



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Spring is here and Easter is right around the corner! The cold weather sure doesn't feel like Spring time. Club Shows are in full swing, and the ones I've visited are being well attended.

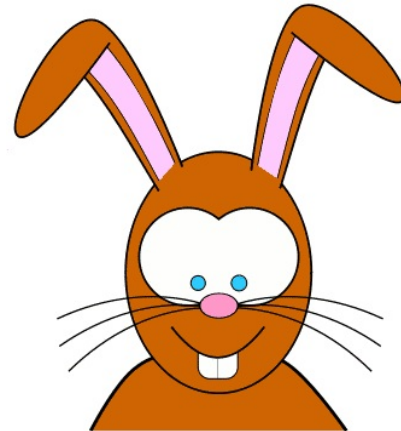
Shows are always a great way to grow your membership! The 2025 Spring's CFMS Convention & Competitive Exhibits Competition will be held in Lancaster, CA. This will be held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on May 10 & 11, 2025 in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show.

Registration forms and information for Competitive Exhibits & Awards Banquet are on the CFMS website. The deadline for Competitive Exhibit will be here soon! Please get your entries in ASAP! For questions about entering competitive cases contact Jim Brace-Thompson (jbraceth@roadrunner.com). For Award Banquet questions, please contact Diane Cook (dianecook.cfms@gmail.com). If your Society is interested in information on hosting one of the future CFMS Convention/Show, please contact me. CFMS needs to find a home for the 2026, 2027 & 2028 Show as soon as possible.

CFMS will be well represented at the 2025 AFMS Show & Convention this March in Hickory, North Carolina. Highlights will be shared in a future CFMS newsletter.

Happy Rockhounding!

*Susan Chaisson-Walblom*



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr 5. . . . . Deadline for May Newsletter  
May 10-11. . . . . CFMS Convention-Lancaster  
June 5. . . . . Deadline for July newsletter  
Aug 17-Apr30. . . . . Camp Paradise

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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.

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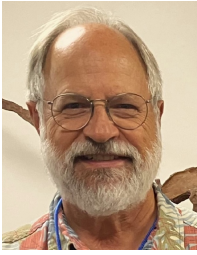
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- CFMS Endowment Fund
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Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgment. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?!

Copies of the dues/insurance payment and society officer change forms were included in the January newsletter. **Dues are due January 1 and considered delinquent on March 1.** Please be sure that your club treasurer or other authorized person receives these forms. The insurance was increased \$1 per member due to an increase in the policy premium. The \$10 is allocated as follows: \$2 is the amount of the combined AFMS/CFMS dues (\$1.25 for CFMS; \$.75 for AFMS) and \$8 for the mandatory general liability insurance provided by CFMS. The overall cost of the insurance policy includes the service fees charged by the firm which services all the components of the CFMS insurance program. A reminder letter was mailed March 10 to those clubs which had not yet paid. The letter was mailed to the last known contact or the club address for those not listing a contact person, usually the Federation Director, if one was designated.



## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Jr.  
Activities Chair

### Our Upcoming Convention & a New Badge

Applications are officially closed for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Awards, and I'm pleased to note we have some real work ahead for our judges! We've received 2 entries from kids under age 12 and 3 entries from kids 12 and above. Thank you to all kids who entered and to those adults who encouraged them. Results will be announced at the 2025 Convention Awards Banquet on May 10 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster.

Speaking of the convention, we have yet to receive any applications from kids wishing to enter a competitive exhibit. In addition to qualifying for a Federation trophy, any kids who enter also automatically qualify for the Show Chair's Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit. With that award, there's a crisp \$100 bill thrown in (from me) and a nice big mineral specimen (from Susan Chaisson-Walblom). And you don't need to enter a competitive exhibit for that Show Chair's Award – all kids' exhibits are eligible, competitive or noncompetitive. But hurry! The deadline for receipt of competitive exhibitor applications is April 1; it's May 1 for noncompetitive applications. To get the application forms, go to <https://cfmsinc.org/2020-cfms-show-forms/>.

Finally, a new badge is being finalized for the AFMS Future Rockhounds of American Badge Program. It's on Sand Collecting, with a lot of neat new activities. It will be formally announced at the AFMS Show & Convention in North Carolina at the end of March and will then be posted to the AFMS website. So if you have kids in your youth program who have already earned all 20 badges, here's something new! As a reminder, the badge program is entirely free. And you don't need a big, formally organized group of kids to award them. Even if you have just one child in your club and an adult willing to mentor that child, the badges are there for the taking—along with memorable learning adventures for the child.



## CFMS CONVENTION

By Jim Brace-Thompson

### Seeking Raffle Item Donations

Our upcoming 2025 CFMS "Convention" is a bit unusual in that it is being tagged onto an independent club show—the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club (AVGMC) show. To explain: when no CFMS club stepped up this year to host a CFMS "Show & Convention," AVGMC graciously offered to allow us to use their facilities to run competitive exhibits, hold the annual spring Directors Meeting, and hold an Awards Banquet at the same time and place as their regular club show. So this year, rather than a CFMS Show & Convention, we have a CFMS Convention alongside the AVGMC Show.

Thus, opportunities for fund-raising for the Federation are limited. As just one example, most Federation shows have an admission fee, with gate receipts split between the host club and the Federation. That (and other normal fund-raising opportunities) won't be available this year, so we are scrambling for ways to raise income for CFMS given that a "Show & Convention" is normally the big money-maker of the year.



One opportunity is a silent auction during our Cracker Barrel the night before the Directors Meeting. We've been holding small silent auctions for several years now at Cracker Barrels preceding CFMS Shows & Conventions and Fall Directors Meetings, but this time, we'd like to really go BIG with it! We ask anyone planning to attend the Cracker Barrel to bring several primo items (rocks, slabs, minerals, fossils, lapidary or jewelry items, etc.) to help generate as much income as possible from those in attendance. (So, in addition, bring a wallet full of cash!!) This will take place 7:00 PM on Friday, May 9 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, and I'll have a supply of bid sheets and pencils so folks can write down what it is they're donating and a starting bid amount. Let's all pitch in and help our California Federation!

## CAMP PARADISE

By Jill Atkins, Earth Science Studies Co-Chair

By the time you read this the Camp Paradise application will be online at CFMSinc.org. I'm so excited that you have the option to fill out the application and pay online or download, print and send with your check to the address on the application. I have fielded many phone calls, texts and emails about Camp Paradise since the first of the year. I don't know who is more excited about the 2025 camp...me or past and future students!

Again, I ask that each society ask their members to gather slabs together for our lapidary students. A wash tub size from each society would be great. The lapidary instructor, Janet Steigerwald, asks that you consider donating stones that you yourself would love to shape and polish.

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## CFMS CONVENTION

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Rules Committee

### Have You Registered a Competitive Exhibit?

As I write this article, on March 4, there are only 27 days before our April 1 deadline to enter a competitive exhibit in the 2025 CFMS Convention taking place May 10-11 in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club's annual show in Lancaster. Have you entered? If not, it may be too late by the time you read this. But in the event that this April issue of the CFMS Newsletter reaches your hands before April 1, consider going right away to the Competitive Exhibits Application on the CFMS website: <https://cfmsinc.org/2020-cfms-show-forms/>. At present, we have just 4 competitive exhibits registered. Will you help make it 5? With a truncated 2-day event, timing will be tight, with exhibitor set-up on Friday, May 9 between Noon and 6:00 PM followed immediately by judging that same evening so results can be tabulated in time for the Saturday awards ceremony.



Finally, as noted last month, **we can use help with judging!** If you have judging experience

and will be at the convention, please contact me ([jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)), Pat LaRue, or Colleen McGann. This also applies to anyone interested in assisting as a judge's clerk. Help is needed and valued. See you at the Convention!

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND!

Jim Brace-Thompson, Endowment Fund – AFMS

The AFMS Endowment Fund supports new programs, judges training for competitive exhibits, the Future Rockhounds of America youth program, and more. One way it raises funds is through a raffle conducted during the annual AFMS Show & Convention. This year's raffle winners will be announced at the convention in North Carolina at the end of March. I'm pleased to report CFMS has once again contributed significantly to these efforts.

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets! I was able to sell 124 tickets, which brought in \$550 on behalf of CFMS for the fund this year. In addition, I thank the following CFMS members for donating seven items: Kelly Plumb (Antioch Lapidary Club; Contra Costa Gem & Mineral Society) for a wire-wrapped charoite pendant; Diane Cook (Ventura Gem & Mineral Society & CFMS 1<sup>st</sup> VP) for a lapis pendant; David Springer (Ventura Gem & Mineral Society) for a sagenitic onyx sphere; Tony & Sandie Fender (Pasadena Lapidary Society) for a "Dog Bone" sterling silver necklace; Susan Chaisson-Walblom (Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club & CFMS President) for a K2 Granite pendant; and me (Ventura Gem & Mineral Society) for two handcrafted silver pendants. Prizes donated by other regional federations as of this writing include two ocean jasper pendants, a cabinet mineral specimen of fluorite, a large amethyst slab on a stand, and two sets of Murano pearl necklaces with earrings. Again, thank you to all within the California Federation who contributed to the success of this year's raffle!



## WHERE TO FIND GREAT ADVICE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS?

### HEAD TO THE ALL AMERICAN RULES!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Public Relations Chair

Seeking suggestions on public relations? Look no further than the rules for the AFMS All American Club Award! I've culled selected questions (below) from the entry form that provide a nice roadmap toward increasing your club's value and visibility within your community in ways that dovetail with what public relations is all about.

Where to find this little gem? Go to the AFMS website ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)), and scroll to "Contests & Awards." Then click on "All American Club Award." Read the whole thing, but go especially to Section 5 – Community Engagement. Although it's only valued at 16% on the All American Club contest score sheet, it can prove 100% effective in guiding you to activities that will meaningfully heighten your club as a valued member of your community. Specifically...

#### Section 2 – Service & Member Engagement asks:

- Does your club host a local show?
- Does your club maintain an active website?
- Does your club have a traveling display for other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.?
- Have you created and posted virtual workshops, podcasts, museum tours, etc.?
- Does your website or social media post albums featuring special collections or the jewelry/lapidary creations of the club and its members?

#### Section 3 – Publications & Publicity asks:

- Does your club have a social media presence via Facebook Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.?
- Do you post notice of meetings and other club events in public places and via local media?

#### Section 4 – Support for Regional Federations, AFMS, & Other Clubs asks:

- Do your members give programs for other clubs?
- Does your club exchange bulletins with other clubs?

#### Section 5 – Community Engagement asks:

- Did members give talks or demonstrations at local schools?
- Did members give talks or demonstrations to local groups?
- Did members maintain displays at local public sites?
- Did members maintain a booth or an activity at a local event?
- Did members donate materials to schools, colleges, scouts, etc.?
- Were members active in local affairs?

If you can answer "Yes" to a third of these, you are well on your way to increasing your profile and cementing your engagement and connection within your community. If you answer yes to 90% or more, not only are you already there, you should be seeking an All American Club Award. Go for it!



## WHAT'S IN A DATE?

By Ellory Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

### Have you checked your safety supplies?

I have to make a confession. Digging to the depths of the garage last month I came upon a Safety Supplies Kit in a pile of stuff. I do not recall ever purchasing the kit, so it had been there a long time. I brought it into the house, opened it, and then there was rummaging around in it. Oh, my goodness – what I found!

The kit had been an official store bought one, not one assembled of parts and pieces purchased individually and put into a box. It had been advertised as being for an auto. The contents included:

- Individual packets of antibiotic
- Packages of antiseptic wipes
- A tube of burn cream ointment
- Adhesive bandages in several common sizes
- Wound dressings of sterile gauze pads, non-stick pads, rolled gauze, tape
- Individual packages of Acetaminophen (extra strength)
- Individual packages of Anti-Diarrheal
- A cold pack
- Gloves
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- A survival reflective plastic film wrap
- And an instruction manual

Here is my report on the condition of the contents:

- The burn cream had a manufacturers code. Maybe it included a coded expiration date, but I was not sure.
- The adhesive bandages and gauze had neither code nor expiration date. As the kit had been in the garage many years, I could not be sure if the adhesive was still effective.
- The antibiotic had expired in December 1997.
- The acetaminophen expired in October 1999.
- The anti-diarrheal expired in August 1998.
- The foil packs of antiseptic wipes expired in December of 1997.

In many winters worth of ice cold environment and the sometimes dampness of the building in summer, as well as its heat, I could not be sure of the sterility of the gauze pads. As the contents were subject to freezing, did that have detrimental effects on any of the kits' supplies such as the creams and other medications?

There was no indication of needing to keep the contents from freezing or high temperatures. The kit needed a date-over and updating, which had not been accomplished in quite some time. Even though the kits' contents were in a plastic box, it had no gasket to keep it moisture and airtight.

As a consideration, please don't let this happen to you. Check the dates and viability of your safety supplies. As a safety recommendation, I suggest a yearly check of the contents of any safety kit. I also recommend the keeping of a log noting the dates the kit is checked and a list of the items contained within. The kit found in the garage will now be stored in the house and kept at room temperature.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, January, 2025

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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SEC/TREAS

Reports for the Directors Meeting Packet are due to me on **April 30**. Time is needed to reformat and prepare the reports for duplication. Due to the ever rising copy costs I will make a limited number of packets available for distribution to those attending the meeting. I no longer mail packets to those clubs which do not send their representative to the meeting. I will email the reports to you upon request. If unable to meet the deadline, please bring 75 copies of your report to the meeting. Thanks for your help. **Please note that there will be no newsletter for the month of June.**

Copies of the Society Roster will be available at the Directors Meeting. Any clubs which have not paid dues/insurance by the publication date of the roster (mid to late April) will not be included.



**2025 CFMS**

**SHOW DATES**

*Shows and Events*

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*Email to:  
SHOW DATES*

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

*You should receive a confirmation  
within 5 days after submitting your  
Show Date information!*

**CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS  
ARE LISTED HERE**

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**2025**

**March 22-23, 2025 – Angels Camp, CA**  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd., Angels Camp, CA 95222  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (209) 736-4892, [annachristiansen7132@comcast.net](mailto:annachristiansen7132@comcast.net)  
Website: <https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/show.html>

**March 22-23, 2025 – Torrance, CA**  
Suth Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [edwhitefire@gmail.com](mailto:edwhitefire@gmail.com) or (213) 283-3448  
Website: <http://southbaylapidaryandmingeralsociety.com>

**March 21-23, 2025 – Clovis, CA**  
Fresno Gem and Mineral Society  
Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis, CA 93612  
Hours: Fri-Sat 1-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (708) 821-7575  
Website: <https://www.fgms.rocks>

**April 5, 2025 – Roseville, CA**  
Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville Rock Rollers Lapidary Shop @ the Grounds, 200 Corporation Yard Rd, Roseville, CA 95678  
One day Tailgate Sat 9-5  
Contact: {916} 798-0235  
Website: <https://rockrollers.com>

**April 12-13, 2025 - Mariposa CA**  
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmc@sti.net)  
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

**April 12-13, 2024 – Placerville, CA**  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10 AM -5 PM  
Contact: (530) 676-2472  
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

**April 12-13, 2025 – Thousand Oaks, CA**  
Canejo Gem and Mineral Club  
Borchard Community Center, 190 N. Reino Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (805) 908-1428  
Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>

**April 26-27, 2025 – Santa Cruz, CA**  
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [scruzmgms@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgms@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://www.scrockngem.org>

**April 26-27, 2025 – Anaheim, CA**  
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30  
Contact: [anaheimsearchers@gmail.com](mailto:anaheimsearchers@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.searchersrocks.org>

**May 10-11, 2025 – Lancaster, CA**  
(also CFMS Convention)  
Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W. Ave H, Lancaster, CA  
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4  
Website: <http://avgem.weebly.com>

**May 15-17, 2025 – Vista, CA**  
Vista Gem and Mineral Society  
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: [info@vistarocks.org](mailto:info@vistarocks.org)  
Website: <https://vistarocks.org/events/>

**May 30-June 1, 2025 – Reno, NV**  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Reno Town Mall, 4001 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502  
Hours: Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3  
Contact: [theresalanghans@yahoo.com](mailto:theresalanghans@yahoo.com)  
Website: <http://renogms.org>

**June 7-8, 2025 – Escondido, CA**  
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
The California Center for the Arts, The Museum, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92035  
Hours: Sat, 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (425) 281-6218, [tonifloyd41615@gmail.com](mailto:tonifloyd41615@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

**June 29-29,2025 – Culver City, CA**  
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230  
Hours: Sat 10\*6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: [culvercityrocks35@gmail.com](mailto:culvercityrocks35@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

**August 1-3, 2025 – Nipomo, CA**  
Orcutt Mineral Society  
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444  
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (805) 929-2783, [nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com](mailto:nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

**September 13-14, 2025 – Reno, CA**  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Silver State Pavilion at the Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second St., Reno, NV 89595  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact (925) 785-4551, [sabl@comcast.net](mailto:sabl@comcast.net)  
Website: <http://renogms.org>

**September 20-21, 2025 – Arcadia, CA**  
Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (626) 260-7239  
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org/pls=2025-show/>

**October 18-19, 2025 – Orange, CA**  
American Opal Society  
Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Contact: (714) 501-9959, [angeldragonofflight@yahoo.com](mailto:angeldragonofflight@yahoo.com)  
Website: <http://www.opalsociety.org>

October 24-25, 2025 – Sacramento, CA  
Sacramento Mineral Society  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA  
95819  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (916) 682-5819, gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org  
Website: <https://sacgemshow.com>

## National/Regional Shows:

*California Federation (Convention only) in  
conjunction with Antelope Valley Gem Show  
May 10-11, 2025  
Lancaster, CA*

*Eastern Federation/AFMS  
March 27-30, 2025  
Hickory, NC*

*Midwest Federation  
April 5-6, 2025  
Lincoln, NE*

*Northwest Federation  
September 12-14, 2025  
Walla Walla, WA*

*Rocky Mountain Federation  
September 19-21, 2025  
Grand Junction, CO*

*South Central Federation  
TBD*

*Southeast Federation  
TBD*

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CLUB WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW  
SHOW DATE**

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

## **REMINDER**

**Advertise your Show in as many Free locations as possible!**

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

**Advertise your shows in the *Rock & Gem Magazine!***

**[www.rockngem.com/  
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)**

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

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## **HELP WANTED!!**

When it comes to having input from most of the CFMS committee chairs, the silence is deafening! Whenever I hear a club ask what the Federation does for them and why they should continue their membership, you the chairmen of the committees can help supply the answer by letting our readers know about the services we have available.

For example CFMS offers a library of videos for the cost of a couple cups of coffee in the typical restaurant or a combo meal at most fast food places. How many clubs know that this service exists? The list of programs is available on the CFMS website.

I really appreciate those dedicated folks who provide valuable content each and every month. Don't feel you need to contribute something each month but every other month or quarterly would be nice. The clubs need to hear from you. The chairmen are not only the face of CFMS, but its voice. Let us not only be seen but heard!

Our annual Convention meeting in Lancaster is fast approaching—please don't let the absence of a CFMS branded show keep you away. You can register for the banquet on the CFMS website. The Directors meeting will be held on Saturday morning as usual and the Antelope Valley Club invites you to visit their annual show. See you there.



## 2025 CFMS OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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