



## From the President's Pen

Folks, I personally am at a crossroads as to how do we proceed for the remainder of this year. As things are presently, there looks to be no end in sight. So I want to propose a simple request to our members as to how this pans out.

I would like to request an email response from our members as to whether we proceed each month to try and hold an educational meeting, or subside for this period until further notice from the state, country or whatever entity identifies the coast is clear. I am not looking for a short life story as to why or why not we should hold the educational meeting. Just a simple "Yes, I would attend if a meeting is pulled together"; or "No, I will not attend till some future date."

I propose that if I get 20% (40 persons) or more of the society requesting that I look to pull together an educational meeting, I will gladly put forth the effort each month to do so. However, if the interest is just not there, I do not see the reason to spin our wheels to create this frustration each month. This is also applicable to the juniors and their parents that are involved in our society. The juniors' meeting would be held prior to our educational meeting each month and our pursuit would be to hold their gathering within the larger hall, not our trailer.

Please consider my proposal carefully; this does not lock anyone into a commitment to have to attend an educational meeting if so stated. It allows me to know that if we do pull together an educational meeting due to restrictions being lifted, that members will show. Sadly, due to the daily changes of the restrictions it is not as easy as simply requesting our meeting to happen. Things are so fluid it requires nearly daily intervention to ensure our meeting may proceed.

**Please email me your response** and I will put together a tally to see if we attain the desired number to try for our meetings regularly.

Thank you,

*Glenn Fiala*  
President Roseville Rock Rollers

*filashoes@msn.com*

**Educational Program  
August 11, 2020**

**And Rookie Meeting  
have been cancelled due to  
COVID restrictions**

## *Welcome New Members*

Chuck Blalock  
Jeff & Cindy Chastain  
John & Patty Dooley  
Linda Hutchison  
Kirk & Sarah Malan  
Vickie Morris  
Toussaint Moseley  
Brian & Nancy Oates  
Erin O'Neal  
Michael Otter  
Jess & Carol Scarborough  
John & Carolyn Zwanziger

## *Welcome New Junior Member*

Ella O'Neal

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## In Memoriam

### Charlie Hunter

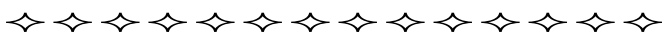
Charles (Charlie) David Hunter was born on January 25, 1941 in Oxnard, CA and passed away on June 22, 2020 in Roseville, CA. Charlie is survived by Carole, his loving wife of 22 years. He is also survived by his son Ryan (Sabrina) Hunter, daughter Staci (Michael) Trujillo; stepchildren Kevin Young and Kari (Jeff) Roth; and six grandchildren.

Charlie attended Nordhoff High School in Ojai where he was very active in numerous sports and clubs. He continued his education at Ventura Junior College and finished his college education at Humboldt State University where he majored in Biology and Anthropology attaining his Master Degree. While in college he worked for Social Services and as a teaching assistant. After graduating he went to work for the California Department of Food and Agriculture before finishing his career at the Department of Environmental Agency.

Charlie retired about 14 years ago when he continued his involvement in the Roseville Rock Rollers, Gold Hounders and the Sacramento Mineral Society. He enjoyed spending time making pendants and dichroic pendants for family and friends. He also expressed his creativity in making Suiseki. He also enjoyed playing golf.

Charlie had an enquiring mind and never lost his thirst for knowledge. Family and friends will be invited to a Memorial Service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders.

— from the Sacramento Bee



## Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to Carole Hunter for the passing of her husband Charlie. A get well card was sent to Denise Coyne.

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Heather Crane, at (818) 903-4433 or hmcraane7@gmail.com

## NO August Board Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the club Lapidary Shop at the Fairgrounds.

## THANK YOU SHOW VOLUNTEERS!

Without you, we could have never put on the show of a life time! We had half the number of volunteers usually working at our show, along with the Show Chairpersons. But, with the help of so many of you who worked more than one shift, some, worked all 4 days (2 set up days, 2 show days) we did it! You know who you are and the 2020.2 Show Committee thanks you very much!

The vendors extended their thanks to our Show Chair, Jim Hutchings along with their feelings that our show might be the only show in the Sacramento area this year! Sadly, so far, they are correct.

The attendance for the weekend was way down, half the usual amount of adults and about one third of the number of children. With the huge room we used, one could easily get lost! Social distancing was in full force, along with wearing masks and having hand sanitizers throughout the show.

Our Workers' Raffle drawings will be held during the next monthly meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

*Florence Brady,*  
*Volunteer Coordinator for the 2020.2 Show*

## Show Comments by RRR Vendors

From a Vendors point of view, I made about 75% of a normal show which means the people that came, they meant business and spent their money.

Rocklin Gems & Minerals rec'd a lot of thanks yesterday evening and this morning as the customers who responded were so thrilled to have come to the show. Also, talked to 2 other vendors, Garsow & Kennedy and they said they did alright and were very happy we put on the show. Kennedy wrote stating, it was the busiest it has every been when doing a club show. Great going RRR Club.

— Rob Blazina

Awesome feedback Rob!!! Nice!! For me as a vendor, I did about half, but then again, I wasn't in their face ready to talk things up... lol .. I just kind of hung back, except for purchases. It was an awesome show, with many, many positive Facebook comments from attendees at the show, and some in person at my space. People came from all over.

— Gloria Marie

I did well too, about half of what I typically due but I am grateful for it! I think the show went off beautifully, customers where really happy to be there and they voiced their appreciation for the show which I thought was really nice! It really showed how much went into it to keep it safe. Great job as usual you guys are amazing! I am super grateful to be a member of the society and a part of the show. Many thanks,

— Alexis Prince

## July 4 & 5 Show Write-up!

Well, we pulled that off. As more and more shows are cancelled into the fall due to uncertainty, it does appear, we may be one of the only shows standing this year. Thank you all so much for sticking this out with me. I know it seemed a little crazy in the year of the COVID, to even try, but I could not imagine taking the financial hit if there was any chance that we could hold a show and avoid the loss.

We had several goals. One was to liquidate our contract with the Grounds. Had we failed to pick a date before the end of the year, we could have lost our facility fee of around \$15,000 dollars. If we failed to hold a show, we would have felt obligated to refund the \$18,000 or so we took in from our vendors.

A second goal was driven by the fact, that without holding a show and generating some revenue, we would have had to dig into our savings to cover the \$10,000 to \$12,000 in operating costs for our shop, meetings, pot lucks, and other programs. We were able to do that.

What an amazing thing you all accomplished. With just one walk through, in a building we had never even visited, you put together a proposed plan for layouts. On top of that, we had to account for very significant COVID mitigation elements. The experience we all have had in putting shows on in the past, and the assistance of Show Chairs that could not be with us at the show, allowed us to get this thing up and running.

The third goal was to actually hold a show, where vendors could vend and buyers could buy, and the Roseville Rock Rollers could show off what we do. We did that. I think we got about a dozen membership requests. The vendors are ever so grateful for us holding this show. They were able to buy and sell among themselves. While attendance was half of our last year's show, it appears it was the half that were the serious buyers who brought money. Keep in mind, we were also amidst an economic crises with 5 million Californian's out of work. It was also a holiday weekend, where folks escaped to the hills to camp, and many had family get-togethers to celebrate the 4th, since there were no community fireworks displays. I did not talk to any vendor who stated that they did not make money at this show. I do know of at least 5 vendors who made more money at this show than any show in the past. Every new replacement vendor begged to be able to join us next year.

It will not be necessary to hold an after show meeting, as it is unlikely, we will be using this building next year, nor will we be confronted with the issues that the COVID outbreak created for us, hopefully. As such, we would like to document your thoughts on what went well, what went wrong, what could be done better, es-

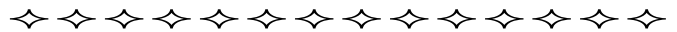
pecially if it applies to our regular show in March next year. You can email me directly at [jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com) and I can forward them to Florence for the historical record, and review at our Show meeting in September!

A vendor told me "you Rock Rollers will be a legend in history for pulling this off"!

Thank you all for getting this done!

— *Jim Hutchings, Show Chair*

**See Show photos on Page 8, or online at [www.rockrollers.com/gallery/photos.html](http://www.rockrollers.com/gallery/photos.html)**



## Show Vendor Comments

Let me tell you about the Roseville show that was held at the Placer Event Center at The Grounds (formerly called the Placer County Fairgrounds).

When I was contacted by the Roseville club and told their show had been rescheduled for the July 4th weekend, I thought they were nuts, but the show chairman told me about the venue: the Placer Event Center is a brand new, state of the art facility designed as a sports complex, easily able to hold dozens of basketball or volleyball courts. The ceiling is three stories high and the air system is also brand new. I was told that there would be more space between dealers than I've ever seen.



They delivered on every promise. There were about 40 dealers inside and a number of outside dealers as well. Free masks were given out to the public and all of the dealers and a good 95% of the customers kept their masks on all of the time. Attendance was about 1/2 of normal, but the people who came, were serious about buying. There was also a lot of dealer to dealer sales. Most of the dealers I spoke with were quite satisfied that they made a good decision doing the show.

Now for the best news: I've talked to several of the dealers who were there and I talked with the show chairman yesterday: Zero reports of anyone getting sick.

— *Rick Kennedy, Vendor, Earth's Treasures*

We were setup out side and felt pretty safe. That's great news. Love the new building. Big Thanks to all the hard working folks at the Roseville show and club.

— *John Mathias, Vendor, High Rock Gem & Mineral*

## Raffle Thanks

After many trials and tribulations, we managed to put on a successful 2020.2 show! And the raffle, while not at our usual level of success, still did pretty darn good. And once again our vendors, club members and rock & mineral businesses came through with some truly AWESOME prizes for the raffle and hourly drawings. So, on behalf of the 2020 Raffle chairpersons, Denise & Chris, we would like to thank:

### Local businesses

Back Country Jewelry, Rocks & Minerals in Auburn,  
Amber Collection in Auburn

### Other businesses

Kingsley North, Brian Busse – Gemtracker, Spectrum Mines

And after talking up our show at Quartzsite, Jim deBlanc brought back some great donations from these vendors: Koroit Opals, Rozina Gezahegan, A&S Opals, LLC, MGB - Luciano Cresta

### Club Members

Hugh & Florence Brady	Terry Yoschak
Glenn Fiala	Nancy Hood
Holli Hinkle	Christina Rhoads
Lindy Summers-Bair	Fran Todd
Jim deBlanc	The Crafty Ladies
Don Tadlock	Jim Hutchings
Kim Loe	Lillian Kirtley
Albie & Janet Longueira	Kymberly Andrews

### Show Vendors

A Flair for Fashion  
Buddha Gems  
Christensen Mineral Collection  
Daggets Stonework  
Dragon Fly Gemz (Gloria Marie RRR)  
Evolution Gems  
Fernandez Minerals  
Five Lion Gems  
Gaia's Gifts (Carol Lockhart & Keith Lindholm RRR)  
Jasper Mountain Lapidary  
John Garsow Gems & Minerals  
MARES Meteoritics  
N.C. Nagle Gemstones  
Professional Image  
Rocklin Gems (Rob Blazina & Karla Shannon RRR)  
Scott's Gem Minerals & Fossils  
Sunya's Fine Arts  
Sutley Lapidary  
Thaleia's Fine Art & Stone  
Wire & Stones

If I missed anyone, sorry, but know that your donation was greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU EVERYONE**  
—Chris Davis

## The Silent Auction Rocks !!

**Editor's Note: The Show Silent Auction booth was the only RRR concession which broke a record, making more money than at last year's Show!**

I want to thank the following people for their very nice donations to the Silent Auction:

1. Margaret Oleachea for the beautiful material she and her husband, Bob, collected. Margaret contributed a large amount of rocks for the auction, both yard sales and special auction sales. Pieces like Christmas agate, geodes, and Roseville petrified wood.
2. Kimberley Andrews for donating very nice cut slabs, cutting material, and geodes for the auction.
3. Lillian Kirtley for donating a large piece of honey onyx.
4. Vern Deck for donating slabs his grandfather cut and polished.
5. Martha Nichols for donating nice yard rock and display material.
6. And a thanks to all the generous vendors for their donations.

Thank you to the following people for their Guidance in setting and running the SA:

1. Nancy Hood - Thank you for the instruction and guidance for the auction, and the loaning of the items to help setup and display the material.
2. Martha Nichols - Thank you for some new ideas and recommendations for the sale and presentation of the materials.

Special Thanks for the help moving and setting up:

1. Vern Deck, assistant chairman, for his help with picking up the donations, sorting and cleaning rocks and moving the rocks. He helped setting up the silent auction and worked Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
2. Martha Nichols for her help with sorting rocks, moving the rocks, setting up the silent auction and working both Friday and Sunday.
3. Hugh Brady for his guidance and help setting up the silent auction and working Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
4. Special thanks to the setup and take down team, and the workers that helped out during the weekend.

Thank you.

— Gene Doyle, 2020.2 Show Silent Auction Chair

## A RRR FIELD TRIP to Crystal Mine near Verdi, NV, August 22, 2020

**TRIP LOCATION** – Crystal Mine. Near Verdi, NV.

### TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE

Vehicle Access & Parking - #7 - Difficult access by 2 wheel drive, high clearance required (2 and 4 wheel SUVs, or trucks recommended).

Collection or View Site - #6 - ¼ to ½ mile with trails on hill sides, or through brush and creek beds

**WHEN** – Saturday, August 22, 2020.

**MEMBER'S GUESTS** – Allowed.

**COLLECTION MATERIAL** – Quartz Crystals.

**LEADER & CONTACT INFO** – Gene Doyle: 408-605-9457; [eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net).

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE** – We will meet in front of Verdi Elementary School at 10am. We will leave for Crystal Mine at 10:30am.

**MEET** - I will be parked on Bridge St. on the right side of the road.

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE** – Take Highway I-80 East to Verdi, NV. Take Exit 2, drive about 0.5 mi. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Turn right onto 3<sup>rd</sup> St, drive about 1.0 mi. and turn left onto Bridge St. Drive 0.2 mi. to the Verdi Elementary School, on your right.

**VEHICLE REQ'S** – High clearance 2 or 4 wheel SUV or truck recommended.

**CAMP/FACILITIES** – Due to Covid-19 the local camp grounds are currently closed.

**TOOLS** – Buckets, rock hammer, chisels, eye and hand protection.

**SAFETY CONCERNS** – 7,200 ft. elevation, sun exposure, and snakes.

**CLIMATE/WEATHER** – Typical August weather. The temperature/weather can vary due to the high elevation.

**CLOTHING** – Wear layered clothing, hats, and gloves, and boot. Wear sun screen protection.

**OTHER REMARKS** – This is the perfect trip for someone just getting started in collecting rocks in the field. You can find quality quartz crystals with a bit of digging. Bring a camera, this is an area for good pictures.

## A RRR FIELD TRIP to Garnet Hill, CA September 20, 2020

**TRIP LOCATION** – Garnet Hill in Calaveras Co., CA., east of Hams Station.

### TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE:

Vehicle Access & Parking - # 5 - 2 wheel, vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end.

**Collection or View Site** - #7 - ½ mile or **more** to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. Potential exploration for additional sites.

**WHEN** – Sunday, September 20, 2020

**SPONSOR CLUB** – Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society

**LEADER & CONTACT INFO** – RRR Field Trip Leader, Gene Doyle, (408) 605-9457

**MEMBER'S GUESTS** – Friends and family welcome.

**COLLECTION MATERIAL** – Collection materials will be mainly Andradite Garnets and Epidote crystals.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE** – We will be hiking up to the top of Garnet Hill following forest rte. 7N08. The walking time is about an hour (at a moderate pace). We will pace ourselves depending on how people are doing. We will be climbing 1155 ft in 1.8 miles in about an hour. With walking time of an hour each way and four hours looking for minerals. Aside from travel time to the starting point off of Ellis Rd, 6 hours of time should be devoted to this trip.

**MEET** – Park and meet to the left after crossing the bridge over Mokelumne River from Salt Springs Reservoir Rd. at 9am. I will park alongside a wood fence with a “Roseville Rockrollers” sign on the Side of my car before 9:00 am where we are to start. We will then leave the meeting area at 9:30 am.

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE** – Traveling Eastbound on Highway 88 about 4.2 miles past Hams Station, turn left at Ellis Rd. (at Grizzly Flats). Head Southeast on Ellis Rd. toward Salt Springs Rd. for 1.9 miles. Turn Right to stay on Ellis Rd. for 9.5 miles. Turn right onto Forest Rte. 7N08 for 200 feet.

**VEHICLE REQ'S** – High clearance 2 wheel car, SUV, or Truck recommended.

**CAMP/FACILITIES** – No nearby bathroom facilities. There are three camp site facilities nearby. You will have to check online for camping costs. There is one

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camp site near where we will be parking which might be open.

**TOOLS** – Rock hammer, small pry bar, chisel, small hand slug hammer, collecting bucket, small shovel. Might want to have a backpack or rolling bucket/wagon/canvas bag type carrier.

**SAFETY CONCERNS** – Watch out for rattlesnakes and poison oak. Bring suntan lotion and mosquito repellent.

**CLIMATE/WEATHER** – Typical September weather for this area, cold in the morning and warm to hot in the afternoon.

**CLOTHING** - Wear hat, Jacket/Raincoat, and shirt with sleeves, long pants, and boots.

**FOOD** – Bring water, snacks and/or lunch.

**OTHER REMARKS** – Bring a camera if you want to take some beautiful pictures.



## Lapidary Shop & Class News

Classes: We had one silver-smithing class off-site with a reduced number of students, using face masks and social distancing as required due to COVID mandates.. Hoping to add a few more classes in the next month or so. We still are not having any classes in the trailer. Crafty Days is also still on hold.

— Cathy Nelson, Classes Coordinator

Lapidary Shop: Still closed. Again, hoping to open soon. When we re-open the shop for instruction there will be a limited number of students at a time due to COVID mandates. Students will need to call for an appointment. Further information will be publicized as soon as we know what's happening. Please contact Cathy for any questions. 925-321-2024.

— Cathy Nelson, Acting Shop Chairperson



## August Calendar

Birthstone: Peridot



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
For questions about classes, contact : Cathy Nelson (925) 321-2024 Email: canelson2@netscape.net						1
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<b>THE SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>						
9	10	11 Meetings: Cancelled	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## Upcoming Northern California Shows

Many events have been postponed due to concerns and health risks related to COVID-19.

Contact the person listed in order to make sure that the event will be happening!

### September 26 – 27; LODI, CA

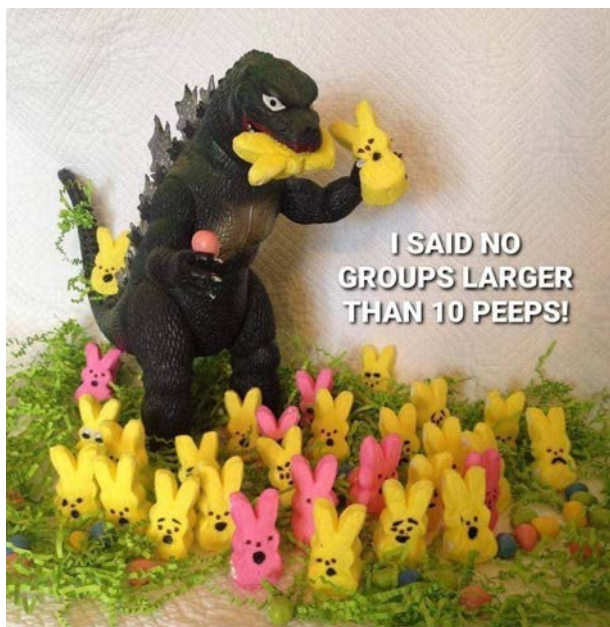
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockeford Street, Lodi CA 95240  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily  
Earth's Treasures; Gems, Minerals and Jewelry show  
Web site: <http://stocktonlapidary.org>

### October 10-11; GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds,  
11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 pm  
2020 Earth's Treasures Show: Dinosaurs Rule –  
Come see a life size T-Rex skull, plus other fossil displays. 25+ vendors, gold panning activity, lapidary demonstrations, kids crystal dig, a Kids Korner with lots of educational activities, as well as 30 exhibitors. Lazy Dog ice cream, Top Dog hot dog cart, and our 16-1 Mine 1/4 ounce of gold raffle.  
Website: <http://www.ncgms.org>

### November 14 – 15: YUBA CITY

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Hall, Yuba City, CA 95991  
Hours: Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm  
Contact: (916) 677-6696, [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Show web site: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>  
29th Annual Festival of Gems & Minerals: Raffle, silent auction, kids table, door prizes, exhibits and 14 dealers.



## Proposed RRR Field Trips 2020

### RESCHEDULED: Topaz Mountain near Delta, UT October 1st thru 4th.

For the people that signed up for the Blast after the Field Trip the new date is on the 5th of October. There is currently one opening for the first set 8 people. I do have instructions on how to add extra individuals to our group if more people want to do the blast. My limit would be 16 people total. You will have to pay the \$80 per person by September 1 and the money is not refundable.

### Crystal Mine near Verdi, August 22nd.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: We will be looking for high quality quartz crystals.

### Garnet Hill near Ham's Station, September 20th.

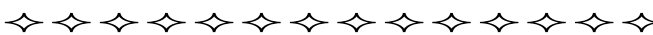
COLLECTION MATERIAL: We will be looking for garnet crystals and epidote.

### Black Butte Lake near Orland, October 11th.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: We will be looking for large multicolor Jasper.

**PLEASE CONTACT the RRR Field Trip Coordinator Gene Doyle if you are interested in any upcoming trip.**

[eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net), (408) 605-9457 cell



## Rockhound Baking at Home

### Dirt Cake

1 large pkg of Oreo cookies  
8 oz cream cheese  
1 cup powdered sugar  
4 Tbsp margarine or butter  
2 small (3 1/2 oz) pkg instant vanilla pudding  
4 cups of milk  
12 oz Cool Whip

Beat pudding and milk according to the package instructions until thick. Add the Cool Whip to the pudding and refrigerate. Blend the butter, cream cheese and sugar together and set aside. Crush Oreo cookies in a blender. (It works best if you crumble the cookies first before putting them in the blender). Mix 1/2 of the Oreo cookie crumbs with the cream cheese mixture and pudding mixture. Pour into an 8 inch flower pot or bowl. Top the rest of the mixture in the bowl with the remaining cookie crumbs. Serve with a clean trowel or spoon. Serving ideas: Since the crushed Oreos look like real dirt you can put flowers in the "dirt" in the pot, rocks on the "dirt" in the pot or hide gummy worms in the "dirt cake." Use your imagination!

Via *The Polished Slab*, 4/02

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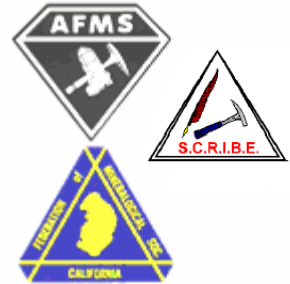
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**EDUCATIONAL MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM**

**EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION: @THE GROUNDS,  
JONES HALL, 700 EVENT CENTER DRIVE, ROSEVILLE, CA**

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