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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is doing well and didn't get April fooled too many times.

The CFMS website is slowly filling in with the content it used to have. I've been helping to get the A - Z Clubs information updated - it was outdated by about 10 years. I spoke to many people who were delightful to talk with while getting the information. I will revise it again when Pat gives me the more updated info she has in a few months. Also, available now is the list of DVD programs for club meetings. It can be found along with the DVD request form to send to Sharon Rogow. Junior Rockhound information is available also.

It won't be long before the CFMS show is here. Lodi was a fun location the last time we were there. More information about the show is on the web site including forms you may need.

This is the time of year societies consider renewing their membership with ALAA (American Lands Access Assoc.). Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting and is our voice to elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Check out their web site to learn more about them and membership information.

Marcia



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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:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr 1. Dues are past Due!
Apr 5. Deadline for May newsletter
May 5. Deadline for Junenewsletter
June 26-28. CFMS Conv & Show–Lodi

CFMS INSURANCE CONTACTS

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PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
Tel (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288
Fax (805) 646-9976; email: mcins@west.net
Web Site: www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com

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The CFMS website is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org
Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Please be patient as our new webmaster builds our new 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. Articles without a byline are written by the editor.

A FEW REMINDERS

Copies of the dues/insurance payment and society officer change forms were included in the January newsletter and are now posted on the website. 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.

I use the information on the officer change form to update the mailing lists and prepare the Society Roster. Do take a few minutes to fill out the form and send it to me. Include addresses of those 3 persons designated to receive the complimentary newsletters. If you prefer to read the newsletter online let me know.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Juniors Activities Chair

Terrific Displays on the Three Rock Types!

Chris Ward and Bob Knox of the Del Air Rockhounds have developed a terrific set of large displays demonstrating the three rock types: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary. These include a large case with a volcano model that has samples of igneous rocks and a “flame” shooting out from the top. The other display is a two-panel case with a small video screen.

While these displays can be set up as independent exhibit cases at a gem show, they are best displayed together, as was done at the last CFMS Show at the Pasadena Fairplex. There, utilizing two 8-foot tables and one 6-foot table, Chris and Bob not only set up their display cases but also had space for several hundred pounds of specimens for kids to touch and feel along with space for interactive educational games.

I encourage CFMS clubs to touch base with Chris (chris_ward678@yahoo.com), who is our CFMS Cab Case South committee chair, to see about having these displays at your annual show. The display may be set up as one long row, or in an L-shape so as to allow for Chris and Bob to display the cases and to have room for their educational games. Other requirements are access to electrical outlets and space behind the tables for Chris and Bob to sit and engage with kids with the fun educational games they’ve developed.



In setting up and providing these displays for several shows in the past few years, Chris and Bob have noted how they generate tremendous foot traffic and thus need to be set up in a space with good flow so as to prevent congestion in a narrow aisle space. Within the past year, they’ve taken these displays to a dozen club shows throughout southern California, and in each instance, they’ve been well received. Here’s to seeing them at your next club show to provide education for kids, along with a lot of fun!



FROM THE AFMS CENTRAL OFFICE

By Cheryl Neary

Hi all! I have taken over the position as Central Office, following in the footsteps of Steve Weinberger. I can only hope I can perform the job as well as he did for numerous years!

I set up a new email address:
centraloffice.AFMS@gmail.com.

One of the major duties is to maintain the mailing list for the Federation. Sue Webb has been performing this duty for the last few months. If you have any corrections, additions, subtractions to the current mailing list, please send me an email as soon as possible so that I can update the list and notify the proper personnel.

All CFMS member organizations are reminded that AFMS wants to send up to 3 complimentary newsletters to persons you designate. These are generally the President, Editor and Federation Director. Please email the names and addresses to Cheryl at the email address listed above. Please do not send them to me.

SAFETY FOR FIELDTRIPS TO ANYWHERE

By Joe Goetz, Safety Chair

Now we all like going on fieldtrips to collect our favorite cutting material, whether it is jasper, agate, opal or whatever. At the very beginning of any trip is getting all things to make the trip comfortable and safe. Of course, it depends on how far and how long the trip is going to be. You need know where everyone is going to gather and when you need to be there.

Now you may be wondering where safety comes to play in all this. Well, safety rules come into play when you start to get ready. It has been said that safety is everywhere (Ellery Borow AFMS Safety Chair) and, it is if you think and follow common sense or at least follow the training, which guess what! - follows is common sense. Even if the trip has a duration of one day and is close, there are always things and situations that seem to always happen when you're rushing. By leaving 30 to 45 minutes earlier than what you may think it will take you to arrive, you can take your time and get there safely. You don't want to get there late {10 to 15 minutes) or really late (1 to 2 hours or more) as it may be best to stay home rather than rush there and not find the group, or be the only one there at the gathering place. When you finally get there and a little late you may end up taking a little ribbing from other participants of the fieldtrip. But you got there safely and can enjoy a day of hunting.

If the trip is a multi-day trip, all the preparation is pretty much the same as for a day trip only a lot more of it. If staying in a motel some distance away from the base camp, you'll have to get up earlier and get yourselves ready to go sooner than you thought, so you're ready for the day.

If you are camping - whether RV trailer or tent - you'll have all your stuff needed for the trip in your vehicle, RV or trailer. And yes, you'll need an alarm clock to get up soon enough to dress and have breakfast and make lunch, if not coming back to camp for lunch. Most clubs have lists of the items you need to bring.

Some of what you'll need for a trip are a full tank of fuel, rock picks, hammers, chisels, some sort of container for bring your prizes back to the vehicle, a first aid kit, broad brimmed hat, sun screen, gloves and good pair of shoes or boots and of course all the personal things like maybe food etc. (just a partial list)

CFMS FIELD TRIPS SOUTH

By Bart Solomon, Field Trips South Chair

This spring and summer a field trip to Kokoweef is available to CFMS clubs. The material is calcite (stalagmites; stalagmites and popcorn) which has been taken from the cave on the property and is in a large muck pile; it cuts and polishes well; there is generally a \$20 per bucket charge. The location is off I15 near the Nevada line, about a couple of hours east of Barstow. The site is at about 5000 ft elevation so is generally cooler and windier than the Mojave desert. The site is a private claim; so I will make arrangements for interested clubs. If your club is interested e-mail me proposed dates and the number of club members interested (there will be a limit probably of around 15 people) and I will make arrangements. I will provide you with a meeting place along I15; and then lead the group into the site. The road is a dirt road which does not require 4 wheel drive but a high profile vehicle is best.

My e-mail address is bssolomon@aol.com

I am also working on a database of rockhound sites which would be accessible to CFMS clubs and am looking for rockhound sites to include. If any CFMS club members have site information, however slim, please send me what you have and I will investigate the site and include them in the database, if appropriate. Please use my e-mail address above. Thanks.

ESS REPORT FOR ZZYZX 2020

As you probably know by now, the ESS camp at Zzyzx was cancelled as a result of concerns regarding the coronavirus.

The ESS has offered to all the people who had been accepted to Zzyzx the opportunity to be guaranteed a place at Zzyzx for next year. Nearly all the students have accepted this offer, as a result Zzyzx is almost full at this time. The ESS requests that societies which normally have raffles or scholarships to Zzyzx, refrain from this practice for 2021. The open spots will be filled by the normal procedure with applications being accepted no earlier than November 1st.

Sandie and Tony Fender

JARGON ALERT

By Rick Kennedy, Santa Clara Valley GMS

Many of us have been involved in the hobby/members of a club long enough that we develop our own language, sets of terms that don't make a lot of sense to the outside world. It is a shared language, our own kind of "secret handshake". When we use this language among ourselves, it feeds and strengthens our community.

However, when a system is not in place for a neophyte (who might be shy, and a bit afraid to be the only person not in on a joke) to ask questions, that same shared language can have a very unwelcome effect on new people.

There is another organization that I belong to that has come up with a great way of dealing with this issue. At the beginning of our meetings, the leader announces that if there is any word or term that does not make sense, shout out "Jargon Alert"!! At which point, whoever is speaking must pause, and explain the unknown term. This leads to better understanding and fosters better community.

One last thing: Neophytes need help identifying rocks and minerals. It is one of the foremost reasons they initially come to club meetings. By definition, they are inexperienced and likely not discerning collectors yet. As a club, it is our job not just to help them identify things, but to do it in a kind, teaching manner. New people will pick up anything that catches their eye, or looks different and there is nothing wrong with that. We have knowledge they don't and if we want to be welcoming, we will use that knowledge gently and kindly. Calling our own collecting mistakes "Leaverite", leads to good natured humor, giving the same name to someone else's finds can easily come off as an insult, especially if they are new to the hobby and just don't know any better.

Submitted by Frank Mullaney

Editors note—Rick is a well known mineral dealer who is a regular participant at many of the shows throughout the state.

For those out there who don't already know, "leaverite" is short for "leave it right there". Gee, that describes much of the stuff that I picked up way back when.



CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

By Sharon Rogow, Chair

Mark your calendars, make your hotel reservations and prepare for wonderful rock, gem and bead shopping at the CFMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival. It's being held at the Lodi Grape Festival and Harvest Fair, 413 East Lockeford St, Lodi, CA on June 26-28, 2020.

The Endowment Fund will have tables set up displaying and selling wonderful rockhound related items. We would welcome your visits to buy a variety of pieces to support this important Fund.

We will have a roulette wheel where "every spin is a win"! If you would want to volunteer for a two hour work shift, we would be most appreciative! We always have a fun time helping kids of all ages winning at the wheel and assisting grown ups to choose their treasures!

We are holding a high end raffle with winners to be announced at the show. You can buy tickets at your society meetings or at the show. There are some spectacular prizes! Make your plans now to attend. You will have fun and also support the Endowment Fund and the CFMS.

Contact Sharon Rogow, Endowment Chair for information and to volunteer: sharonrr@cox.net or (702) 499-0262.

Just a short message this time! It seems that there has been an issue with the Visual Program listing. It hasn't been included on the web site! Hopefully it is by the time that you are reading this. If not, contact me and I will help with program suggestions. If you email me, please include your phone number so that I can reach you in a timely manner. We have many very worthwhile programs and we would love to share. Sharon Rogow, Chair sharonrr@cox.net (702)499-0272.



BIG CHANGES AT DAVIS CREEK

By Dick Pankey
ALAA Ambassador

Not only at Davis Creek but the entire obsidian area in the Warner Mtn. of the Modoc National Forest. Shirley Lesson sent me an e-mail link from the Forest Service that said "this was found on Facebook, you might want to check it out." So yesterday I checked out the post and learned some things I didn't know about the Forest Service and their procedures and vocabulary, the changes at Davis Creek that have happened and why they happened, and changes to come and when they will happen.

It all started with the FB post: "No obsidian mining for 2020 season" for both commercial and recreational purposes. The post listed the District Ranger, Lisa Spahr as the contact for more information. I called the Modoc National Forest office in Alturas, CA and got Ranger Spahr's voice mail. I left my contact information, reason for my call and requested that she call me when she could. After leaving the voice mail I was given the option to return to the switch board so I took it. As would have it Ken Sandusky, Public Affairs Officer answered the call. He recognized my name and the CFMS because he participated with the Special Use Permit for the CFMS Field Trip in August, 2018. He also was knowledgeable with the issues surrounding suspension of obsidian collecting for 2020. He told me that a permit system needed to be developed for commercial and recreational collecting. This is when my introduction to the "Forest Service double talk" began. I informed Ken that I have 15 to 20 Free Use Permits starting in 1994 issued by the FS. Ken informed me that they were "Free Use Authorizations" not permits to collect obsidian. But said I, on the FS web site they are called Permits, on the Free Use Authorization they are called a permit so I was always had the understanding they were permits because FS personnel always had referred to them as "Obsidian Collecting Permits". Ken's final words to me were "no they are not permits they are Authorizations."

Since Ranger Spahr was the person in authority that I needed to talk to I soon recognized that this was a discussion that I would not and did not need to prevail. I requested that Ken pass on my contact information and have Ranger Spahr call me. And waited for her call which came fairly soon. Even though Ranger

Spahr was away from her office when my request had been conveyed to her and she called me post haste. This is what I learned from Ranger Spahr: There is high demand for commercial quantities of Davis Creek obsidian, especially by overseas customers; commercial mining has created an unsustainable demand for such large quantities; impact has increased due to overseas purchasers; theft and illegal mining activities have increased substantially. In addition the FS is in contact with a judge that has deemed the current "Free Use Authorization" (for recreational collecting) and the "Obsidian Mgmt. Plan - May 2015 (for commercial collecting) to not be adequate for the FS to control and manage the obsidian resources at Davis Creek in a sustainable manner. Ranger Spahr went on to say that FS personnel will be working with stakeholders to identify the concerns and effects. "This will allow the forest, Warner Mountain Ranger District, partners and communities to assess the situation and put plans into place for a more-sustainable program." I requested Ranger Spahr add me to her list of interested and involved people and as a stakeholder.

My take away from all of this is: there has been theft and abuse of recreational and commercial obsidian collecting at Davis Creek; There will be no recreational and commercial obsidian collecting at Davis Creek in 2020. A new plan for recreational and commercial collecting will be developed and implemented; we as ALAA, as rockhounds and frequent collectors of Davis Creek obsidian need to closely monitor and participate in this planning process.

The final thing that I learned it that the FS is heavily relying on social media - Face Book and Twitter to alert and communicate with the public. ALAA, the federation PLAC Committees and all interested and concerned users of our public land need to solicit people to monitor Forest Service FB and Twitter sites and alert the appropriate people in their respective groups of announcements and activity.



TO ALL ROCKHOUNDS AND FRIENDS
—
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

An Historic Petroglyph was stolen from the El Paso Mountains and your help is needed to find it! Be On the Look Out (BOLO) for any signs of the article and HELP to return it to its home!

The Sunburst Petroglyph was stolen from the El Paso Mountains near Ridgecrest, California. The Bureau of Land Management's Ridgecrest Field Office is offering up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for stealing the petroglyph.

If you have any information regarding the person(s) involved in this crime, you are encouraged to call WeTip immediately at 1-800-782-7463. For more information contact the Ridgecrest BLM Field Office at (760) 384-5400.



BLM photo

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PROVIDING PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

By Fred Ott

From time-to-time, we may be asked to provide someone with a proof of liability insurance' for such activities as rockhounding on private property/claim or using a facility (such as a fairgrounds or school for a show).

One of the benefits of the Federation's insurance policy is that the \$1 Million of liability insurance coverage applies to any sanctioned society event at which fewer than 500 people will be in attendance at no additional premium. For events (such as rock-and-gem shows) where 500-or-more people will be in attendance, there is an additional premium (which is determined by providing McDaniel Insurance Services a completed form called a **Special Event Questionnaire** which is found on the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org).

For the owners of property who require a 'written document' to confirm the existence of the \$1 Million of coverage, the 'proof' of liability insurance is a document called a 'certificate of insurance' which is issued by the insurance company through its agent/broker (in our situation, by McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.). The form can be found on the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org and, when completed, can be emailed or faxed to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc.

On occasion, the owner of the property may insist upon being named an "Additional Insured" together with the Certificate of Insurance. In such circumstances, there must be a 'written agreement' between the owner and your society requiring such Additional Insured endorsement and such document needs to be provided to McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. when requesting a certificate of insurance.

For further information, please go to the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org, and click on insurance forms on the home page. You then click on the desired form.

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WHAT IS A 501 (C) 3?

By Don Warthen, JD, GG.

In the CFMS most of our societies are organized as a 501 (c) (3), but how many people out there really know what that means?

A 501(c) organization is a nonprofit organization under the federal law of the United States according to 26 U.S.C. § 501 and is one of 29 types of nonprofit organizations which are exempt from some federal income taxes. Sections 503 through 505 set out the requirements for attaining such exemptions. Many states refer to Section 501(c) for definitions of organizations exempt from state taxation as well. 501(c) organizations can receive unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations, and unions. Please note that you must also organize under state law also.

For example, a nonprofit organization may be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) if its primary activities are charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering amateur sports competition, preventing cruelty to children, or preventing cruelty to animals.

An organization can be a corporation, trust, unincorporated association, or other type of organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code. It is the most common type of nonprofit organization in the United States.

One of the benefits of being a 501 (c) 3 is that most people, or originations, that make donations to the society may deduct that donation from their income tax. 26 U.S.C. § 170, provides a deduction, for federal income tax purposes, for some donors who make charitable contributions to most types of 501(c)(3) organizations, among others. Regulations specify that such deductions must be verifiable to be allowed (e.g., receipts for donations over \$250). Please note that donations made to other organizations e.g. 501 (c)(5) may not be deductible.

Books of Accounting and Other Types of Records

All tax-exempt organizations, including churches, religious organizations, and Rock Societies are required to maintain books of accounting and other records necessary to justify their claim for exemption in the

event of an audit. Tax-exempt organizations are also required to maintain books and records that are necessary to accurately file any federal tax and information returns that may be required.

There is no specific format for keeping records. However, the types of required records frequently include organizing documents (charter, constitution, articles of incorporation) and bylaws, minute books, property records, general ledgers, receipts and disbursements journals, payroll records, banking records and invoices. The extent of the records necessary generally varies according to the type, size and complexity of the organization's activities.

The loss of 501(c)(3) status can be highly disruptive if not fatal to the organizations continued operation, most cities that allow our societies the use of their community centers at greatly reduced fees, or no cost will no longer give you the use of these buildings and banks that wave fees for non-profits will no longer wave these fees, many foundations and corporate matching programs do not grant funds to a charity without such status, and individual donors often do not donate to such a charity due to the unavailability of the deduction but worst of all is if you are a non-profit corporation that corporation will become a C corporation and in the state of California you will owe \$800 a year in minimum tax, even if you lose money that year.

Some of the other types of organizations:

- 501 (c)(1) Federal Credit Unions
 - 501 (c)(2) Title-holding Corporations
 - 501(c)(4) Civic Leagues and Employee Associations, etc.
 - 501(c)(5) Labor, Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations
 - 501(c)(6) Business Leagues, Chambers of Commerce, Real Estate Boards, etc.
- And so on.

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Note from the editor: Clubs are reminded that they are required to file a form 990, 990EZ or 990N to the IRS by the 15th day of the 4th month following the end of their fiscal year. If a calendar year, the filing deadline is May 15 without an extension. If you are a California club you are required to file a similar form to the FTB. If needed you can file for a 6 month extension to file.

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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Show or Event as soon as possible

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SHOW DATES

Use the Online Show Form

at www.cfmsinc.org

(click on Shows)

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

2020

April 3, 4, 5; Vista, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
2040 N Santa Fe Ave
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Nancy Bird, 760-659-6545
Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 4-5; Chico, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Silver Dollar Fair Grounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4
Contact: Trish Haggerty, 530-966-5112
Email: hagboyz5@gmail.com
Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 4-5; Reno, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc
Reno Convention Center
4390 S Virginia St.
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Daniel Ellis; 775-229-2442
Email: greybeard65@hotmail.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

April 11 - 12: MARIPOSA, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan, 559-868-3535
Email: mcmc@sti.net
Web Site: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 18-19; Newbury Park, CA
Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
46th Pageant of a Thousand Gems
Borchard Community Park
190 N Reino Rd
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Lawrence Killough; 818-857-8216
Email: ikofagoura@gmail.com
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 18-19; Paso Robles, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Theme: Amazing Agates
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, 805-610-0603
Email: slrockhounds@gmail.com
Website: www.slrockhounds.org/show

April 25-26; Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Inspiration Unearthed
62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W Duarte Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell, 727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: www.pasadenalapidary.org

April 25-26; Lancaster, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H
Hours: Sat 9-5; Sun 9-4
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom
661-406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem@weebly.com

May 1-3; Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
YVGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street
Hours: Fri 6-9, Sat 12-9, Sun 12-6
Contact: Lee Peterson;
Email: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 2-3; Anaheim, CA
Searcher's Gem and Mineral Society, Inc
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30
Contact: Kim Strange
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 2-3; Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Kennedy Mine
Off Hwy 49-88, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd
Hours: 10-4 Daily
Contact: Cheryl Smith; 209-296-4061
Email: mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website:
www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 2-3; Bakersfield, CA
Kern County Mineral Society
Kern Rock and Gem Festival
Kern County Veteran's Hall
2101 Ridge Rd
Hours: Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4
Contact: Cathy Collett
Email twinkl2@bak.rr.com
Website: NA

June 26-28; Lodi, CA
81st CFMS Show & Convention
California Federation of Mineralogical
Societies
Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 E Lockeford Street
Contact: Margaret Kolaczyk
Email: markolaczyk@email.com
Contact: Pat LaRue
Email: bplarue@earthlink.net

June 27-28; Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
59th Annual CCRMC Fiesta of Gems
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: Janice Metz 310-850-4398
Email: NA
Website: culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm

August 15-16; Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Annual Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show
500 East "F" Street
Hours: 9-5 Daily
Contact: Ronald Myrick; 661-972-1117
Email: tehachapivgms@outlook.com
Website: www.tvgms.org

September 12-13; Arroyo Grande, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Gems By The Sea
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Mary Rafferty 805-458-9350
Email: show@slogem.org
Website: www.slogem.org/show

September 26-27; Lancaster, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave H
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Allison McClung; 661-839-7403
Email: ali_cares@aol.com
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.org

September 26-27th; Lodi, CA
Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club
Earth Treasures Gems Minerals, & Jewelry Show
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford St
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: NA
Email: NA
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.org

October 10-11; Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
Gem-O-Rama
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-3
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild; 760-372-5356
Email: email-slgms@iwvisp.com
Website:
<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

October 11: Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W Alvarado St
Hours: 9-4 Daily
Contact: Michelle Shearer; 760-805-2184
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 31-Nov 1; Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
84th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger, 916-662-5819
Email:
gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: www.sacgemshow.com

November 14-15; Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
29th Annual Festival of Gems & Mineral
442 Franklin Hall
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita; 916-677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttesgemmin.org

National/Regional Shows:

California Federation
June 26-28, 2020
81st CFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by CFMS
413 E Lockeford Street,
Lodi, California

Eastern Federation
March, 27-29, 2020
Hosted by Catawba Valley GMS
Hickory Metro Convention Center
1960 13th Ave De. SE
Hickory, NC
Hours: Fri and Sat 9-6,
Sun 10-5
Larry Huffman, CVGMC EFMLS
Liaison

Midwest Federation
Sept 18-20, 2020
Howell, MI
Hosted by Livingston Gem & Mineral Club

Northwest Federation
Rocky Mountain Federation
Big Piney, WY
South Central Federation
Oct 10-11, 2020
In Conjunction with the 51st
Gem and Mineral Show of the
Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society
Mayborn Civic and Convention Center
3303 N 3rd St
Temple, TX
Hours: Sat 9-6; Sun 10-5
Contact: David Farhie; 512-826-2754
Email: dfarhie@gmail.com

Southeast Federation
AFMS
October 16-18, 2020
Knoxville, TN

2021 AFMS Show
Rocky Mountain Federation
So. Jordan, UT
April 21-25, 2021

2022 AFMS Show
South Central Federation
January 29-30, 2022

**EACH CLUB/SOCIETY SHOW
SHOULD BE LISTED HERE**

**DON'T FORGET TO UP-
DATE YOUR CLUB
WEBSITE WITH YOUR
NEW SHOW DATE**

**Check for show links at
www.cfmsinc.org/shows**

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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.

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The CFMS Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. All donations remain as principal and only earnings are available for distribution to the CFMS. The Fund is open to receive most types of assets.

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Lodi, CA



10am – 5pm Friday & Saturday

10am – 4pm Sunday

Educational Exhibits
Speakers

Demonstrators
Dealers

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