



CFMS NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Dear Society Members,

As Federation Directors, you have a very important job function not only for your home society, but for the whole of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies as well. Help your society's Board Members and General Membership understand that it's not the Executive Committee, but the Societies and Clubs who make up the Federation you belong to. This is why we emphasize the importance of your attendance at the business meetings, reading the reports by the various Federation chairmen, and conveying that information along with the information in the CFMS and AFMS newsletters and CFMS Electronic Communication Announcements to your society.

If you are a Federation Director for a society who hasn't seemed to have much interest in what's going on in the Federation, you can change that. If the information seems *humdrum* to them all, you can bring the value back in. If you aren't able to do that, your members will feel separate from the Federation, instead of understanding the value they bring to the Federation as well. Bring them into the conversation with the CFMS.

Take an interest in your Federation and your Society, and you will see your society start to blossom in ways you hadn't imagined before, with a new renaissance in the interest of our hobby and what the organization exists for. The CFMS and the AFMS exist for you. As Societies and Clubs, you bring the focus of our very special hobby of the Earth Sciences with its arts and crafts to the public view.

There is a charm about our hobby that has been growing over the many years since our hobby was organized; first by a Society, then by many Societies, then by Federations of Societies, and the national organization of the AFMS. No other organization does what you do, in the special way that you do it, like you. As you have all experienced, there have always been special people in our hobby. The old souls, is the common expression that is often used to describe those who have touched your individual souls and ignited your spirits about the fun and the wonders of our hobby. This is what you bring to others when you work with your communities, with your members and the Federation. Thank you for that and keep enjoying our wonderful hobby!

Jennifer Haley



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5. Deadline for November newsletter
Nov 5. Deadline for December newsletter
Nov 1. Deadline for Visalia reports
Nov 9-11. Fall Business Meeting–Visalia

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The CFMS website is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org the email for the web site is cfmswebsite@yahoo.com. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website.

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
- Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)

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 acknowledgement. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

By Joe Goetz, Chairman

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| President | Tony Fender |
| 1 st Vice President | Marcia Goetz |
| 2 nd Vice President | Juanita Pardun |
| Secretary | Ellen Ferrell |
| Treasurer | Jim Barton |

We all looked high and low for candidates for Treasurer. We looked behind bushes, in old mines and the Federation directory. I even asked for suggestions. Well it worked after calling some of the folks on the list, one brave and qualified soul stepped forward and that person is Jim Barton. I received a letter of recommendation from Fred Ott who sang his praises of his abilities. Directors please be at the Director's meeting in Visalia to cast your vote of support.

CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2019 Officers will be held November 9-11, 2018 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 \$97 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 1, 2018**. 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 10, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Tony Fender will have a brief meeting of his 2019 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu Beef and Chicken Duo

Marinated Charbroiled Bistro Filet Served with
Cabernet Reduction
Grilled Chicken Breast in Mushroom and Sun Dried
Tomato Cream Sauce
Chefs Choice of Starch
Seasonal Vegetables
Mixed Green Salad
Dinner Rolls with Butter
Chef's Dessert Buffet Extravaganza

\$40 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

Make banquet reservations by November 4, 2018.
Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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CFMS FIELD TRIPS - NORTH

Field Trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek
July 26 – 29, 2018
By Dick Pankey
Field Trip Leader and a user of our
Public Lands

What do you have when you combine 78 rockhounds from all over California with the premier Californian obsidian collecting area with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful sheen obsidian? You have the CFMS Field Trip-North's field trip to the Davis Creek/Lassen Creek area in the Warner Mountains of far northeast California. The Contra Costa M&GS hosted this field trip for Jim Barton, the CFMS FT-N Chairman, to collect the abundant and beautiful obsidian of Buck Mtn. Due to the large size of our group Jim and I shared the responsibilities of leading to the 4 designated collecting sites: Middle Fork Davis Creek, Needles, Pink Lady and Rainbow Mine. We had a total of 78 members and guests from 19 CFMS societies from as far away as San Diego and El Centro. What a great turnout!

Betty and I arrived at the turnoff from Hwy 395 late on Wednesday afternoon where I put out the first of the orange paper plates to guide our attendees to the Lassen Creek Campground. At the end of our 12 hour/400 mile drive we parked our trailer near the entrance to the campgrounds ready to welcome the expected attendees. We expected most people to arrive starting on Thursday, but about a dozen or so were already in camp when we got there. Thursday morning Betty and I took our customary drive to check out the roads and collecting sites so that there would be no surprises on our 3 collecting days. On Thursday afternoon I set up a "Sign In" table; there are a lot of administrative details for an event like this. I had a "Camp Sign In" to find out who was with us and where they were from; "Waiver of Liability Form for insurance purposes; and the "Free Use Permit" that gives us permission to collect. Most of our group camped at the Lassen Creek CG in trailers, motorhomes, vans, pickup trucks, and tents. Several of our group "Moted It" in Alturas. The weather was sunny and great the whole 5 days; cool nights, beautiful mornings, warm afternoons and evenings. Most of our attendees were experienced collectors that had been on many field trips. But we also had a lot of people and families that this was their first, big, multi-day event and were not sure what to expect. FAQ'S: What tools should I bring? Where are the toilets? What should I bring to a potluck or happy hour? Can I get a ride to the collecting sites? How will I know what to collect? All good questions. And I tried my best to provide good answers. On day 1 the new-bees were easy to recognize but by Saturday everyone was an experienced field tripper. On Thursday afternoon a nice looking newer camper van pulled in and picked out a place to park. When she came over to sign in is when I met Patt. She had been a rockhound for less than 2 years and this was her first big, multi-day trip and she was attending by herself. Oh, and by the way she was only 92 years old! I am

sure she was the oldest participant. Because her van was not suitable for the FS roads, Patt road with me to the collecting sites.

Our first day of collecting was on Friday. About 8:00 AM I rang my big cow bell to call the anxious obsidian collectors together to get the information for the day's activities. We formed 2 lines of vehicles on either side of the road one behind my truck and one line behind Jim's truck. Without a lot of direction nor guidance the group divided themselves pretty equally behind our trucks; there were approximately 18 vehicles in each caravan. On Friday Jim led his caravan to the Pink Lady and the Needles sites and I led my group to the Middle Fork Davis Creek site. Then on Saturday we flip-flopped. On Sunday I led the group to the Rainbow site which is only a mile from camp. At 8:30 AM, SHARP, Jim's group headed out. When they cleared camp I led my group out from camp. We get an early start because these first 3 sites are about an hour's drive away when caravanning and it gets hot in the afternoon. By about 1:00 we start our trek towards Camp by way of the Davis Creek Mercantile where we can get ice-cream, snacks and food, expensive gas, and best of all toilets with doors. On the way back to camp there is a road cut just off of Hwy 395 north of Davis Creek where we find Apache Tears and "stubby needles".

Everywhere you go on Buck Mtn and this area of the Warner Mtn you can find obsidian in a great variety of colors, sheens, patterns, shapes and textures. The 4 designated dig sites are the main attraction. As the classic rockhound saying goes "dig where others have dug." And that is true at the Middle Fork Davis Creek, Needles, Pink Lady and Rainbow Mine sites. There are many pits to choose from and it is just a matter of choosing one and start digging. Good obsidian is often showing in the pits which is a good sign. When collecting sheen obsidian good sunlight, and proper orientation is important. I found many good pieces that were thrown away by inexperienced diggers in their discard piles. I spent time showing new people how to "window" (knock off a chip) and orient the obsidian to find the sheen. Soon with a little practice they were finding the good obsidian in the discard piles also. Most people that were digging were finding baseball to football size pieces but a few 75 to 100 plus pound pieces were found. Most of the sheen obsidian at the Middle Fork Davis Creek is multi-colored red, blue and green-blue. Some grey sheen and "wood grained," grey obsidian can be found. At the Rainbow Mine much of the sheen obsidian is a striking, vivid blue, but vivid green and purple can be found. Silver Sheen and some gold sheen is prevalent. The Needles site has some really interesting material. As the name indicates the obsidian found here are "slivers" of obsidian ranging in size from a sewing needle size to 10 inches long to 20 inches long pieces. Needles are dug commercially and by rockhounds to make delicate wind chimes. At the Needles site you can also find mahogany obsidian and nodules that contain various colors of sheen. The commercial diggers are only after the larger, longer needles and are happy to give away the mahogany obsidian and nodules.

Obsidian collecting in this forest is now restricted to only the 4 sites designated in the Free Use Permit and that collecting (i.e. picking up) any obsidian, anywhere else in the forest and roads is prohibited. The FUP gives you permission to collect 100 pounds of obsidian over a 2 week period and you are allowed to get 5 permits a year. Prior to 2015 you were allowed to collect 500 pounds of obsidian from the 4 designated dig sites and surface collect every place else in the Warner Mtn. The reason given for

the new restrictions was for "cultural sensitivity". This is a drastic change from the previous way that obsidian collecting was managed.

There is more to an event like this than the obsidian. It is the people we meet and get to know. It is the happy hours and talking together; making new friends. It is the wonderful potluck we shared. On Saturday evening we had a marvelous potluck dinner. I rang the dinner bell about 5:45 and people showed up with their table, chairs and the food to share. Soon we filled 5 serving tables with meat dishes, a variety of salads, vegetable dishes and deserts, deserts, deserts. I lost count at 65 for the people that attended. There was so much great food. Rockhounds are great cooks.

On Friday evening 3 USFS personnel came out to our camp. Chris Bielecki, who manages the obsidian program, spoke about the history and current status of the Free Use Permit and the process to establish it and the collecting regulations for the National Forest. Sally Carter who helped with the Special Use Permit and the Free Use Permits for our event, talked to us about the purpose of Special Use Permits and how they are used. Mylo Grote is an intern who gave us a fascinating talk about the history of the area. It is always beneficial for us to get to know USFS personnel and for them to get to know us as people and as users of the Public Lands.

As part of our CFMS FT-N trip we conducted a cleanup of the 4 designated collecting sites, the Lassen Creek Campground and the FS roads that we drove on to the digs. I have led and attended many trips to this area since 1991 and the area shows the signs of responsible rockhounds: No (or at least extremely little) litter or trash. We have conducted cleanups of this area in the past with similar results. 78 rockhounds spent 4 days driving the roads, hours at the collecting sites and they found negligible trash. But we did find a lot of obsidian. We can be proud of ourselves; we have been practicing "Leave No Trace" and "Pack It In/Pack It Out". The little trash that we did find was piled behind my truck during the 4 days of our field trip to make room in our trucks for all of the obsidian that we collected. On Monday morning at the conclusion of our event I loaded the collected trash for transport to the USFS office in Alturas. Even though the amount of trash and litter was small we left the area cleaner than when we arrived which is always a good feeling.

It was hard to write a report like this. There was so much I wanted to tell you about our event but there just isn't enough room in the CFMS Newsletter. My parting thought--It was Great! Thank you Jim for asking me to lead this trip.



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Gary Levitt garytherockhound@sbcglobal.net

Lana Haven, Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Junior Member

The AVGMC proudly presents our oldest and longest reigning Junior Member and Honor Student, Lana Haven, for the CFMS Member Recognition Award of "Junior Rockhound of the Year". Lana is an enthusiastic Rockhouser regularly attending our General Meetings and Field Trips. She is knowledgeable and quite adept at identifying rock specimens. Besides tumbling and polishing rocks she's collected, she is an expert at using the "Genie".

Lana is an active, positive, engaging force in our club. She is the self-appointed hostess to all young guests who show up. Whether it is at a General Meeting or out on a Field Trip, right away she introduces herself and engages them in conversation, showing them around and making them feel welcome.

At all three of the Community Events that the AVGMC is involved with, the Poppy Festival, the AVGMC Gem and Mineral Show, and the AV Fair, Lana always volunteers to help.

During the Poppy Festival this year she could be found running the Kid's Spinning Wheel and demonstrating rock polishing on the "Genie". During the AVGMC Show she volunteered many hours every day working at the Kid's Booth.

She helped set up the kitchen and helped deliver lunches to our 30 plus vendors. At the AV Fair this year she volunteered to work at our club's booth. At last year's AV Fair she designed and helped set up the AVGMC Junior Membership Case, which won First Place as well as Best of Division.

Her dedication to the Rockhounding Hobby is further evidenced by the fact that she spends some of her free time, away from the club events, making many of the pet rocks or rock spiders or dinosaur dioramas which are some of the prizes used at the Kid's Booth. She is a major asset in our club's Junior Membership program from inside out, and a huge asset to our club as a whole.

Submitted by Jim Betz AVGMC President

Paul Hobbs and Ruth Hidalgo, Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club

Paul Hobbs and Ruth Hidalgo have been AVGMC members for 14 years and are major contributors to our club's inner workings as well as our club's community presence. Both hold current directorship positions on the AVGMC Board and have been elected to various Board positions. For example, two years ago Ruth was the AVGMC Vice President. Paul Hobbs was our Field Trip Chairman, organizing and leading our monthly field trips as well as serving on our Equipment Management Committee and others. Ruth is our Internet Chairman, organizing and administering our web site and Facebook presence, as well as serving on our Updated By-Laws Committee. At our monthly General Meeting they would be found helping to set and always helping to clean up after we adjourn. At our annual AVGMC Gem and Mineral Show this year, Paul oversaw Set-up and Tear-down as well as working Security details while Ruth Chaired our Show's Demonstration booth.

Ruth Hidalgo has joined the ALAA and DAC, advocating for continued Rockhounding access in the BLM areas. She has attended distant meetings, helped organize public awareness events, and kept our club informed of ways to help keep rock collecting sites open.

This dynamic duo, an essential force in the organization and functioning of our club as well as active advocates in the community at large for the future of Rockhounding as a hobby, is proudly recommended by the AVGMC for the CFMS Member Recognition Award of "Rockhound of the Year".

Submitted by Jim Betz AVGMC President

Galen Moyer, Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Galen Moyer of Templeton, California has a special talent; cutting and polishing rocks, working the Gravel Pit at our yearly Show and greeting new members at our Club Meetings. He serves on our Board of Officers, as Vice President of Membership and Host our Annual Lapidary Day Picnic at his home. On field trips, he will share his truck and trailer to help people who need a helping hand to haul our precious discoveries back to our cars. He is one in a million and the Santa Lucia Rockhounds are very proud to know him and call him a friend in rocks.

Submitted by Mary Caparone, President

Attention: CFMS Bulletin Editors

By Sue Webb, Bulletin Aids

It's that time again, time to be thinking about what article(s) you'll submit for the 2019 bulletin contest. Again, as with last year, the date of the AFMS meeting controls the dates we must abide by. This year the meeting is very early and so the contest deadlines must also be early, and once again, they put pressure on editors and judges just at the busiest season of the year. Please begin considering the year's harvest of wonderful articles to send in.

This is also the time to review the rules for how to submit them. You can find last year's rules at <http://www.cfmsinc.org/forms10/bul aids/2018BulletinContestProceduresRev.pdf>. The rules for 2019 when they are posted will mainly be updates and corrections to the 2018 rules: new deadline is November 15, BEAC's address is corrected, and submission method is updated to favor attachment to email.

I want to encourage you strongly to send in those wonderful bulletins, articles, poetry, and drawings you have been publishing all year. And you can include those published in the December 2017 issue of your newsletter as well since last year's deadline prevented editors from including that issue. Furthermore, there were not nearly as many CFMS editors submitting entries as there have been in the past—or even than were submitted to bulletin contests in other regions. Let's show the rest of the nation how great our newsletter authors (and editors) are by all CFMS editors submitting a bulletin, an article, a poem, a drawing, or all of the above. We had great judges last year and I hope to have them again this year. They are wonderfully generous to work through the holiday season, so let's give them lots to work on.

How to send in your entries: The preferred method of submission is by attachment to email—rgms.bulletin@gmail.com. If you can't send by email, you may send by snail mail to Sue Webb, 9895 Kerrydale Ct., Reno, NV, 889521-4401, but then you must send two paper copies as well as a copy on CD or flash drive. Remember also, those who were awarded a first in either 2017 or 2018 are not eligible in the same category for 2019—but you can submit entries by them in a different category. If you have questions, email me at rgms.bulletin@gmail.com or call me at the number shown in the CFMS rules. I'm looking forward to seeing entries from all of you.



2019 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill

All CFMS Society Webmasters are invited to enter the 2019 CFMS Web Site Contest.

The major functions of a society's web site are: attracting new members, providing information for its members, public advertising of society activities including shows, and offering educational information. This contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of the society's web site in providing information to meet these goals, not to determine the quality or capabilities of the society.

Even if you don't enter the competition, the guidelines are full of valuable information. One tip to note is that, if you happen to post your newsletter online, don't rely on that to illustrate membership information and other attributes of your society. Include information about your society's programs and activities within the web site itself.

Be sure to read and follow the 2019 Score Sheet Guidelines. This year's changes include:

- Basic meeting information must be on your home page to receive the full points.
- Club contact information or a submit form for the Webmaster or Main Contact is required.
- Contact information or link to a submit form for the Webmaster is required on any page with a link so that broken links can be easily reported.
- A Search Engine and Keywords in the html are no longer required
- See Guidelines and Score Sheet regarding requirements for logos.

If you have questions, please email me at mvoneill@comcast.net.

TO ACCESS THE FORMS: Go to the CFMS web site, www.cfmsinc.org, and click on the "**Contest**" link and open the forms from the **Web Site Contest Forms** list.

The Web Site Contest Entry Sheet and Score Sheet forms are fillable and savable pdf's. Open each form and save it to your computer using a different file name. For the Entry Form, use "entry" somewhere in your file name.

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For the Score Sheet, use "score" somewhere in your file name. Include your society's name or an abbreviation in both file names.

The forms are used by all regions, so be sure to enter and "X" in the CFMS box at the top of the forms. Complete the Entry Form and add your contact information at the top of the Score Sheet. Email the forms to the CFMS Web Site Contest Chair, Merryan O'Neill, at mvoneill@comcast.net.

The deadline for the 2019 CFMS Web Site Contest is November 18, 2018.

Webmasters may enter their society's web sites in the CFMS competition even if they have placed first the previous year. The top 2 CFMS entries will be forwarded to compete in the AFMS competition (except for a web site placing 1st in the AFMS contest in the last 2 years). The AFMS will continue to enforce a 2-year waiting period for entries that have placed first at the AFMS level.

The contest results will be announced at the 2019 AFMS and CFMS Shows. We hope you and others in your society will be able to attend the 80th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION, March 8-10, 2019, hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society in Pomona, California.



VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow

The year 2018 started with lots of requests for programs and activity continued until May. But alas, things have been slow since then. As of this writing the tally is nine completed requests with \$90.00 in payments. There are still a few outstanding programs to be paid for & returned. We will have updated numbers at the Visalia meeting. It is most helpful when the discs are returned with payment promptly.

Remember programs can be used for club meetings, kids education, CFMS activity at shows and anything else that works for you. We still have October, November and December to increase the numbers for 2018.



ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Ofelia Warthen, Chair

I am happy to announce the 2017 AACA winners as follows:

1st Bronze Award–Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
2nd Bronze Award–No Orange County Gem & Min Soc
and let it be known that Pasadena Lapidary Society achieved GOLD award.

Please note: Next year's All american Club contest will cover from January 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. This will be a very short year for our 2018 entries due to the AFMS Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowas on March 16-17, 2019. Our entries to AFMS must be submitted by February 2, 2019. Therefore, our CFMS entries will have a deadline of JANUARY 15, 2019. Let's all make this wonderful year and start NOW working on our 2018 entries. You may just want to mention your advanced plans for December 2018 activities. Your membership will appreciate and love being involved in a great program. Let's all make this a wonderful AACA year and start preparing your 2018 entries now. For help and information, please call me at the following:

Ofelia Warthen, AACA Chair
15051 Leffingwill Rd. Ste. 103
Whittier, CA 90604

(626) 826-8974 cell
(626) 330-8974

This is a terrific service provided to member societies supplying many worthwhile educational, "how to" and visiting sites programs. We are happy to provide individual assistance to anyone who needs it as to the process of requesting programs and also choosing which ones may be most appropriate. Feel free to contact me for suggestions and help anytime.

Sharon Rogow, Chair
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CFMS RULES COMMITTEE

by Jennifer Haley, Chairman

2019 Competitive Exhibits

Let's get ready for Competitive Exhibiting at our 80th CFMS Show & Convention. The big event is hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society in Pomona, CA, on March 8, 9, 10, 2019. A copy of the entry form is on the CFMS website under Forms. **The due date to get your entries to the registrar will be February 6, 2019.** Allow enough time to for an officer from your society to sign your entry form prior to sending it in.

Don't let the thickness of the AFMS Uniform Rules Manual intimidate you. Typically, most people who are fairly new to competitive exhibiting forget to review the important pages of the AFMS Uniform Rules-General Rules & Definitions-Section 1-Part 1 (S-1-12-2011). These pages are invaluable to you as an exhibitor whether you are new or familiar with the annual contest. There is something for everyone who wants to enter competition, that's the fun of the big book. Take the time this Fall to organize and practice setting up your exhibit so you are happy with it.

If you don't have a display case, cases will be available for you to rent. Some of the tools that exhibitors bring with them to make their exhibits look their best are: glass cleaner, a micro cloth which works better than paper towels, tape rollers for removing lint and dust from your liners, ruler or tape measurer. Things like scissors, extra pins and duct tape come in handy if you find a last minute nip and tuck needed for your liners.

Last year a few individuals made the error of putting the name of their society inside their display. Your exhibit will be disqualified for that even if it is for a juniors group. NO Name identifying the exhibitor or exhibitor group shall be visible on or in a competitive exhibit before all judging has been completed.

CFMS Supplemental Rules-Reminders

New! Marc Mullaney Lapidary Award of Excellence Trophy, sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society: The trophy shall be awarded to the best-presented lapidary case in the show. Any case displayed at the show is eligible for the award. The trophy will be a permanent property of the winner.

The trophy will be awarded by the committee of one member from the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCFGMS) and one CFMS Judge that is not a

SCVGMS member. The trophy shall not be awarded to a case receiving another award. The committee results shall be final. The winner of the Marc Mullaney Lapidary Award shall not be eligible to win the award for three years after winning. This trophy will be furnished by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society.

Northern California Faceters Trophy- is no longer given.

AFMS Uniform Rules- Reminders

Division "I" I-8 was upgraded this year to expand the division. The new change reads;
"Mixed beadwork- may include bead weaving, bead embroidery, loom work, and stringing."

Why Contribute to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation

by Steve Weinberger, AFMS Past President

Whether you represent an AFMS affiliated club or individual member of such a club, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation needs your help!

The fund was established in 1964 and to date over 500 students have received financial assistance from the interest on contributions made to it. Currently six of our seven AFMS member federations are involved. Each selects an "honorary" scholarship recipient -- usually a college or university professor - or someone within a regional federation who should be recognized for their outstanding contributions to that federation. This "honorary" recipient then selects two graduate students studying in the earth science field to receive the monetary grant for the coming year. Currently the grant is \$4,000 per student.

When a club contributes \$1 for each of their members, they earn 100% recognition for those contributions. Totals are cumulative, so if a club or individual only contributes \$20 and the club has 100 members, the club earns 20% which is "banked" until they reach that 100% level. If a club contributes \$1 per member, for let's say 10 years, the club is recognized as a 1,000% contributor.

The Foundation students do good work in furthering our knowledge of the earth sciences and many have informed us just how much that grant to them has meant. Textbooks and tuition are expensive!!! Please consider making a memorial contribution or annual club contribution to the Foundation to enable it to continue on a strong footing. Send your contributions to your regional federation coordinator

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HAVING FUN: JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Jrs Program Chair

Classic American Fossil Sites for Earth Science Education

In this column several years ago (November 2013, to be exact), I reported on a book by Albert B. Dickas entitled *101 American Geo-Sites You've Gotta See* (Mountain Press, 2012). I noted how Dickas helps you take kids to sites that tell unique geological stories; for instance, dramatic evidence of an ancient meteorite strike in Alabama, a view of the Pacific plate sliding by the North American plate along California's San Andreas Fault, fossil-bearing ash beds in Nebraska that tell of an unimaginably immense volcanic eruption in ancient Idaho 12 million years ago, or evidence of a tropical sea as well as massive glaciation in Ohio. With 101 sites included across all 50 U.S. states, you should be able to find a locality within reasonable distance for a day- or weekend trip for your club's pebble pups and juniors.

Well, Dickas has done it again! He has just published *101 American Fossil Sites You've Gotta See* (Mountain Press, 2018). The book opens with a quick romp through the history of paleontology as a science, provides the basics of fossils and fossilization, and explores the history of life on Earth, eon-by-eon, period-by-period. Then comes the real meat of the book: the 101 sites from Alabama to Wyoming (including Alaska and Hawaii). Each site entry consists of a two-page spread. The opening page provides GPS coordinates, a one-sentence overview of the significance of the site, and an overall description and paleontological history. The second page provides colorful supporting illustrations, maps, and photos. Printed on high-quality glossy paper, the photos make it a wonderful coffee-table book in addition to an informative read. Additional helpful info is provided in an end-of-book glossary and a reference section supplying four additional suggested readings for each site.

The sites include those where viewing-only is allowed (for instance, Arizona's Petrified Forest or Oregon's John Day Fossil Beds National Monument) but also a wonderful assortment where hands-on collecting is not only allowed but encouraged. I've been to 22 of the 101 sites from California to New Jersey and points between, and from first-hand knowledge of those sites, I can assure you that Dickas has chosen wisely. All are worth considering as field trip destinations for your club's kids—and are sure to provide a whole lot of fun!

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INSURANCE REPORT

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chair

"A Little History....."

Sometimes it is difficult to recognize the value of the Federation's Insurance policy and how it protects CFMS societies and their individual members, so I thought it best to provide a little 'history' as well as some examples of actual CFMS claims that have been paid throughout the years.

Almost 20 years ago.....prior to the current Chubb policy...and before McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. became the Federation's insurance agent.....the 'per CFMS member premium' for the Federation's General Liability Insurance policy was only \$1.00 per year per member; it is now \$6.00 per year per member. Things went very smoothly for many years; then all hell broke loose!

A claim involving the death of a CFMS member on a field trip cost the CFMS's insurance company \$250,000 and the insurance carrier at the time, now recognizing the exposures posed by 'rock and gem clubs', dropped the Federation's insurance policy 'like a hot potato' leaving Bob Stultz and Pat LaRue to frantically search for a quality replacement agent/carrier. Contrary to some beliefs, getting liability insurance coverage for rock and gem clubs whose activities include rockhounding, mining, lapidary, rock-and-gem shows, etc. was not then (and is not now) an easy task. Fortunately, Bob located Patt McDaniel and the relationship that was established with McDaniel Insurance Services has been excellent ever since that fateful era.

Some actual claims paid by our Federation's insurance policy include:

- Theft of hand tools, tile saw, vacuum pump, air compressor and lapidary equipment,
- Vandalism and burglary including gems and silver
- Burglary involving tools and stones
- Liability claim involving the rental of a truck to transport Society assets
- Damage to a display case and its valuable contents caused accidentally by a club member
- Water damage to a building and its contents

As you can see, the Federation's insurance company doesn't "just collect premiums"; they pay claims for losses incurred by the Federation and its member societies, so it's very important that each society obtain insurance to cover the assets of the society as well as liability claims that occur on a regular basis. Have questions? Check out the Federation's website (www.cfmsinc.org) under 'Forms'.

P.S. Patt McDaniel asked that I also mention that several claims have been submitted wherein the amount of loss (theft or damage) to property owned by a society was less than the amount of insurance coverage purchased by that society. All the more reason to make sure that your society has adequate limits of coverage.

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September 22-23, Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford St.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mike Mathis, 510-301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

October 6, Boron, CA
Mohave Mineralogical Society
Boron Community Center
26998 John Street
Hours: 9-4
Contact: Bruce Davis, 760-338-8829
Email: daviesb@yahoo.com
Website: www.facebook.com/search/

October 6-7, Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke; 530-274-2425
Email: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org

October 6-7, Vista, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Kelly Hickman, 760-622-6501
Email: kellyhickman@hotmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.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

October 20 Woodland Hills, CA
Woodland Hill Rock Chippers, Inc
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Virginia Rotramel 818-349-2943
Email: whrc@rockchippers.org
Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 20 – 21; PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jean Klotz
Email: info@eldoradomineralandgem.org
Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

October 20-21, Santa Rosa, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Inc
Santa Rose Veterans Hall
1351 Maple Ave
Hours Sat, 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene, 707-849-9551
Email: coons@sonic.net
Website: srmgs.org/gemshow.php

October 20-21, Whittier, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Frank Winn; 626-239-5457
Email: RkhndFW@gmail.com
Website: www.wgmsca.com

October 27-28, Palmdale, CA
Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club
Palmdale Elks Lodge
2705 E Avenue Q
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Don McClung, 661-860-4910
Email: bigd_mcc@aol.com
Website: www.palmdalegemandmineral.org

October 27-28, Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Alyssa Meisinger; 916-662-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacramentomineralsociety.org

November 3-4, Anaheim, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10-6 & Sun 10-5
Contact: Veronica Purpura 714-501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>

November 3-4, Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: John DeRosa, 760-375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslextreme.com
Website: indianwells.weebly.com

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

November 17-18, Livermore, CA
Livermore Valley Lithophiles GMS
Lithorama
3131 Pacific Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Bill Bish, 925-447-1266
Email: bcbish@lithophiles.com or
info@lithofiles.com
Website: <http://lithophiles.com/lithorama.html>

November 17-18, Oxnard, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwra, 805-394-8002
Email show_info@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.ornardgem.com

December 1-2, Barstow, CA
Mohave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Fitness Center
841 S Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Danny Walls, 760-373-1309
Email: dvwatts@msn.com
Website: www.mdgms.net

2019

January 19-20; Visalia, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Laura Manser, 559-308-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 16-17, Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fair Grounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, 925-301-6957
Email: Brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 23-24, Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours 10-5 Daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707-334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 2-3, Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W Harbor Blvd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Diane Cook, 805-312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

March 8-10, Pomona, CA
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March 16-17, San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley GMS
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, 408-629-5735
Email: Sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 27-28, Reno, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center
1350 North Wells Ave
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Dan Ellis, 775-229-4420
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

National/Regional Shows:

AFMS/Eastern Federation

California Federation

Midwest Federation

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

Northwest Federation

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