

## From the President's Pen

I had a bit of a surprise today when I went outside and was greeted with the sun shining and a bit of blue too. It is good to know we are receiving some of that much needed moisture, but we still need more.

With less than two months to go before our annual show, it is reassuring to see some of the enthusiasm our members are showing in their preparations. If we all keep our focus all the way to the show weekend, we may have one of the best shows ever. Our "Golden Anniversary" marks quite a milestone for the club. We have come a long way since the club began fifty years ago. Our membership continues to grow at a steady rate. We have been having record numbers of new students taking the cabochon class and joining the club. We are doing something right! Now for the next fifty years...can we maintain?

The Rookie Rock Rollers are putting on the program at our next Educational Meeting (in March). Last year it was great to see such an energetic group of young people and I heard they are going to outdo themselves this year. This is such a great program for our youth, better than when I was growing up. Remember that they will be taking over the reins when we are too old to go out and dig for rocks anymore.

Please keep in mind that we are looking for someone to take over as leader of the Rookie Rock Rollers. Cathy Hutchings wants to let someone else have a chance to make a difference in the lives of our juniors. Won't you consider taking on this rewarding position? Feel free to give me a call and accept this important position.

Hope you all have a good month.

-- Jon North

## Vice President's Viewpoint

Thank-you to Jim Hutchings and Jon North for a very fun presentation on Quartzsite last month. We had lots of laughs!

This month we will be treated to the PREMIERE presentation of "Meteorite and Tektite Mimicry in Terrestrial Rocks." (AKA don't get fooled by rocks from the earth that only LOOK like they came from outer space!) This is the third in a series of presentations by J. Timothy Unruh. Tim presented the first two (on Meteorites and Tektites) at our educational meetings last year. Tim's talks are always lively and entertaining as well as highly educational, and he tells me he's had a lot of fun preparing for this one. So we hope you won't miss it!

-- Lindy Summers-Bair

## Educational Program for February 9, 2010

"Meteorite and Tektite Mimicry  
in Terrestrial Rocks"

Presenter: Tim Unruh



[Photo from Tim's last presentation]

## THINGS TO DO AT THIS MEETING!

**PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**BRING YOUR RAFFLE DONATIONS**  
**BRING YOUR AUCTION DONATIONS**  
**PICK UP SHOW FLYERS**  
**SIGN UP TO WORK AT THE SHOW!**

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## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2010

**Call to Order** by President Jon North at 7:08 p.m.

**Flag Salute.**

**Present:** 66 members, 2 juniors and 4 guests.

**Announcements** – If you are renewing your membership, it is now past due, and there is a \$3.00 late fee.

**Sunshine** – No report. Margarita Banda & Marietta Rubien are stepping down from this position, and we need a Sunshine Chair replacement.

**Rookies** – Cathy Hutchings wants to step down as Junior Advisor for the group, so we would like a replacement.

**Treasurer, Secretary, Federation Director** – No reports.

**Correspondence** – The club received an invitation from Snyder Ranch to the Pow Wow on May 7-8-9. It will be their 36<sup>th</sup> Pow Wow. RRR will have a booth there. Next year, the date will be changed from May to September, and the location will be moved to a spot across the road.

**Programs** – Lindy Summers-Bair reported that February's program will be Tim Unruh's third and final program about Tektites. In March, the program will be the Rookie Rock Rollers' PowerPoint presentations on fluorite, obsidian, quartz, sulfur and garnet. These are very sophisticated programs that are better than most of us adults can produce!

**Field Trips** – Jim Hutchings talked about the "Stories in Stone" lectures at Calaveras Jan. 24.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karla Shannon went over the procedures for checking out books and magazines. She received a thank you note from Sacramento State's Geology Club for RRR members' donations to their auction in November.

**Show Chair** – Jim Hutchings said the Mother Lode Goldhounds want to set up a gold panning booth at our Show. He asked for member sign-ups to work at our Show.

**Gem Faire** – Jim Barton asked members to sign up to work at our booth at the Gem Faire on Feb. 5-6-7. This is a great opportunity to advertise our upcoming show.

**Lapidary Shop** – Don Evans said three new people have signed up for the basic cabbing class.

**Silent Auction** – Erik and Debra Anspaugh took over since Hugh Brady was out of town.

**Old Business** –

Information about the rock and equipment sale in Yankee Hill was available for those interested.

**New Business** –

We need chairs! Not the kind you sit on, but people who will take over and run the positions of Sunshine Chair, Lapidary Class Coordinator, and Junior Advisor.

Carol Ebbitt said that there would be a gold panning program for juniors at Mt. Vernon on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 2:00.

The book "Modern Rock Tumbling" is available for sale at a discount price of \$20.

**Program** – A video DVD on Quartzsite, presented with a talk beforehand by Jim Hutchings, and also a slide show of world-famous rocks.

**Break for Refreshments**

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING JANUARY 26, 2010

**Call to Order** by President Jon North at 7:12 p.m.

**Present:** 8 officers and 1 guest, Don Evans.

**Minutes** – a motion was MSA to approve the minutes as published for the Board Meeting on December 15, 2009, and for the Educational Meeting on January 12, 2010.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak reported she received four bills, two for shop supplies from Jerry Wilkerson (total \$63.76) one for library materials (\$26.98) from Librarian Karla Shannon and one from Vice President Lindy Summers-Bair for Silent Auction rock purchases (\$433.25).

**Membership** – a motion was MSA to approve applications for membership from Stacy & Steve Sage.

**Correspondence** – a Christmas card was received from Stephanie & Jasmine Chan; also an offer to join the Mariposa Museum.

**Vice President** – Lindy Summers-Bair said Tim Unruh will be giving his presentation of "Meteorite and Tektite Mimicry in Terrestrial Rocks" in February.

**Librarian-Historian** – Karla Shannon reported she has been reorganizing the books and has given a list of new books to be added to the list on the website.

**Website/Bulletin** – Terry Yoschak will update and revise the website. The Bulletin deadline is January 29.

**Field Trips** – Jim Hutchings and Jon North said the Nevada County club would like us to join them for a trip to the William Keck Museum in Reno on March 20. This is awfully close to our show date, so attendance may be low for our club members.

**Federation Director** – Rolf Zschoernig has not received any new information. The next Directors' meeting will be held at the CFMS show in June.

**Lapidary Classes** – Jon North reported he hopes to schedule a "Beading with Cabochons" class on Saturday, February 20, but that might conflict with one of our Show work parties.

**Show** – Jim Hutchings reported that he is working on getting other gold displays, since we can't get the Mariposa Museum display. He and Jon North will speak to various individuals who have had gold exhibits in the past. The Mother Lode Goldhounds may bring a mining display. Gloria Marie is still working with Wells Fargo to get their stagecoach. We can't get the horses, since we're not having a parade. But if we get the stagecoach, it could possibly go on the stage. She is also requesting their gold display. She is working on a presentation for KCRA with photos and a 10-second TV ad, plus a banner ad on the KCRA.com website. This would all cost around \$2500, which would have to be paid by mid-February.

**Shop** – Don Evans reported that there are two new students.

**Directors** – Nothing to report.

**Old Business** –

**Gem Faire** – We still need more sign-ups.

**Raffle Tickets** – Ready to sell at February meeting.

**Workers for Show** – Sign-ups will be on-going at the February meeting.

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**New Business –**

**Snyder's Pow Wow** – We will have a booth there, but do we want to allow members to sell their items? They would need a resellers' license. No decision made.

**New Sunshine Chair** – Cyndy Burchard has agreed to serve in this position.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Yoschak, RRR Acting Secretary



## February Show Meeting

The next Show meeting will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in our club Lapidary Workshop at the Roseville Fairgrounds. All members are welcome to attend.

## February Board Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 7:00 pm, in the club Lapidary Shop at the fairgrounds.



## February Refreshments

Refreshments for the February 9 Educational meeting are to be provided by Mary Ann Ramos, Debra Anspaugh, Nettie Moore, Margareta Oleachea, Jim Barton & Nancy Hood. Thank you all in advance!

**We would appreciate if each family would sign up and bring a refreshment once in 2010.**



## Sunshine

Thanks to Cyndy Burchard for becoming our new Sunshine Chair!

A sympathy card has been sent to Florence Brady, whose stepfather died in January.

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact Cyndy at 530-346-9481.



## Thank You!

Thank you to all those who donated items to the Prize Tree, including John Shoemaker, Susan Balog for four faux turquoise pendants, Iris Geiser for necklaces, and Cyndy Burchard for a Mexican lace angel pin.

## Welcome New Members

Steve & Stacy Sage

Thanks for joining our club! We hope you will find many rewards and many friends among those who share our wonderful hobby!

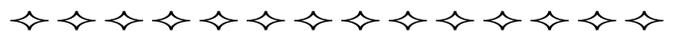
## Rookie Rock Roller News



The Rookie Rock Rollers will hold their next meeting at 5:30 February 9 at the RRR shop on the Roseville fairgrounds.

We will discuss our upcoming presentations at the general meeting in March and what we would like to do for the RRR annual show. We will work on other rock related activities as time allows and hope to see you there!

*Cathy Hutchings 530-367-5108  
Ron Riebeek 916-771-8619*



## What Do Gold and Diamonds Have in Common?

by Celia Tiffany

- Diamond (a form of carbon) and gold are both classified as Native Elements in the Periodic Table of the Elements: that is they are among the few elements that occur in the Earth's crust in a relatively pure, uncombined form
- Both crystallize in the cubic system.
- Both most commonly occur as octahedral crystals.
- Large deposits of each have been mined in South Africa and in Australia
- Both are highly valued for use in jewelry, science, and industry.
- Both have inspired exploration, exploitation, and brutal conquests.
- Both are outrageously overpriced, but diamonds set in gold remain popular as a pledge of fidelity.

*from The Geode, 9/99, via Washington State Mineral Council 6/04*

## Annual Show Auction and Raffle



Our show time in March is fast approaching!

After several years of tapping our donated collections, we've gone through most of our best material. Now is the time for you to **look through your "rock pile" and think about making**

**or donating something to the Silent Auction and/or Raffle.**

When considering items to donate ask yourself if the item is something you'd buy if you didn't already have it in your collection, or something you'd be happy to win as a raffle or door prize?

Our Auctions seldom go to commercial values, so please don't purchase material. However, if you do see a bargain or a collection that is being liquidated reasonably, please let us know so we can consider it.

Some of the material the club already has might sell better if it were worked; polished a bit or cabbed. If you are interested in helping with this let one of the Show Committee members know.

Don't forget that material is always needed for our **Kids' Junction activities, grab bags and freebies!** Polished rocks are definitely needed.

The **Raffle needs good prizes** too! In the past, the club has received many good donations from members; principally rock, gem or mineral related, and it still appreciates these. At other recent shows there have been mounted pictures, etchings, overnight stays, gift baskets and a wide variety of goodies. If you have business contacts, relatives or friends who might make a donation, talk to the Raffle Chairs (Gloria Marie, Erik & Debra Anspaugh) and let's broaden our array of prizes.

**Please start bringing your material to the meetings** and give it to Nancy Hood or Jim Barton, or make arrangements with Nancy to have it picked up.

Thank you for helping to make our show a continued success!



-- Nancy Hood, Silent Auction Chair

## Raffle Tickets

The Grand Prize Raffle tickets will be available for pickup during the February 9th meeting!

You can get tickets for yourself and to sell to friends, relatives, neighbors etc. Payment is made when the ticket stubs are returned. (Checks should be payable to RRR.)

**Cost:** 6 tickets for \$5.00 or singles are \$1.00 apiece. Return address labels may be placed on the ticket stubs.



We really need donations for the Grand Prizes and for the Hourly Prizes. Please bring your donation, (labeled with your name), to the Educational Meeting and give it to any club officer. Jewelry; mineral specimens; gift certificates; See's Candies; tools for rockhounding; subscription to a rock magazine, etc. Gift cards, purchased at most grocery stores, make a wonderful prize. Things that you would like to WIN !



## Special Raffle for SHOW WORKERS ONLY!

Everyone who completes a 4-hour shift working for our show will receive a special raffle ticket. In addition, **those who work Setup or Takedown shifts will receive two raffle tickets per shift worked.**

All these tickets will be thrown into a special raffle drum, and the drawing will be at the Educational Meeting following the Show, on Tuesday, April 13.



Chairpersons who supervise any area of the show will **NOT** be eligible to receive these tickets -- they are for club workers only! But you need to work to have a chance to win!

**SIGN UP NOW**, at the February 9th meeting.

# California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

## Field Trips – North Seminar

# Establishing a Land Claim

**Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010**

**Location: Empire Grange Meeting Hall  
98 "I" Street, Empire, CA 95319**

**Hosted by: Mother Lode Mineral Society**

**Schedule:**

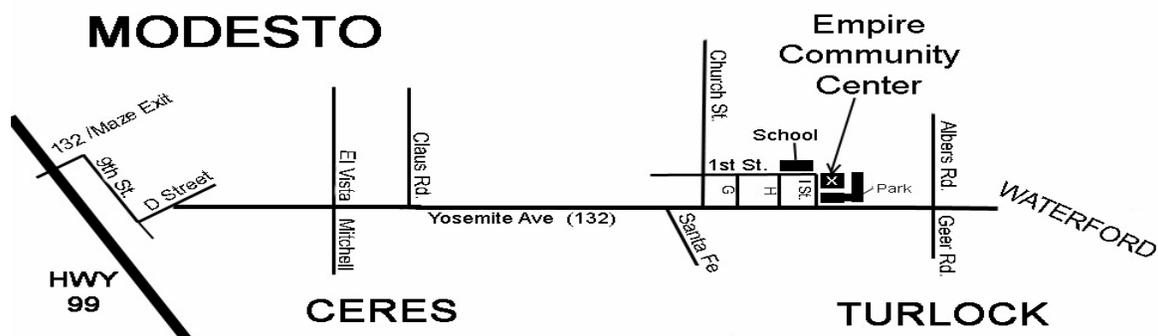
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and coffee
9:00 – 12:00	Seminar presentations
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Conclude Seminar presentations

**Cost: The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 (payable at registration), which includes coffee and tea, and a lunch of hot dogs with all of the trimmings, potato salad, chips and a beverage.**

The agenda for this seminar will include:

- Why and who should file claims.
- The experiences of current CFMS societies that have claims.
- Liability and insurance issues.
- Use of claims to have and maintain access to rockhounding areas.
- What your society can do.
- How to stake a claim, establish and file a claim with the county and BLM.
- Claim Filing deadlines, Assessment Work, and Intent to Hold
- Where and how to get information about claims and claimed land.
- Answers to your questions.

Seminar speakers will include Dick Pankey, Bud McMillin and Gregg Wilkerson, BLM Claim Specialist. This seminar is for societies who have questions about land claims, for societies that want to have a land claim, and for all rockhounds that are interested in land claims. This seminar is for all rockhounds who collect on BLM and Forest Service land. All CFMS society members and guests are welcome. Please reserve your place at this seminar by notifying Bud McMillin at [bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com](mailto:bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com) or at 209-527-8000 (work) or 209-524-3494 (home) no later than April 16<sup>th</sup>.



Take Hwy. 99 to Modesto; take the Maze Blvd/Hwy 132 exit; turn east to 9th St.; turn right (south) on 9th to "D" St.; turn left and follow it to Hwy 132 (Yosemite Blvd.); go 5 miles to Empire, cross R.R. track, cross 2 signal lights; go 2 blocks farther to "I" St.; turn left at Assembly of God church; go 2 blocks to the Center on the right.

# The Power of Gold:

The History of an Obsession, by Peter L. Bernstein

People have become intoxicated, obsessed, haunted, humbled, and exalted over pieces of metal called gold. Gold has motivated entire societies, torn economies to shreds, determined the fate of kings and emperors, inspired the most beautiful works of art, provoked horrible acts by one people against another, and driven men to endure intense hardship in the hope of finding instant wealth and annihilating uncertainty.

"Oh, most excellent gold!" observed Columbus while on his first voyage to America. "Who has gold has a treasure [that] even helps souls to paradise." As gold's unquenchable beauty shines like the sun, people have turned to it to protect themselves against the darkness ahead.

When Pindar in the fifth century BC described gold as "a child of Zeus, neither moth or rust devoureth it, but the mind of man is devoured by this supreme possession," he set forth the whole story in one sentence.

**Gold's most mysterious incongruity is within the metal itself.** It is so malleable that you can shape it in any way you wish; even the most primitive of people were able to create beautiful objects out of gold. Moreover, gold is imperishable. You can do anything you want with it and to it, but you cannot make it disappear. Iron ore, cow's milk, sand, and even computer blips are all convertible into something so different from their original state as to be unrecognizable. This is not the case with gold. Every piece of gold reflects the same qualities. The gold in the earring, the gold applied to the halo in a fresco, the gold in the dome of the Massachusetts State House, the gold flecks on Notre Dame's football helmets, and the gold bars hidden away in America's official cookie jar at Fort Knox are all made of the same stuff.

Despite the complex obsessions it has created, gold is wonderfully simple in its essence. Its chemical symbol AU derives from aurora, which means "shining dawn," but despite the glamorous suggestion of AU, **gold is chemically inert.** That explains why its radiance is forever. In Cairo, you will find a tooth bridge made of gold for an Egyptian 4500 years ago, its condition good enough to go into your mouth today. Gold is extraordinarily dense; a cubic foot of it weighs half a ton. In 1875, the English economist Stanley Jevons observed that the £20 million in transactions that cleared the London Bankers' Clearing House each day would weigh about 157 tons if paid in gold coin "and would require eighty horses for conveyance." The density of gold means that even very small amounts can function as money of large denominations.

**Gold is almost as soft as putty.** The gold on Venetian glasses was hammered down to as little as five-millionths of an inch - a process known as gilding. In an unusually creative use of gilding, King Ptolemy II of Egypt (285-246 BC) has a polar bear from his zoo lead festive processions in which the bear was preceded by a group of men carrying a gilded phallus 180 feet tall. You could draw an ounce of gold into a wire fifty miles in length, or, if you prefer, you could beat that ounce into a sheet that would cover 100 square feet.

Unlike any other elements on earth, **almost all the gold ever mined is still around,** much of it now in museums bedecking statues of the ancient gods and their furniture or in numismatic displays, some on the pages of illustrated manuscripts, some in gleaming bars buried in the dark cellars of central banks, a lot of it on fingers, ears, and teeth. There is a residue that rests quietly in shipwrecks at the bottom of the seas. If you piled all this gold in one solid cube, you could fit it aboard any of today's great oil tankers; its total weight would amount to approximately 125,000 tons, an insignificant volume that the U.S. steel industry turns out in just a few hours; the industry has the capacity to turn out 120 million tons a year. The ton of steel commands \$550 - .02 cents an ounce but the 125,000 tons of gold would be worth a trillion dollars at today's prices.

Is that not strange? Out of steel, we can build office towers, ships, automobiles, containers, and machinery of all types; out of gold, we can build nothing. And yet it is gold we call the precious metal. We yearn for gold and yawn at steel. When all the steel has rusted and rotted, and forever after that, your great cube of gold will still look like new. That is the kind of longevity we all dream of.

**Stubborn resistance to oxidation, unusual density, and ready malleability** - these simple natural attributes explain all there is to the romance of gold.

Only time can tell whether gold as a store of monetary value is truly dead and buried, but one thing is certain: the motivations of greed and fear, as well as the longings for power and for beauty, that drive men to own gold are alive and well at this very moment. Consequently, the story of gold is as much the story of our own time as it is a tale out of the past.

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**Mother Lode Mineral Society's**  
**ROCK & GEM SHOW**  
**MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Saturday 10 am-6 pm  
 Sunday 10 am-5 pm  
 Admission \$5.00 - 12 & under free

- Dinosaur & Fossil Exhibits
- Kids Activities
- Demonstrations
- Great Food
- Gem & Mineral Dealers
- Educational Exhibits
- Fluorescent Display
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**Turlock Fairgrounds**  
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 Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin 209-524-3494

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 \* BEADS \* FOSSILS \* GEMSTONES \*

**Gem and Mineral Show**  
**Roseville Rock Rollers**  
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**Golden Jubilee**  
**"NATURE'S WONDERS"**

March 27 & 28, 2010

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 10 am - 4 pm  
 Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds  
 800 All America City Blvd., Roseville, CA

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**Did You Know????**

**The Popcorn Mineral....** Perlite, "the popcorn mineral," is one of the most surprising actors in the entire mineral kingdom. It is a highly hydrated variety of volcanic lava. When brought quickly to high temperature (1600-1700 degrees F) it expands with almost explosive volume. It can expand as much as 20 times its original volume. One railroad car load of crushed perlite produces 10 - 12 carloads of material when expanded. It is used in potting soil and light weight plaster. The best United States deposits are found in Nevada and New Mexico.

-- *Hard Rock News 4/03, Strata Gem 5/06*



**February Calendar**

	1 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	2 	3 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	4 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	5 GEM FAIRE Noon-7:00 pm	6 GEM FAIRE 10:00 am-6:00 pm
7 GEM FAIRE 10:00 am-5:00 pm	8 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	9 Meetings: Rookies 5:30 pm Club 7:00 pm	10 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	11 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	12	13
14 	15 <b>NO</b> <b>Classes</b> 	16 SHOW Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	18 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	19	20
21	22 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	23 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm	24 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	25 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	26	27
28					Birthstone: Amethyst	

## Upcoming CO-OP Member and Other Field Trips

(Contact your club's field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org)). All non-CFMS members must have proof of personal liability insurance (renters or homeowners policy). These trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.

2010 TRIPS	
Apr. 2-4	Black Butte Reservoir, CA for various jaspers. <i>Mother Lode MS</i> , Al Troglin
Apr. 9-10	Stonyford, CA for jaspers, agates. <i>Sutter Buttes</i> , Gerry Hill
Apr. 17-18	Fallon, NV for leaves in rhyolite. <i>Fossils for Fun</i> , Debbie Bunn
Apr. 24	Claims Seminar, "How to File a Mining Claim," hosted by <i>Mother Lode MS &amp; CFMS</i>
May 15-16	Majuba Mtn, NV for minerals. <i>Nevada Co. GMS</i> , Vicki Black
May 22-23	Talapoosa Mtn, NV for agate. <i>El Dorado MGS</i> , Ron Stone
May 29-31	Blue Forest, Wyoming for petrified wood. <i>AFMS Inter-Regional</i> , Doug True
July 3, 4, 5	Petersen Pk., Virginia City for quartz crystals. <i>Sutter Buttes</i> , Gerry Hill
Oct. 2	Griffith Quarry, Penryn, CA for Quarry Tour. <i>Lincoln Hills GMS</i> , Ron Clawson
Oct. 9-10	Fernley, NV for various minerals. <i>Sutter Buttes</i> , Gerry Hill
Oct. 23-24	New York Canyon, NV for epidote, copper minerals, microcline. <i>Roseville Rock Rollers</i> , Jim Hutchings
Nov. 7	Black Butte Reservoir for jasper. <i>El Dorado MGS</i> , Ron Stone
Nov. 24-28 TG week	To Be Announced. <i>Mother Lode Mineral Club</i> , Al Troglin
<b>Check this page in the bulletin each month for more trips &amp; updated information.</b>	

## Upcoming Northern California Shows

**March 5-6-7 2010, Newark, CA**  
 Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley  
 Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue  
 Hours: Fri & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
 Larry Ham (510) 887-9007  
 Email: [showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
 Website: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

**March 13-14 2010, Spreckels, CA**  
 Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
 Veteran's Memorial Hall, 5th & Liano Streets  
 Hours: 10-5 daily  
 Ernie DeFever (831) 422-3422  
 Email: [minimad64@comcast.net](mailto:minimad64@comcast.net)  
 Website: [salinasrockandgem.com](http://salinasrockandgem.com)

**March 13-14 2010, Turlock, CA**  
 Mother Lode Mineral Society  
 Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds, 900 N Broadway  
 Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5  
 Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494  
 Email: [terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
 Website: [www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

**March 20-21 2010, Vallejo, CA**  
 Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
 Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
 Phyllis Malacki (707) 745-3255  
 Email: [Vgms01@yahoo.com](mailto:Vgms01@yahoo.com)  
 Website: [www.iwired.org](http://www.iwired.org)

**March 27-28 2010, Roseville, CA**  
 Roseville Rock Rollers  
 Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds  
 800 All American City Blvd.  
 Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4  
 Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114  
 Email: [gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)



**April 10-11, 2010, Paradise, CA**  
 Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
 Elks Lodge  
 6309 Clark Road  
 Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
 Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
 Email: [mmpg@earthlink.net](mailto:mmpg@earthlink.net)

(Second in a Series)

In honor of our club's 50th anniversary, we are reprinting articles which appeared in very early issues of *The Rollin' Rock*. They are reprinted exactly as they first appeared, with only typos corrected. Some articles have been condensed because of space considerations. **Keep in mind that information in these articles may be outdated.** -- Editor

### Gold and Serpentine

appeared in April 1965

All clubs in the California Federation last year received information regarding the selection of a state mineral and a state rock. Clubs were asked to vote on selections and send in their choices on a form.

This information was sent to a committee chaired by Dr. Ian Campbell, Chief, Division of Mines and Geology, and composed of members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the Academy of Sciences, along with others from the Division of Mines and Geology.

Senator Luther E. Gibson, Senator for Solano County, on January 27, 1965, introduced Senate Bill #265. It reads, in part: "Native gold is the official State Mineral and mineralogic emblem".... "Serpentine is the official State Rock and lithologic emblem." The bill was proposed by and has the support of the California Federation.

After analysis in committee it was slated to come before the Senate March 17, 1965. But prior to this date through Federation channels Robert Humphrey, President of Sacramento Mineral Society was contacted, and it was planned that members of gem and mineral clubs in the Sacramento area would be asked to prepare gifts of serpentine to use as conversation pieces and paper weights. It was an interesting project.

President Humphrey asked the secretary of the Sacramento Mineral Society, Mrs. Lillian Coleman, if she would assume leadership in this very worthwhile project, and she accepted the challenge. Cooperation was wonderful and soon lovely, variously shaped, partly polished specimens began to come in. They were beautifully finished on top, but also showed areas in the rough, sanded or just partly sanded. All this necessitated securing the serpentine by various members, then the sawing, grinding, sanding and the final polishing . . . forty specimens in all. It was a thrill to see them all together.

Mrs. Coleman is Past Secretary of the California

Federation and a Past President of Sacramento Mineral Society. She is also a Charter member of the Roseville Rock Rollers and Amador County Gem & Mineral Society.

Other participating clubs were Valley Rock Rustlers and the Carmichael Gem & Mineral Society.

### Senate Bill 265 Signed

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Gold has been made officially the California state mineral and serpentine the state rock.

As secretary of the Sacramento Mineral Society, I had been asked by President Robert Humphrey to chair a committee to prepare specimens of serpentine and to acquaint legislators with the rock and its abundance in California. This was done. A report appeared last month in the *ROLLIN' ROCK*.

I received an invitation to be present at the signing by Governor Edmund G. Brown when the date was set. A few selected specimens of serpentine including a cabochon for Mrs. Brown and a bolo tie, the slide of which was a beautiful polished slab of gold ore from the Mother Lode for the Governor, were prepared, the gold being from my personal collection.

Present at the signing of the bill were Senator Gibson and Assemblyman Young. Deputy Attorney General Raymond M. Momboisse, representing the Historical Society, was also in the group.

It was indeed a wonderful experience and I am most happy to have in a small way been a part of this historical event. . . another California first.

The Governor was pleased with the gifts, souvenirs of the occasion, and thanked me for all of the members of the clubs who assisted. Letters will be sent to clubs later.

Pictures were taken during the signing, and later as we discussed the gold and serpentine, the Governor presented me the pen he used. Lucky me!

— Lillian Coleman, Sec. SMS

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