



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Dear Societies,

I am very happy to announce the CFMS is having its conference alongside the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Inc. Show, Sept 15th & 16th, 2018, in Chico, California. The show will be at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. The Feather River society is thrilled to have us join them at their show, and we are happy to be there. This society holds a Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest with generous cash prizes. Last year they had entries from “jolly old England!” There is still time to enter the contest and start your tumbling.

Because we are not having a hosted show this year, we are having a convention only. We will be “pulling out all the stops” at the CFMS Endowment Fund Table, and Endowment Fund Raffle, as our means of drawing income instead of a usual show.

Special items for the raffle will appear in the CFMS newsletters. We need donations from as many of you as possible. We’d need quality slabs and rough rock, affordable jewelry, rock hobby and rock craft related items. We’d love to have some beautiful bead work, I know so many of you are good at and enjoy making. There is a lot of time between now and the convention to make something special for the fund, and to go through your collections to see what you’d like to donate.

Sharon Rogow, our CFMS Endowment Fund chairman would love to know what’s coming in ahead of time, so she knows that we have enough quality items for the tables and the raffle. More information about the event in Chico will be announced shortly! Let’s make this a good year for the federation, while enjoying a fun and wonderful show together.

As it is early March as I write this, I was able to visit three society shows so far this month, and I hope to visit more before I get busy with Camp Zzyzx and the AFMS show/convention in North Carolina. It’s always a joy to meet the members who give so much of themselves to put the shows on, and to see familiar friends. As a CFMS president, twice around, I am continually humbled and

inspired by all of you.

One of the shows I visited with is the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society. They really work their magic in putting on a unique and wonderful-all member show. Their members participate in every way. By choice, their dealers are made up of their members only. They make and bake for the refreshment stand and boy are their hot dogs really good. Exhibits are done by their members, silent auction items are rock material donated by member’s stock, and on and on... everyone in that society brings something of themselves to the table, and that’s how the magic begins because they all work together, beautifully. It is truly a treasure to meet their club experts. Just when many of us thought Scrimshaw was a lost art because of the ivory laws, SBLMS has a member artist who does exquisite detailed scrimshaw on mother of pearl shells with black ink, and scrimshaw on jet stones with white opaque ink. I was excited to find out they have an expert in fossil preservation and opal carving, to name a few of this society’s talented members.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 1. 2018 Dues/Insurance are due
Mar 1. dues are delinquent
Mar 5. Deadline for April newsletter
Mar 25-31. Camp Zzyzx
April 5. Deadline for May newsletter

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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.

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

Your donations should be sent to:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

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



President's Message cont...

To all of us who enjoy the Earth Sciences, and the Practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts, my hope is to inspire you all to be an inspiration to each other and in your communities. Learn that skill you've always been interested in but haven't tried yet. Teach a skill you know well to another, so we never lose the beautiful arts we are known for. Our relationship with the earth sciences is something very unique and special to us. What we give to people and show them is valuable. It always has been, but now more than ever I think in this day and age. If you are willing to let people get to know you, and what we do, you'll be magnets for new members wanting to join your societies.

Many people know about our hobby through the great presentations of our society shows. There are many more people out there who don't know about us yet, and once they do, would love to join a club like yours. Be inventive and seek out ways to meet potential new members.

Maybe your local library would love to advertise a show-n-tell from a personal field trip of yours. Libraries, recreation centers and various groups in our communities are always looking for interesting and fun programs for kids, families and adults to enjoy. Our societies are like mini natural history museums of knowledge, arts and good stories. Last but not least, I've always known that those of us in the hobby are really warm and wonderful people to meet and hang out with. We have become a second family to many, because people fall in love with the hobby, just like each of us has, a long time ago.

Go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories. It's what we do best and it is our gift to give.

Jennifer



ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Ofelia Warthen, Chairman

Hello Everyone! We are awaiting the results of our 2017 All American Club Entries.

Results of our winners will come after the AFMS Show in Raleigh, North Carolina April 6th, 7th & 8th.

The Entries submitted by our Societies were very inspiring. Some of our Societies suffered climate disasters and they still gave their best by submitting their All American Club entries. I am very proud to be the Chairman of the All American Club and be part of this wonderful project. It shows everything is possible when we help each other.

I am sure all of us were inspired after seeing the Olympics. They left us with great thoughts that we never give up and reminds us that nothing is impossible. So, this is the time to get started for next year, noting all our events we have accomplished so far this year. I hope and look forward to have more Societies enter in 2018. Great job everybody!

CFMS MEMBER RECOGNITION

Rockhound of the Year

One member or couple from your society/club can be recognized each year by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. CFMS also recognizes Junior Members. Please use separate form.

Society/Club Name _____

Person or Couple _____

Members for how long? (approximately) _____

Junior member? _____

Write an article of on how (he, she, they) have helped your club. Service to the club could be: being an officer, show chairman, bulletin editor, webmaster, help at the shop, instructor, junior program, educational speaker, hospitality at meetings (greeting new members and making them feel a part of the club), etc. If they have held many positions over the years, list several of them.

Please include the address so that we may mail the certificate to the appropriate recipient/officer. Email the filled out recognition form to Garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

SCHOOL OUT REACH PROGRAMS

by Sharon Oswald
CFMS Junior Activities Committee Member

I am a retired Teacher whose specialty is geology. I come into the classrooms for grades 2-12. First grade does not study Earth Science. I volunteer to teach/reinforce the Earth Science strand being studied according to the CA curriculum. I am a member of the El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society and currently see approx. 8-10 El Dorado Co. schools. This amounts to about 2,000 students each academic year.

I will give a 45-50 min. presentation to a max of 35 students at one time but will do back-to-back also. My presentations are instructive and “hands-on.” At the end of each presentation, each student will receive a specimen bag of the rocks and minerals that have been discussed. These belong to the students and may be used as a reinforcement activity later. Each coordinating teacher will also receive a large “teacher specimen bag”. My presentation requires that the grade level is either beginning, in the middle of, or ending its earth science unit. It will therefore, have meaning to the attending students.

In addition, I offer a one-time chance for students to “go shopping” for a unique rock. I will ask a question about a related topic that will sound like this: “This is a shopping question...”. If the student correctly answers the questions, she/he is entitled to go to a special tray of rocks that I have limited quantities. Once the question has been correctly answered, the teacher writes down the student’s name. At the end of the presentation, the “shoppers” will come and pick out a rock from the tray. Each student will at this time receive their ziplock bags of specimen rocks.

(Note: All my specimens are collected and donated to my Education Outreach Program by the EDCM&GS members.) All field trips include a bucket for my program. Many specimens are from donated collections. My fee is a “friendly letter” correctly formatted by each participating student critiquing the program. These are sent to my residence where I will read each one and may adjust my program accordingly, or not.

In preparation for my coming to the school, this is my coordinating teacher “must do” list. Prepare a schedule with all the participating teachers. Remember to leave me with a 1 hr set up time before the presentation time and 1 hr to put my specimens back into their carts. Make

sure that my coming and going does not interfere with the parent/bus schedule. Have the teachers cover tables if they don’t want rocks to sit on them. I will need 5 large tables for my personal specimens to sit upon. Have the classroom arranged so that the tables are in a horseshoe pattern. The students will sit in the middle of the pattern in order that they may see me and my examples. If the teachers have an area that can be darkened, we have a great fluorescent rock display. I like the students to be “at the tables, hands-on,” looking at the rocks/minerals with my provided magnifying lenses. At this time, while the students are studying the rocks/minerals, I will be walking around and answering questions that they might have. The last 10-15 minutes of the presentation is for this. Appropriate posters and books are available for perusal.

... Stay tuned for part 2 of Sharon’s article in the next CFMS newsletter.

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PROMOTING CAMP PARADISE

Part 5

by Jill Atkins, Camp Attendee

For those of you who have not been getting the Reno GMS' Conglomerate bulletin, let me bring you up to speed. Each year the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies sponsors two "Jewelry Camps". One is located in Southern California and the other is located in Northern California. Camp Paradise is nestled in the foothills of the Sierra. From Reno it is a 2.5 hour drive. From other clubs it may be closer or farther. The camp was built in the 1950's and harkens back to another era of mess halls, dorms and a flag pole in the middle of camp. It is charming and rustic.

During this one week (or two week) camp, the jewelry arts are taught including Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

For the cost of \$400.00 per week, students get their housing, great plentiful meals, and all the classes listed above. I would be hard pressed to find a better bargain if the jewelry arts is your bag.

For the past 4 months I have been taking my readers through a virtual tour of the camp. If you are just tuning in, you missed the part about the swimming pool. Yes, Paradise has one.

To continue in the barn...beyond Barbara's bead making area, you come to the dichroic glass and silver metal clay area, taught by Karin. To say that this area produces spectacular work is an understatement. Karin teaches her students how to cut glass, assemble that glass on a base, add refinements and then slump it in a kiln. The result is a piece that rivals the finest jewels. Add a finding and a neck piece and you wear a beautiful new piece of jewelry. Karin also teaches precious metal clay.

If you don't want to learn silversmithing and you want to make jewelry incorporating a stone then this is the class for you. Your stone is set into the clay before firing, and when it has finished firing you just polish and wear. Easy, peasy sort of. This is jewelry making after all and nothing is that easy, but Karin takes you through the process to completion. And she is a pretty cool gal to boot.

For those of you who have been putting money aside each month, you are half way there. See you in Paradise Jewelry Camp 2018!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Joe Goetz, Chairman

Hi there, I'm the new Nomination Committee Chair and my name is Joe Goetz. For those that know me, go ahead and chuckle. But I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

When I was a little boy (a long time ago) there was a man on the TV making a speech. It wasn't until I was older that I realized that man was JFK and his speech had become famous. Well I'm going to paraphrase one line. Here goes.....Ask not what the Federation can do for you, but ask what can you do for the Federation.

Well I'll tell you, there are a lot of appointed chairs and committees that need people so if the president of the CFMS calls, please seriously consider taking the position.

However, the Executive Committee is made up of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer. The focus of my search is the last one. I would like clubs to nominate potential qualified members (with their permission) for the position.

Please send the nominations to: joenmarl@verizon.net. What is needed is of course their name, club affiliation along with qualifications. Thanks.





CFMS FIELD TRIPS - NORTH

Field Trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek

By Dick Pankey

About a year ago or so Jim Barton, the CFMS Field Trips-North chairman, asked me for ideas for a Federation field trip. I have led and attended many trips to the Davis Creek area and know that this would be a great area for a trip and told Jim that I would be glad to help. With the backing of my society, the Contra Costa M&GS will host the CFMS FT-N field trip to Davis Creek and Lassen Creek to collect the abundant and beautiful obsidian of Buck Mtn. on July 26 to 29, 2018. This trip is open to all members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and their guests. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Davis Creek/Lassen Creek is the premier California obsidian collecting area with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful obsidian. This area is noted for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian. This area is located on Buck Mtn. in the heart of the Modoc National Forest. The altitude ranges from 5000 to 7000 feet. A free permit is required for collecting which will be available at camp or at the Davis Creek Store. In addition to the daily collecting trips we will have potluck dinners, happy hours, evening campfires, knapping demonstrations, and a great rockhound get-together.

We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday evening and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some great obsidian. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

The daily collecting trips are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All trips will leave at 8:30 AM, **SHARP**, from the campgrounds. We will be collecting at 4 to 5 major sites for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian. High clearance

vehicles recommended to collecting areas. All participants are requested to read and sign a Waiver of Liability. There is float collecting and digging. Bring the following tools: rock bags, rock hammer, shovel, small picks, hoe, rock scoop, spray bottle, safety equipment and what ever else you usually bring. **Safety Note:** Obsidian is Mother Nature's glass and like glass it shatters and is extremely sharp. Goggles or safety glasses, long sleeve shirts and gloves are strongly recommended. There are full hook-up RV parks in Alturas and Lakeview. There are motels in Alturas and Lakeview. E-mail Dick Pankey for names and phone numbers.

The potluck dinner will be on Saturday evening. Bring food to share and your own plates, eating utensils, tables and chairs. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share for Happy Hour each afternoon. We will try to have a campfire each evening so bring firewood. If you are interested bring rocks and specimens, etc. from your favorite home collecting area to show and tell at the tailgate display. This will be a good time to swap maps, GPS readings and information about your favorite collecting areas. There are a lot of other rockhounding opportunities within 100 miles of the Lassen Creek site: sunstones, opal, petrified wood, other obsidian sites, geodes and more. We will conduct a cleanup of the collecting sites and campgrounds and practice "Leave No Trace".

Join Jim and me for this a great rockhounding adventure. Please notify me no later than 7/23/18 if you plan to attend; a trip flyer with directions and details is available. Contact me if you have questions or need more information:

Email: dickpankey@juno.com (preferred); or Ph. 925-439-7509.

Attention Federation Directors, Field Trip Leaders and Bulletin Editors:

Please announce this trip at your meetings and publish it in your newsletters. Copies of an announcement flyer (Not for Publication) are available at dickpankey@juno.com. Give the flier to interested club members to get the word out early so people can start planning for this special field trip and get-together.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt

garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

Greetings rockhounds. To begin with, thank you thank you thank you! I have received many nominees for Rockhound of the Year in 2017. As I had mentioned before, this is a wonderful way to thank your society's overachievers.

And now it is time for the 2018 Rockhound of the Year honors to begin. Below is our first 2018 recipient of this honor.

Craig and Kathy Polliard, South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society. After joining the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society in 2007, both Craig and Kathy Polliard have been integral in the running of our club as well as the growth of our club.

Among the jobs they not only tackled but did a superb job at are: Treasurer, Show Chairpersons, and Field Trip Leader. Together they are the liaison with the City of Torrance – reserving and helping us get our room set up each month for meetings and especially helping us stay in good graces with the people who handle the event space for our annual show. They know who to go to when there are problems, big or small.

They are also the very smartest shoppers and are often the people who find the best prizes for our annual show, usually at amazing prices. They always go to Quartzsite and have built up close relationships with some of the vendors so we get first choice on new material for our show prizes.

Through the years they have become experts on Jade and have shared with us knowledge on finding, polishing, and making jade into jewelry. Craig presents an amazing program on their trips up to Monterey, where they go as often as they can to get specimens.

Last, but certainly not least they bring a dynamic of enthusiasm, caring, and desire to share knowledge that encourages new members and keeps the older members coming back. They are a force to be reckoned with and we so appreciate all they do. We nominate them for a much deserved award as Rockhound of the Year for 2018.

--Submitted by Leslie Neff



SEEKING “LAPIDARY OF THE MONTH” ARTICLES FOR ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Rock & Gem Magazine is the officially endorsed hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. In other words, it's our magazine! Not only does it contain articles of immediate interest each and every month, it welcomes contributions by each and every one of us to better inform our fellow practitioners in our fun hobby. R&G Managing Editor Lynn Varon notes that one especially popular feature is the “Lapidary of the Month” article submitted by people to highlight some new technique or novel lapidary art that they've mastered and would like to share with their fellow rockhounds. However, the supply of entries for this monthly feature has been drying up in recent months, and Lynn welcomes new articles to keep this feature lively and relevant.

The guidelines are simple: 1) Write a 500 word step-by-step description of how you crafted a particular lapidary project and save it as a document file. 2) Take at least one sharp, close-up color digital photo of the finished project. (Use high resolution: 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum.) 3) Attach your document file and digital photo (.tif or .jpg) to an e-mail and send it to editor@rockngem.com with the subject line “Lapidary of the Month”. 4) E-mail the editor or call (972) 448-4626 with any questions. Lynn is happy to provide guidance! For an example, see page 8 of the September issue (2017) of *Rock & Gem*, where the Lapidary of the Month article describes how to make drawer pulls and knobs for kitchen cabinets decorated with agate cabs. Let's all help keep our own hobby magazine lively and relevant with projects and techniques that should prove of interest to all of us!

From *AFMS* Newsletter, October 2017

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SHOW DATES

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within 5 days after submitting your
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2018

April 6-8 Vista, CA
Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe (Museum Way)
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Kelly Hickman, 760-622-6501
Email: kellyahickman@hotmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 7 – 8, Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa off
Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan, (559) 868-3535
Email: mgrmc@sti.net
Website: mariposagemclub.org

April 21-22, Paso Robles, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Tina Clark, 805-305-0246
Email: slrockhounds.org

April 21-22, Thousand Oaks, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Rd.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Chuck Borchart 805-551-9946
Email: chuck@cgmctrips@gmail.com
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 28- 29 Lancaster, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 -32nd Street West
Hours: 10-5 daily
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom 661-406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 28-29, Reno, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno/Sparks Livestock Events Center
1350 N Wells Ave.
Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, 775-229-2442
Email: saliondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 4-6, Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams St
Hours: Fri 6-10pm, Sat 12 noon-10 pm,
Sun 12 noon -7 pm
Contact: Lee Peterson 909-794-0731
Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
Website: www.yvgms.org/wiki/

May 5-6, Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W Crescent Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30
Contact: Margaret Hogarth 909-815-3045
Email: Hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 5- 6: Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)
Hours: 10 - 4 daily
Contact: Cheryl Smith, (209) 296-4061
Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

June 8-10, La Habra, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral
Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W La Habra Blvd
Hours: Fri. 5-8, Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: Armando Pedroza 909-444-2727
Email: forestandSUN@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 9-10, Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Society
California Center for the Arts Escondido
340 N Escondido Blvd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Michele Shephard
Email: pgmctshow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org
June 23-24, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz. 310-850-4398
Email: janicemtzt@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

August 3-5, Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 -4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, 805- 481-0923
Email: sylviaandon@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

September 15-16, Chico, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc.
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair St.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: TBA
Email: TBA
Website:
www.featherriverrocks.org/show

September 15-16, REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Harvest of Gems and Mineral Show
1400 Roosevelt Ave
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: William Spence, 408-398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website:
www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

October 13-14, Los Altos, CA
Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Steve Jobe 408-834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org

October 13-14, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Bldg
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30 -4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild 760-372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 14, Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, 760-728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

November 10-11, Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgem&min.org

National/Regional Shows:

AFMS/Eastern Federation

April 5-9

Hosted by Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club

Kerr Scott Building-NC State Fairgrounds

Blue Ridge Road

New Raleigh, NC

Website: www.amfed.org

California Federation

September 15, 16, 2018

Directors Meeting, Awards Banquet, Endowment Table and Raffle

Hosted by Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc. Show

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds

2357 Fair St. Chico, CA

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Website: www.cfmsinc.org

Midwest Federation
Hosted by Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society,
Orr Building, State Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
October 6-7 2018
Springfield, Illinois
Website: www.loess.org/gem-show

Northwest Federation

Hosted by Yakama Gem and Mineral Club

“Parade of Gems”

State Fair Park: Modern Living Building & Pioneer Hall

1301 S Fair Ave Yakima, WA

April 27, 28, 29

Hours: Fri, Sat 10-6 daily; Sun 10-4

Website:

[northwestfederation.org/Federation Show.asp](http://northwestfederation.org/FederationShow.asp)

Rocky Mountain

Federation

Hosted by Western Dakota Gem and Mineral Society

Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Barnett Arena

444 Mount Rushmore Road

July 20, 21, 22, 2018

Hours: Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4 Rapid City, SD

Website: <http://rmfms.org/conventions>

South Central Federation

SCFMS Convention

Hosted by Lubbock G&MS Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

8233 Will Clayton Pkwy

May 5-6, 2018

Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Lubbock, TX

<http://www.scfms.net/show>

Southeast Federation

SFMS Executive Meeting Information

March 9-10, 2018

Hosted by Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society and Augusta Gem and Mineral Society

EACH CLUB/SOCIETY SHOW SHOULD BE LISTED HERE

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

REMINDER

Advertise your Show in as many Free locations as possible!

- 1. Local newspapers***
- 2. Current events sections!***
- 3. Local TV stations,***
- 4. Community calendars!***
- 5. Other Local Shows***

Advertise your shows in the Rock & Gem Magazine!

www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/

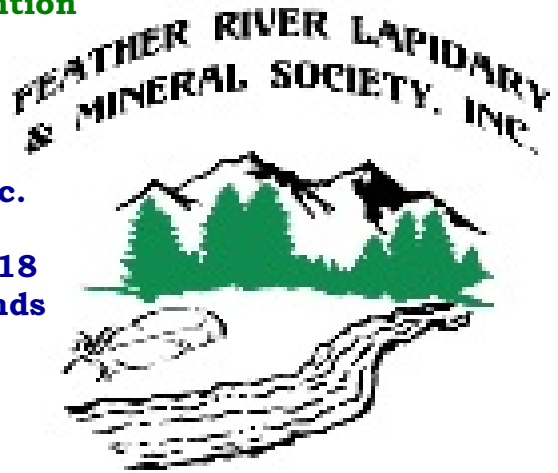
Send the information in early so it's published in the magazine as well as online.

Mark your calendars!

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies



2018 Annual Convention
and the
**Feather River
Lapidary
&
Mineral Society, Inc.
Show**
September 15, 16, 2018
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
Chico, California



This society presents the “**Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest.**” They give out 3 cash prizes. See the society’s website for more information and about the deadline to register for the contest.

<http://www.featherriverrocks.org>

6. Apply early and take your time to tumble!
7. Cash prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places winners!
8. Trophy for the 1st place winner!
9. Winner will be announced in September 2018

CFMS 79th Convention

New Director’s Orientation Meeting

Directors Business Meeting

Awards Banquet

CFMS Endowment Table & Endowment Raffle

Schedule and further information TBA. Yes, we will have RV parking and a special hotel rate for CFMS.

Show Hours

Sat. 10AM-5PM

Gems-Rough Rock-Jewelry-Beads-Opals-Crystals

Sun. 10AM-4PM

Kid’s Activities & much more

Camp Paradise application is available on the CFMS website

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