Rockhound of the Year' program. Keep sending me your submissions!

**Bill Breidenstein - Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society** It is with great honor that Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society names Bill Breidenstein as our 2024 Rockhound of the Year. Bill grew up rockhounding with his family. His dad was the instigator when it came to turning their annual family vacations into a rockhound adventure. The family would come home with rocks and place them in their yard. Bill is now passing the love of rocks onto his own two kids. He now is taking his family on rockhounding vacations. He drove past the club sign on highway 49 on his way to work for years; always wanting to stop and check out the club but never did until he and his family attended a tailgate sponsored by the club. That hooked him! The yard rocks became lapidary projects. That's when Bill & Shelley joined the club. They decided to learn as much as they could about lapidary arts and joined several other clubs to network and learn from many different members. Bill signed on as shop steward helping members safely use the equipment and keep it all working properly. Bill & Shelley increased the number of shop hours available to members which enhanced the ability of members to work on projects and to have classes in the various lapidary arts. Bill & Shelley started the Junior Gem Hounds. This was a first for the club. They used information gathered from other clubs and the Junior Gem Hounds was born and met for the first time in February 2024. They were expecting 7 kids. There were 25 who actually showed up. Junior Gem Hounds membership is now 35! Bill spends a lot of time planning and gathering materials to satisfy the curriculum needed for the juniors to earn their badges. Bill also assists coordination field trips for the juniors to experience geology and history.

Submitted by: Debby Brooks - Board of Directors  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society



## SAFETY WITH SOLE

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Ballet slippers, moon boots, fishing waders, tennis shoes, rain galoshes, baseball cleats ... golfing, basketball, and so many more activities have their own associated footwear. In other words, special footwear for special purposes. There is footwear for the stage, for walking on the moon with its dust and low gravity; footwear for wading in deep water and playing on a tennis court. There is no unique style of rock collecting shoe.

Think, if you will, of the rock, mineral, and fossil hobby specimen collecting activity. One might walk root-encumbered trails, cross the occasional stream, navigate a talus slope, climb some rocks, traverse far reaching sand dunes, shuffle through snow covered ground, ford muddy areas, or walk steaming hot sand. Participating in our collecting activity requires being prepared for walking in a great many different conditions. The collector needs to be prepared for just about anything – with footwear to match those conditions.

While some mines and quarries have specific footwear requirements necessitating ANSI Code steel-toed shoes, most collecting localities leave footwear decisions up to the individual collector. In situations where the individual collectors choose their own footwear, there are a few recommended criteria for consideration such as:

- Use comfortable shoes
- Use shoes with suitable ankle support
- Select shoe soles with suitable traction
- Use shoes with the necessary arch support
- Make sure the footwear is durable

Consider the conditions to be encountered when collecting:

- Will there be steep slopes necessitating superior ankle support?
- Will water-proof or water-repellent footwear be needed?
- Will ground level collecting conditions be very hot, or cold?
- Will the collecting site embankments be very loose or firm material?
- Will rain be expected?
- Might a spare pair of boots be advisable to bring with one?

If a general, one-boot-for-all-conditions footwear is needed, a generic work boot may be suitable. Generally speaking, one should consider avoiding “flip-flops,” sandals, open-toed shoes, and shoes with decorations (such as rhinestones), as the decorations are likely to be scuffed off the shoe. Shoes that do not protect the foot are inadvisable. Feet do us a great service — they deserve to be protected from harm.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find suitable footwear for small children. Their small feet can be injured rather easily. Specialty shoe stores sometimes carry durable boots for small children. When in doubt, small children should not be brought to sites where conditions can be problematic in assuring their safety.

The best advice is to use forethought and wisdom when selecting suitable footwear for collecting. Well-protected feet and boots with sole can serve one for a lifetime of enjoyable collecting.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, December 2023

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## QUICK TIPS FOR EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Editor

### *Recipe for “Jumping Off the Page”*

Does everything (anything?) in your bulletin jump off the page and grab your reader’s attention? Members can’t wait to open the next issue? How do we make that happen?

3 cups of member interests  
liberal sprinkles of readability  
2 cups of education  
1 cup of good grammar and spelling  
salt to taste with visual delights  
1-3 teaspoons of your special “somethin’-  
somethin’ ”

Mix well. Serve with love.

Here is the expanded recipe:

Create a bulletin that meets the needs of your club. Are members interested in all things Earth Science? Do you have special interest groups within your club (lapidary, fossils, minerals, jewelry, kids, geology, field trips, travel, land use for recreational rockhounds)? Write and find articles for them!

### **Many things make a bulletin “readable”**

- The average person reads at the 8th grade level. In the interest of communication, ask for and edit items to be clear, concise, and easily understood by an 8th grader.
- What does “concise” mean? Use as few words as possible and shorter sentences!
- Include graphics, photos, and illustrations. Did you know that 80% of the population are visual learners?
- We can make it easy on the eyes for folks to read without squinting by using a consistent type face, at least 12pt in size. Good fonts to try, especially if your bulletin is sent as digital copy: Arial, Calibri, Courier New, Georgia, Helvetica, Lucida Sans, Tahoma, Cambria, Times New Roman, Verdana, and Trebuchet MS (search “best email friendly fonts”).
- Leave us all some white space around photos, graphics, illustrations, and written items. It gives readers’ eyes a chance to rest. Two columns to a page creates white space, as does using bullets for items in lists instead of separating the phrases by commas.
- Full justification instead of left justification can make pages look neater and more organized. Centering is best saved for titles and for some poetry.
- Eye-catching titles help pull readers into the story. (See “Catch a Title by the Tail...” in the Quick Tips for Editors column, October 2023 issue of the AFMS Newsletter). This can create an incessant curiosity to read the stuff under the title.
- Good grammar and correct spelling will pacify the English nerd – your computer software very likely has spelling and grammar checking capability. Of course, we must still pay attention to context since computers don’t always catch on!

Have you ever read something and said to yourself, “Hmm, I didn’t know THAT!”? For most clubs, educating the public about our hobby is a major part of the club purpose. You may have club members who love to write and share their knowledge – don’t be afraid to ask people for articles face-to-face. We can also re-print items from other bulletins. Getting permission to re-print copyrighted work is required!

### ***Where can we get photos and clipart that are free to use without getting permission?***

- Check out: Stocksnap, istockphoto.com, and shutterstock.com (last two are by subscription/purchase). Ask club members for photos or use your own – remember to give credit to the photographer!

• One of my favorites is Creative Commons. You can get to these photos by using the steps below:

1. go to [images.google.com](https://images.google.com)
2. type in your subject (i.e.: minerals)
3. you will see a screen of images – look for the “Tools” menu
4. click on Tools, then choose Usage Rights
5. choose Creative Commons licenses
6. choose the category of minerals you want (i.e.: rare)
7. scroll through the page until you find a photo you’d like
8. click on License details
9. this brings up a Creative Commons Attribution page that tells you how to credit the photo (here, Attribution 2.0 Generic --- CC BY 2.0)
10. if you are allowed to use the photo with credit given, click on the photo & download it
11. be sure to include the title, creator, & Creative Commons licensure – so you have it when you are ready to use the photo (in this case, Rhodochrosite [Oligocene, 27.6 to 30.6 Ma; Sweet Home Mine, Mosquito Range, Colorado, USA] 10, created by James St. John (CC BY 2.0))

• You can also check into Wikimedia Commons for more visual media that can be used with proper credit.

#### Resources:

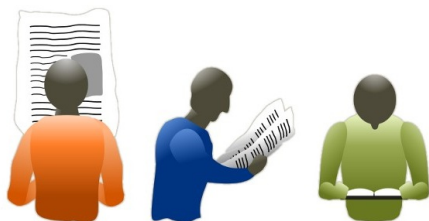
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Search on Google for “How to Use Creative Commons,” <https://copyright.unimelb.edu.au/guides/finding-creative-commons-images-using-google>

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## PROJECTS IN MOTION

By Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

I love my volunteer job as the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies historian. It is fun for me to think about you, and about what you might enjoy reading. You make my day, in this way!

I have a bundle of creative projects I would love to do for you as special projects. These are going to take some time pulling together, but it will be well worth the time that goes into it. These projects when they are completed, will be able to be given to the Federations for their clubs to use in their newsletters, and as club programs.

One of the projects will be a collection of vintage cartoons going back to our early days when the generations of rockhounds before us were creating wonderful cartoons for their bulletins all the time.

Another project will be a collection of all those wonderful poems, again from vintage bulletins. I’ve been going through some I currently have, and they are so creative and fun. They so express the love and joy for our hobby, and are such gifts to bring out and enjoy again for today. Plus, they are such an inspiration for those of you inclined to create your own poems.

One other project is for creating a special edition of articles dedicated to telling the true stories of how rockhounds with their talent in lapidary and geology, helped in the war effort during WWII. I have a couple of these stories already, and they are meant to be told. One of these involves a copy of an old Navy report I was able to hunt down that would also make a fantastic program for our clubs. So, wonderful things are in store for you.

I am one of those people who enjoys creative chaos, so I can work on all these projects at once as I find more of what I am looking for. I could really use your help in making these projects become a reality. I know many of you have boxes of older club bulletins in which to find the early cartoons and poems. Please look for them and let me know what you’ve found. I wish to borrow them and will return them to you or you can scan them to forward them to me. Contact me, and we’ll work out the details. And of course, I will give credit to the author and your club. Sometimes these vintage poems and cartoons were in a bulletin or just typed out on a piece of paper without an author’s or club’s name on them. Some are very faded, almost hard to read or see. I can still use these and most likely be able to bring them back to life, and I will give you the credit for bringing them to my attention.

We have so much to celebrate as rockhounds. Help me celebrate the delights and the honor of being AFMS rockhounds.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, May 2024



**2024 CFMS SHOW DATES**

*Shows and Events*

*Sponsored by  
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*Please submit your  
Show or Event as soon as possible  
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:*

**SHOW DATES**

*Use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

*You should receive a confirmation  
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**2024**

**September 14-15, 2024 – Reno, NV**  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, 2500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
Reno NV  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Website: <https://renogms.org>

**September 21-22, 2024 – Monterey, CA**  
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road,  
Monterey, Ca  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Contact: [susieharlow@gmail.com](mailto:susieharlow@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

**September 21-22, 2024 – 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](http://FeatherriverRocks.org)

**September 28-29, 2024 – 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, 2024 – 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, 2024 – Redwood City**  
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](mailto:cci@pacbell.net)  
Website:  
<https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

**October 12-13, 2024 – 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-  
1390lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com  
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

**October 19, 2024 – West Hills, CA**  
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
First United Methodist Church, 22700  
Sherman Way, Woodland Hills, CA  
Hours: 10-5  
Contact: [barnettcelia53@gmail.com](mailto:barnettcelia53@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.rockchippers.org>

**October 19-20, 2024 – Santa Rosa, CA**  
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: (707) 849-9551,  
[coons@sonic.net](mailto:coons@sonic.net)  
Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

**October 26, 2024 – Lake Elsinore, CA**  
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society  
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA  
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact: [berylman50@aol.com](mailto:berylman50@aol.com)

**October 26-27, 2024 – 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](mailto:gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org)  
Website: <http://sacgemshow.com>

**October 26-27, 2024 – Orange, CA**  
American Opal Society  
Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 Flower St.,  
Orange, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: (714) 501-9959,  
[info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>

**November 2-3, 2024 – 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](mailto:show@ccmgclub.com)  
Website: <http://www.ccmgclub.com/show>

**November 2-3, 2024 – 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](mailto:Benton.luannz@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://bit.ly/gemdiego2024>

**2025**

January 18-19, 2025 – 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](mailto: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, 2024  
Mesquite, TX**

**Southeast Federation 2024  
TBD**

**California Federation 2025  
TBD**

**Eastern Federation/AFMS  
March 2025  
Hickory, NC**

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- **Current events sections!**
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[www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)

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Here is an oldie but goody that I found in my file of articles kept from my long ago days as a club newsletter editor. It's amazing how times never seem to change! –editor

**SOMEBODY–WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE?**

By George E. Brown, 1997 President SCFMS

All of you future club presidents need to be aware of this. All of you current club presidents can relate to this and all of you former presidents know where I am coming from. What am I talking about? I am talking about SOMEBODY.

I can't count all of the times that I have been asked: Why don't you get "somebody" to do this? Or why don't you get "somebody to take care of that? I have also been told and sometimes demanded to get "somebody" to do some project. So what is the problem? The problem is that I don't know who "somebody" is. I have looked at every directory and roster and cannot find anyone who is named "somebody". Now if I ever find a person named "somebody"...boy-o-boy, is that sucker ever going to get dumped on. I am going to have so many questions, projects and problems for them to answer, accomplish and solve that they probably won't live long enough to handle a third of them.

So what is the point of all of this babble? The point is your president doesn't have a group of "somebodies" or even a single "somebody" to do all of the things that you feel should be done. Therefore, don't saddle him or her with the impossible task of finding a person that doesn't exist. Try a different and more productive approach. VOLUNTEER! That's right—the big V word. It means get involved. After all, you are the one that wanted the question answered, the facts gathered, the project accomplished. If you didn't want these things you wouldn't be suggesting, asking or demanding that they be done.

Since these things are important to you, why don't you ask if you can look into the situation, help with the project, or help find someone to do the task. In other words, don't be a part of the problem; be a part of the solution.

The strange or weird thing about the SOMEBODY syndrome is that I have never met anyone who truthfully wanted to be known as a nobody, The very best way to avoid being a nobody is to do something—get involved—then you become what you really want to be—a SOMEBODY!

From *SCFMS Newsletter*, Sept 1997, via *The Glacial Drifter*, Jan 1998



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