



# THE CONGLOMERATE

JULY 2020

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE RENO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, July 1, 2020  
General Meeting **Cancelled**

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2020  
Board Meeting **TBA**

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## RGMS, INC. MISSION STATEMENT

The **mission** of the **Reno Gem and Mineral Society** is to create, develop, and encourage interest in the Earth Sciences and to locate and identify various material through field trips. As a **501C(3)** corporation RGMS qualifies for donation write offs of cash and materials. Donation receipts are available at the society's headquarters.

A General Meeting, open to the public, is held usually the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Baldini's Casino, Second Floor, 865 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks, NV. Board meetings are open to all members and are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Rock Building, 480 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV. Annual membership dues: student: \$25, Individual: \$35, and Family: \$50.

## CONGLOMERATE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2020

- Digital edition:** no charge to members
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- Full edition copies** at the meeting: \$2 except to guests. Free to guests.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dean Sizemore*

Happy July to all, I hope this finds you all well and safe. We had a great first Board Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, with 16 Board Members in attendance, which for our first one was not bad. It was a casual meeting to discuss upcoming scheduling, trips, classes and meetings. We approved new members who had mailed in their paperwork and checks so they could enjoy field trips and hopefully classes. Thank you to Denise Sizemore for picking up desert for everyone.

At this time Baldini's upstairs has been converted into a non-smoking/high risk gambling area until they can start having meetings again. There is no more information then that, the consensus at the Board Meeting was at least August before we could possibly have a general meeting but that's completely a guess.

We did well in recovering from no Jackpot of Gems, **Dan Ellis** and **Renee Samuels** along with **Robyn Howard** worked hard to get us either refunds or our deposits moved forward. Renee was able to have the t-shirts redone for 2021. Thank you to all of you for working on that.

We had our first Field Trip that **Rob Kendrick** led to Lovelock. It was a great turnout-- I believe about 32 vehicles and over 50 people. We had a great time collecting Rhyolite and Agates. **Denise** and I wandered off about 15 miles to the other side of Lovelock at the end of the day and found some interesting items. We are planning another trip back. I look forward to the upcoming trips and felt so energized after visiting with so many members and seeing everyone having such a great time.

We are all discussing ways to keep us going and perhaps enjoy some of the things we missed in a smaller version. I hope to see classes starting back up soon, we showed as a Board that it was easy to have a large number of individuals spaced out in the building, so classes shouldn't be a problem when we do start up. Also we're looking forward to Monday open house getting started again. **Chuck Jackson** has the new cabbing machines in place and we have the wheels which will be put on and ready for cabbing.

**Eric Fendelander** has done a great job of getting doors up between the shop and general meeting area to reduce noise if both areas have something going on at the same time. He's closed in the tanks for silversmithing with a locked cage and has a new faucet installed in the men's restroom.

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## JULY FIELD TRIP REPORT

*Rob Kendrick field trip director.*

First, I would like to start by saying thank you for the huge turnout for the Lovelock field trip. It was great to see everyone again! It looked like everybody found lots of great material, including some new finds!



Our next RGMS field trip is scheduled for August 14-16 to the Black Rock Desert. Look for more details elsewhere in this conglomerate, and in the August issue for the status of the trip

If anyone is interested in leading a trip this year just let me know at [rgms.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.fieldtrips@gmail.com).

That's all for now. Happy hounding!

Lovelock photos: Thanks to **Steve Smith**

*Pres. Msg. cont. from p. 1*

At this time, we need a Volunteer Coordinator and a Historian. If interested, please reach out to me and I can provide you with a description of the duties.

As most of you know from Facebook and an email blast the first week of June, we lost an amazing and special lady. **Tamela Germano** who was our Social Director, Historian and Mineral ID Instructor to name just a few duties she performed. I don't think there's anyone who knew Tamela whose life wasn't touched by her warm smile and personality. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her husband **Dino** and to her mother, **Norma**, and her brothers. We will be having a remembrance once we are able to schedule that.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations seem to be cancelled throughout so it may not be a very celebratory 4<sup>th</sup> this year. The lack of fireworks and gatherings should give us all the opportunity to reflect on what this holiday is really about—a celebration of our Independence. This is a rare and special thing that many today are trying to take away from us. Please think about that and reflect on it. . . . Enjoy and cherish your freedoms, love on your families, friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Be safe.

## SUNSHINE

*Lori Connel, Sunshine Director*

Well, fellow rock hounds, things are still starting to look like the world can open up a bit under stringent controls. I hope all of you were able to keep in touch with family and friends and that things are going well for them. Don't forget to adhere to all of the rules as required as we open up. None of us like wearing those darn masks, but there is evidence that they do help. Just one person who forgets to do this could put us all at risk. I know you all will do the right thing. Get out and exercise if you can. Take the time to appreciate all life has to offer despite these minor restrictions. We have a lot of rockhounding to do in the near future and we need to be healthy to do it.

Again, remember our friends during this time. Keep the prayers going for **Ike Isaacson**, **Bobbi White**, **Peter Rivera**, and **Sam Macaluso**. Our condolences to **Dino Germano** and **Norma Wortman**. Please keep them all in your prayers. I really believe those prayers help. Please also give kudos to their families and/or health care providers and assistants during this time.

*Email-*

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Board minutes are posted on the bulletin board at headquarters monthly. Treasurer's reports are available to any member on request. **Steve Norman**, Secretary; **Robyn Howard**, Treasurer

## STAYING SAFE IN THE BACK COUNTRY

### *Inyo County, CA Search and Rescue*

For Rockhounds, Backpackers, Hikers, and other visitors to the back country:

With the start of what is sure to be a busy summer after months of Coronavirus lockdown, the STOP campaign was created by Inyo County Search and Rescue to partner with visitors by supporting them to be prepared for their time in the mountains of Inyo County. The campaign's letters, STOP, stand for four key principles that, in the team's experience, will help people get back down the mountain safely. The principles are:

**Stay Together:** Most SAR emergencies happen when parties split up. Stay with your partners until you return to the trailhead.

**Turn Around:** Before it's too late. The only cure for altitude sickness is rapid descent. If you feel sick, turn around. Altitude sickness can be deadly.

**Ownership:** You are responsible for your own safety, and rescue is never a guarantee.

**Prepare and Train:** Bring the gear you need, and know how to use it before you trek.

Although backcountry helicopter rescues capture headlines, in reality, helicopter rescues are extremely limited and risky. Inyo County Search and Rescue works with several excellent and capable helicopter agencies, but has no control of availability or other limiting factors such as high winds, heat, altitude, or darkness

For details, go to [invosar.com/psar](http://invosar.com/psar).

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### *Donna Durham, Membership Director*

Even though RGMS is not having general meetings, we are still getting applications for membership. Here are the ones approved in June:

Gary Dalton ®            John & Dawn Fidaleo ®  
Virginia Wilhelm ®    Doug & Diane McCoy ®  
Moira Shea & Douglas Buck

## RGMS LIBRARY REPORT

### *Kathy Boyne, Library Director*

Like us all, I am still Staying Home for Nevada. When restrictions are lifted, I will be actively involved with the RGMS Library. I am accepting donations to the library. Donations may consist of magazines, journals, books, and/or maps related to RGMS interests which include Nevada History, Jewelry, Beading, Metalwork, Lapidary, Geology, Rocks and Minerals. Contact Kathy via phone or email address: [RGMS.librarian@gmail.com](mailto:RGMS.librarian@gmail.com).

## CFMS FIELD TRIP: TOPAZ MTN. & DUGWAY GEODE BEDS

### *Sponsor: Roseville Rock Rollers GMS*

Trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the trip leader, and who practice safe rockhounding. Call the trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.

- CO-OP Website has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org) (need password)
- A consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip are expressly prohibited.

**TRIP LOCATION:** Topaz Mt. and Dugway Geode Beds, Northwest of Delta, UT.

**Vehicle access & parking:** #3 at Topaz Mt. & Dugway geode beds—Good for most vehicles and RVs.

**Collection or View Site:** From a #3 at the base of the Mt. to a #7 at the Red Beryl site, 1/2 mile or more to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. A #4 at Dugway geode beds, flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help.

**WHEN:** October 1 through October 4. This is a repeating site tour; you may show up and leave at any time during these 4 days. See schedule for optimum arrival dates.

**MEMBER'S GUESTS:** This is a public collecting area and anybody may camp and collect at the area concurrent with our activities. Those who choose to make the **escorted trip** to the Red Beryl site and **convoy with us** to the Dugway Geode Beds must sign the waiver.

**COLLECTION MATERIAL:** Topaz Crystals, Bixbite (Red Beryl), Pseudobrookite crystals, Hematite crystals, and Geodes.

**LEADER & CONTACT INFO:** Please contact ahead of time: Gene Doyle, CO-OP & Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leader. Text or leave message, Cell Email Jim Barton, CFM<S-N, Home, Cell (Email geologist1@surewest.net. If you are interested in this field trip, Gene Doyle will email you a more detailed write up upon request.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE:** We will be meeting at 0900 hours on Thursday Oct. 1 at the Topaz Mt. camp site and drive to Dugway Geode Beds (about 45 minutes) for the dig. Friday and Saturday will be the Topaz Mt. with Thursday and Sunday at Dugway Geodes.

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**MEET:** Gene Doyle will have a dark blue Toyota 4Runner camped at a suitable location near the entrance to the “cove” of Topaz Mt. each morning before 9am on Oct 1 thru Oct. 4. Look for the RRR sign at the turn off Hwy 174 and the “Roseville Rock Rollers sign n the side of the 4Runner.

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE CAMP:** General directions are: Catch Highway 50 east from Sacramento to Fallon, NV, then to Ely, NV. Follow 50/6 east from Ely to Delta UT. Turn north on 50 just east of Delta, UT, left on Brush Highway, follow signs to the intermountain powerhouse, a coal-fired power plant seen on the horizon. Turning onto the road to the powerhouse, you will be following a good paved road for approximately 40 minutes to the entrance to Topaz Mt. Collection Area, a BLM controlled area. I will stake the dirt roads into the site with “RRR.” Those staying in Delta may wish to meet and convoy together to “the cove.”

**VEHICLE REQ’S:** A high clearance or 4x4 vehicle at the red beryl site. It is recommended to have a high clearance vehicle at the Dugway site. A 2 wheel drive vehicle should make it to the camp site without a problem.

**CAMP/FACILITIES:** This camp site is primitive. No services of any kind. If you are going to camp, you will need to be fully self-contained and equipped.

**TOOLS:** Wide and narrow cold chisels, along with a 3 or 4 pound hand sledge are necessary. A standard rock pick and narrow screwdriver and a coat hanger or a stiff wire with a hook bent on the end. A heavy full-size sledge hammer and pry bar. A 1/4 inch and 1/8 inch screen (stackable classifiers). A standard shovel and garden rake or hand rake, and rock pick. A roll of toilet paper and disposable plastic containers to put specimens in.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** There are scorpions, snakes and other common desert animals in the area. Be careful; rubble and boulders are everywhere, so you must be very aware of those when climbing or working up hill and those below you. Be prepared at any moment to heed warnings regarding falling rock or rubble. In turn, you must be very aware of those below you and not cause wasting or rock slides.

**Due to the potential for danger, we will not be escorting young people under 18 years of age** into the Red Beryl area. Rhyolite dust is primarily silica dust and it would be wise to bring a dust mask if screening material.

**CLIMATE/WEATHER:** The weather at Topaz Mt. is rarely perfect! The average high in October is 65 degrees, with an average low of 37.

**CLOTHING:** Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing. Full pants, closed shoes, gloves, and hat are strongly recommended.

**NOTE:** *This is not the full field trip write-up. Please contact the Field Trip Leader, Gene Doyle, for the full write-up if you are not scared by now about all those scorpions and stuff and you really want to go on this field trip!*

**Note from the editors:** *I do not know the password to the COOP website. If you need additional information about this particular field trip, please do not contact me or the editor of the CFMS newsletter. Email your questions to the field trip leader or Jim Barton. Their contact information is in the write-up.*

*From CFMS Newsletter, July 2020.*

**RGMS BLACK ROCK DESERT**  
**FIELD TRIP AUGUST 14-16**

*John Peterson*

We will again camp at the south end of the Calico mountains. From Gerlach, take Highway 34. Go 12.5 miles to junction of Soldier Meadows Road. Take Soldier Meadows Road 9.7 miles and turn west (left) on the bucket road. Go 1.4 miles and then take the right fork. Go 1.1 miles to the campsite. There will be RGMS signs along the way.

Friday collecting will be near the campsite. Saturday, you will have a choice between the thunderegg site or the Xmas tree agate site. Leave time for Saturday is 7:30 a.m.

High clearance and 4-wheel drive are required for both Saturday sites. It will probably be warm, so don't forget to bring lots of water!

No potluck dinner this trip. Please remember to pack out everything you bring in!!



Photos: Terry Gust (I think)

## AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### *Sandie Fender AFMS Scholarship President*

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is a separate indemnity from the AFMS.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION; For the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education the field of earth sciences, this federation shall organize and form a division of the federation to be known as the 'AFMS Scholarship Foundation'. The federation shall so organize this Foundation as to be incorporated and have its own articles of incorporation and by-laws apart from the federation; such laws to be formed as set forth by the board of this federation.

#### AFMS Scholarship Foundation - A Resumé to Refresh Our Memories

The establishment of the Scholarship foundation was authorized by the addition of an Article to the By-Laws of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies in 1958. The AFMS Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was set up as a separate corporation with its own officers and directors.

*Organization:* The Foundation was incorporated as the AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC., a Minnesota Corporation on March 18, 1964. A Tax Exemption Certificate was obtained from the Internal Revenue Service on November 6, 1964. The Board of Directors consists of the president of the AFMS who is automatically both the vice-president and a director of the Foundation. The other directors are the AFMS president-elect, and the president and the vice-president of each of the six participating regional federations. The Board of Directors has the management of the Foundation.

*Purpose of the Foundation:* The object of the Foundation is to accumulate a fund, using only the income from the fund to be used to finance scholarships. The principal cannot be used for any purpose whatever, hence the usefulness of the Fund is perpetual. Awards to beneficiary students: Beginning in 1965, one student received a scholarship grant of \$300.00 per year for two years to help achieve an advanced degree in any of the earth sciences. In 1966, the grant was increased to \$400.00 per year for two years; in 1967, the grant was increased to \$500.00 per year for two years.

Grants are restricted to graduate students to avoid the possible waste of money on students who are not committed to earth science subjects, or who drop out before graduation (any student working toward an advanced degree is presumed to have definitely decided to follow that field for his/her lifetime vocation, insofar as such decision is possible). Since our joint interests lie in that field, grants are restricted to earth science students who are U.S. citizens.

*The Fund:* In the beginning, Betty Crocker coupons were accepted and turned in to General Mills at 1/2¢ per point until December 31, 1974., when the program was discontinued by General Mills. Coupons accounted for

approximately 10% of the Fund at that time. Since that time, the trust fund has been supported by donations and memorials from "rockhounds", nationwide. The market value of the investments of the Foundation, as of October 31, 2010, stood at just over \$1,024,170.00. With the exception of a few hundred dollars received from outside organizations, the entire amount has been donated, by earth science clubs and societies throughout the entire nation, and by individual members of such groups.

*Gifts:* All gifts to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation are held to be tax-deductible to the donor, and are normally added to the "trust" account. Gifts should be sent to each regional federation's scholarship chairman, who will see that the donor receives proper credit, and will forward the gifts to the proper Foundation officer. Founder's certificates are issued to individuals, dealers, or firms that contribute \$500.00 or more to the Fund, either as one gift or cumulatively, but the individual's club does not receive credit for such gifts.

Gifts may be made directly to the "Unrestricted Fund" by marking "Unrestricted" on the donation check or in a letter accompanying the donation. Unrestricted funds are not automatically put in to the investment account and may be directly paid out as educational grants to students instead of using the investment income only from the trust (investment) account, for the educational grants. Goals for the future: Our first goal was to establish a Fund of \$50,000.00 which would provide an annual scholarship in earth science. This goal was reached in 1968. Having attained that goal, do we stop when such attractive vistas and horizons appeared? By no means! The Fund has now achieved over twenty times its first goal and we are providing a single-year scholarship grant of \$4,000.00 each year to two students selected by each of the six participating regional federations.

*First written by W.H. DeHeui President (10/69); updated by Glenn Lee, President (10/83); updated (7/93) by Louellen Montgomery, President; updated (12/04) by Dee Holland, AFMS Scholarship Foundation President; updated (7/11) by Jon Spunaugle, Treasurer and Foundation Past President*

**Jennifer Rhodes, RGMS Federation Director, adds a personal note:** When a student reaches Graduate School status, often grants and scholarships become scarce. This is at a time when students have already spent thousands of dollars on education; demanding graduate course loads mean that these students usually cannot work full time or even enough to make a living wage. This grant has no conditions attached affecting how it is spent. Nominees must have a background in or be active in Earth Sciences. The letters of nomination are written by local society officers or their CFMS Director and forwarded by that CFMS Director to CFMS. These nominations are to be secret and the nominees are not to know they have been selected. Two nominees are chosen from members of each regional Federation's member clubs and then those honored nominees are notified. These nominees choose the school they wish to honor and, through contacts in the school, choose the student to receive the scholarship. In this manner, the \$4000.00 is given. Continued p. 8.

SCHOOL REPORT

Julie Hilsabeck, Director

Want to take or teach a new class? Have any ideas or suggestions? E-mail **Julie Hilsabeck** or talk to her at the general meeting! All official information regarding scheduling and class details is published in *The Conglomerate*. ~~Register and pay for classes at the general meeting.~~ We accept cash or check made out to RGMS!

Children may register for classes only at the discretion of the teacher. Wear protective shoes or boots to work in the shop—NO open toe shoes, sandals or slippers. **Please Note: To register for classes you must either be a member or have \$1 million of liability insurance naming RGMS as the certificate holder. Non-members must present a valid insurance certificate at registration. Otherwise, you may not register for classes until the next general meeting after you join.. Your insurance is included in your dues.**

BE NICE! Each class using headquarters is responsible for leaving the premises clean and tidy. Any tools belonging to RGMS should be put away securely and headquarters locked.

**MONDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Make your own projects! You must take at least 2 months of lapidary classes before you will be cleared to attend open house and must have your name on file as approved to work on your own in the shop. Speak to the lapidary instructors to be added to the list. Please be sure to follow shop safety rules. **At 8:45 please start clean-up so chaperones can go home.** Supervised by **Daniel Ellis**. 6-9 PM Shop fee \$5/hour.

**BEADING AND BEAD WEAVING**

**Must sign up.** Beading in the rest of 2020 may be offered on a **Saturday** from 10-2. Class is taught by **Sue Webb**. **Projects: July: Peyote Stitch (bracelet) 7/18, August: Ladder Stitch 8/22; September: Chevron stitch 9/12; October: Russian spiral 10/10; Kits will be available at cost for those who sign up.** \$2.50/hour (\$10/class) payable at class or the meeting. To sign up for July, email Sue at [rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com). State if you wish a kit (July: Delica beads approx. \$15; ), State preferred color, can't guarantee.

- 2 tubes size 11
- 1/2 tube size 15
- 2-loop tube clasp
- 6# Fireline
- #12 needle



**CASTING**

**Casting is currently on hiatus until an experienced instructor is found.** When offered and weather permitting, casting is taught in two classes held on Friday evenings. Classes enroll a maximum of 4-6 students. Sign up at the general meeting when classes resume.

**KNOTTING AND STRINGING**

Learn to string natural stones and beads beading wire, use silk for knotting pearls and craft wire for wire linking as well as stretchy for bracelets. The different tools involved in each project as well as different gauges of craft wire will be explained. You will be supplied with all you need to make bracelets. \$20.00 material fee. First and third Mondays, 7-9 PM. \$5 course fee. Taught by **Laura Jackson**

**LAPIDARY**

**Must sign up.** Lapidary is limited to 4 new students, but a **daytime class** is now available. **For shop safety, an absolute limit of eight people may work in the shop at one time.** First time students **must** attend a one-time **shop safety seminar ()** on the **Tuesday following the general meeting at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm.** Drop-ins are welcome on a first come, first served basis. Registered and pre-paid students always take precedence over drop-ins. Materials for your first two projects are included in your class fee. Evening class taught by **Lloyd Raymond & Barbara Hartman, 7-9 pm;** daytime class taught by **Barbara Hartman and Julie Hilsabeck. 11am –1pm ,** Tuesdays, \$5/hr.

**SILVER FABRICATION**

**Must sign up.** Beginning classes are structured classes. The first two projects are specifically designed to teach you the fundamentals of silver fabrication (making jewelry). Therefore, you will not be able to do other projects until you complete the two projects. RGMS provides tools to use on your first two projects. There is a \$20-\$25 fee for the silver which we provide for the first project. Stones are not included; however, we do have some for sale. For these two projects, **only oval stones** will be used. Suggested size for the first project is 18 x 13mm, and 30 x 32 mm for the second project. The stone size does not have to be the exact size but should be very close. You can purchase silver from the instructors for the second project, or you can use our own. Upon completion of the two projects, if you wish to continue, you will need your own basic set of tools. **The tools that RGMS provides are for new students only.** Before purchasing any tools, talk with your instructors. Thursdays. 6-9 PM Instructors: **Jay Logue, Jill Atkins and Al Bolshazy.**

**WIRE ART**

Drop in to work with wire the second and fourth Monday. Classes vary by the month, so check at the general meeting to see what will be offered for April. Brass wire only and tools available to lend in class to new students. Taught by **Jennifer Rhodes** and **Sami Ellis**. 2nd and 4th Monday, .6-8 PM \$2.50/hour (\$5/class), payable in class.

- July. Incorporating two Freeform cabs in a Standard Cab Variation
- August. Floating Stone Technique (can be cabochon or faceted gem)



**UPCOMING CFMS SHOWS**

See additional information at [cfmsinc.org/shows-2/](http://cfmsinc.org/shows-2/)

**All California shows were cancelled through June, due to Corona Virus. One is rescheduled for July. August and September are still iffy. Check with show contact for current status.**

**JULY TO NOVEMBER**

**July 4-5; Roseville, CA RESCHEDULED!!!**

**Roseville Rock Rollers**

@the Grounds 700 Event Center Drive  
 Contact: James Hutchings, 916-995-7380  
 Email: [jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com)  
 Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**August 15-16; Tehachapi, CA**

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
 500 East "F" Street  
 (661) 972-1117

**September 12-13; Arroyo Grande, CA**

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club  
 South County Regional Center  
 800 West Branch Street  
[show@slogem.org](mailto:show@slogem.org)

**September 26-27; Lancaster, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
 2551 West Ave H  
 Allison McClung; 661-839-7403

**September 26-27th ; Lodi, CA**

Stockton Lapidary And Mineral Club  
 Earth Treasures Gems Minerals, & Jewelry Show  
 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
 413 E Lockeford St  
<http://stocktonlapidary.org>

**September 26-27; LONG BEACH**

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society  
 Long Beach Expo Arts Center  
 4321 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach 90807  
 Carol Kron and Karin Alvarez, (562) 577-9044

**October 10-11; Trona, CA**

Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society  
 13337 Main Street  
[slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)

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

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society  
 Nevada County Fairgrounds,  
 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
<http://www.ncgms.org>

**October 11: Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
 123 W Alvarado St  
 Michelle Shearer; 760-805-2184

**October 16-18; Knoxville TN**

**AFMS and SFMS Show & Convention**  
 Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society  
 TBA

**October 17-18: SANTA ROSA, CA**

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
 Contact: 1 707 849-9551, [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)

**October 24 – 25: SACRAMENTO, CA**

Sacramento Gem & Mineral Society  
 Scottish Rites Center  
 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-2604  
 Contact: (916) 662-5819,  
[gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org](mailto:gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org)

**A MEMBER OF CFMS AND AFMS**

**November 7 – 8; RIDGECREST, CA**

Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society Inc.  
 Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest  
 Hours: Sat & Sun 9 am – 5 pm  
 Contact: (760) 375-7905, [jfrocks@dslextreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslextreme.com)

**November 14 – 15: YUBA CITY**

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
 Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
 442 Franklin Hall, Yuba City, CA 95991  
 Contact: (916) 677-6696, [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)

**November 21-22; ANAHEIM**

American Opal Society  
 Business Expo Center, 1960 S. Anaheim Way, Anaheim 92805  
 Contact: (714) 501-9959, [aos.editor02@gmail.com](mailto:aos.editor02@gmail.com)

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During my time with RGMS, I have seen three nominees from our society. **Ernie Kastenbien** was nominated by **Norvie Enns** twice and accepted by CFMS twice. Ernie's background included working on the ceramic glazes for the tiles on space shuttles. **Norvie Enns** was our last nominee with his extensive volunteer background in earth science arts and crafts education. It was my pleasure to nominate Norvie. Both Ernie and Norvie worked with UNR to find qualifying students. One student was working towards a doctorate in Geological Engineering, the other specialized in Earthquake Research.

**Note:** At deadline it is still uncertain whether fall shows can proceed. **If the listing does not show a cancellation, it is best to check with the show chairs to be sure it is still being held. See the CFMS Website for additional information.—**  
<https://www.cfmsinc.org/shows-2/>

**EDITOR'S CORNER**

*Sue Webb, Editor*

If you noticed that there is no Board Meeting report, or no Program report, you probably figured that those were not included because the Covid-19 closures resulted in those having no information to report. Our regulars should be back just as soon as RGMS and Reno are back up operating at full capacity. Thank you all for your patience in this time, and please continue to stay safe. Wear the #\*%# mask!