



THE CONGLOMERATE

SEPTEMBER 2020

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE RENO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dean Sizemore

We've reached September with many of us not seeing each other for 6 months now. Our Board Members are ready for more activities and are meeting monthly to discuss more ways to interact with you until we can have General Meetings again. We will be trying a combination of in person and Zoom for September's Board Meeting to allow Board Members that are unable to attend to participate. If you have any items that you would like brought up with the Board, please let me or a Board Member know.

We have had Open House on Mondays for a few months now, and I'm happy to see it growing most weeks. Those who have completed classes for lapidary are welcome to come in and use the equipment. If you have a rock you'd love to get cut, we have members there to cut rocks for you. **Tom Nichols** and I both just completed training for slabbing rocks, and we are checked out on the saws so there are a few more of us available to slab for you. A few of our teachers are doing classes, and we hope to get more going as time passes.

We just completed the trip to the Black Rock desert, the last originally scheduled 2020 Field Trip. It was led by **John Peterson and Rob Kendrick**. We had a great turn out and had a blast going for Thunder Eggs, Christmas Tree Agates and other treasures. At our meeting in August the Board decided to get some more Field Trips in since weather has been good, I'm sure Rob will be sharing those dates as they get closer. There is a trip to Gabbs in September for 3 days, Denise and I will be doing a day trip to Wonderstone Mountain which is a great spot for new Members to find pretty material, and we are hoping to do a long weekend to McDermott in late September or early October depending on weather.

It has come up on Facebook and the Board discussed at the last meeting whether Membership dues paid for 2020 will be returned. As a Non-profit, Membership dues are a large part of the operating monies that allow us to purchase equipment and provide supplies for classes and day to day operations. Without the Jackpot of Gems and our Craft Show, most of our fund raising for the year didn't happen. We are continuing to offer Open House, some classes and field trips as mentioned above. We are continuing operations and education as we are allowed to do. I hope all members understand our reasoning and why it would not be possible to return dues. Other than monthly general meetings most things are still happening, and we encourage you to participate in everything

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Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020
General Meeting Cancelled

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9 2020
Board Meeting 7:00

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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.

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SEPT. FIELD TRIP REPORT***Rob Kendrick field trip director.***

Well, we had another successful outing to the Black Rock Desert, led by **John Peterson**. 25 hardy souls attended this year's hot event. Temperatures reached 100 degrees or higher both days, but despite the heat, everyone was able to find some nice material. Thank you John for leading this event!

I have added another field trip. This will be the make up trip to Gabbs from May. The dates for this trip will be September 26th-27th. To get to camp, take Hwy 50 East from Fallon, 46 miles to Middlegate. Turn right, and proceed 16.8 miles to a sign that says Quartz Mountain. Make a left at the sign and camp will be 300 yards off the road. There will not be leaders for individual day trips, but I will have maps available of collection sites in the area, and therefore there are no set departure times. The maps will be on a table by my trailer even if I'm not around.

There are a lot of different things to find on this trip including jasper, agate, opalized wood, agate nodules, and petrified wood. This is an easy day trip, and cars with good clearance can make it on just about every road. There is cell service in most areas, so keep your phone charged.

My cell number is if you get lost or have an emergency. If you have any questions before the trip, you can text me or email me at rgms.fieldtrips@gmail.com. That's all for now. Happy Hounding!



Sunrise on the Black Rock,
August 2020.

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

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that is going on. We are also looking into offering classes and perhaps guest speakers through Zoom until we can meet in person.

The new website is almost done, and we are hoping to have it live in September which will allow us another way besides Facebook and Twitter to communicate with everyone. I and the Board wish you all the best and hope you and your families are well and we look forward to seeing you on Mondays and at field trips. Have a great month.

**RGMS BLACK ROCK DESERT
FIELD TRIP REPORT*****John Peterson, Trip Leader***

It was great to see the 24 folks who made the Black Rock field trip.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing in spite of very warm weather !

A lot of good material was found.

Thanks to **Rob Kendrick** for leading the trip to the Xmas Tree Agate site



Christmas Tree Agate from
the Black Rock.

Both photos, courtesy of Rob Kendrick



GARY M. DALTON

1952-2020

Gary M. Dalton, 67, died June 24, 2020, peacefully in bed at home. He was born December 30, 1952, in Oregon City, Oregon, the youngest of two siblings. He was very close to his brother **Christopher** who was born one year prior.

He graduated Beaverton High School in 1971 and married **Penny Newsom** on December 16th, 1972. Gary served in the U.S. Army in the First Cavalry Helicopter Unit from June 1971 until June 1974. During his service in Vietnam, he earned four service-related medals including two Bronze stars. After his discharge, he moved to Portland, Oregon and earned an FAA Airframe and Power Plant mechanic license from Portland Community College.

Gary was employed by Rocky Mountain Helicopter and Bell Helicopter as a helicopter mechanic. Gary and his wife Penny moved to Esfahan, Iran to work on behalf of Bell Helicopter. They left Iran in 1979 and returned to Portland, Oregon.

In 1982, Gary moved to Reno, Nevada and worked in a variety of fields including building inspection, soil and air quality inspection and as an underground water containment technician. In the 1990's, Gary also worked part time as a helicopter mechanic for St. Mary's Hospital in Sparks, NV.

A big time rockhound, Gary loved rocks of all shapes and sizes. He was a brilliant jewelry maker and especially enjoyed making jewelry from the rocks he collected. He also enjoyed stamp collecting, model building, and fixing cars and motorcycles. "Good Ol' Gary" (as he often called himself) was truly a big kid at heart. He loved to make people laugh, to collect toys, play pinball and mini golf. Later in life, Gary liked to dress up as Santa Claus at Christmas time.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Amelia Dalton and Mark Bauch; grandchildren, Alexander and Samuel Dalton of Portland, Oregon; Great-Aunt, Dorothy Westby, of Seattle, Washington.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother **Rosella**, father **Charles**, brother **Christopher**, and his beloved dachshunds Sinbad and Snickers. He requested that his ashes be scattered at Jones Creek in the Tillamook National Forest in Oregon. He and his brother frequently swam in Jones Creek as teenagers and that location held a special place in his heart.

The family asks that you have a big slice of watermelon and a root beer for Good Ol' Gary and that donations in his honor be made to the [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

Reno Journal Gazette, August 2020.

SUNSHINE

Lori Connel, Sunshine Director

Hello rockhounds, are you still with us? I know many of you are feeling kind of left out, or a little numb, sad, fearful or angry due to the safety restrictions put upon us right now. Every day there is good news and bad news about COVID and it's a little too much to stomach sometimes. Our schedules and routines are disrupted. Everything has changed on how we shop, worship, exercise, eat and entertain ourselves. This has caused many of us to lose a sense of safety, predictability, control of our freedom and security. We have the best cure for that: get out there and start rockhounding. Even if it's in your rock room, backyard, or getting together for small rockhounding adventures with close family and friends. If you are able, join the rockhounding adventures Rob has scheduled for us. We may have one trip more coming up.

Since the last Conglomerate, we have lost 2 of our Society members. John Boyne and Gary Dalton. These men were active members of the RGMS. Gary Dalton's family is in Oregon and may be coming to Reno for a visit soon. John Boyne's wife Kathy could use our virtual hugs and prayers during this time.

Please also give your thoughts and healing prayers to **Steven Smith, John Montgomery, Sam Macaluso, and Bobby White**. They are continuing to make good progress. Imagine how wonderful it feels when your friends reach out to make sure you are ok. It really helps with healing .

In closing, this "Stepping out of our ruts" quote from M. Scott Peck may be helpful.

"The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or true answers."

Bottom line is that if it's a good period in my life, I will enjoy it fully. If it's a difficult time, I'll do what I need to get through it and come out stronger.

Please stay safe and keep to the social distancing rules. We need you out rockhounding. We miss you all very much.

Lori Connel

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.

SOCIAL REPORT***Denise Sizemore, Social Director***

I hope this finds you all well and I miss your smiling faces.

As we all know by now the 2020 Summer Potluck Picnic was canceled. We have our new date for 2021. Saturday, June 12, 2021. Lazy 5 Park, 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Sugarloaf Pavilion. More details and sign-up sheets will be posted as time draws nearer.

So, 2020 is not a total loss with our social gatherings, we have a date set for 2020 Holiday Potluck. Saturday, December 5, 2020, at The Rock Building, 480 S, Rock Blvd. I will have sign-up sheets and details on food as it gets closer, probably around October.

Hope to see y'all very soon!!!

MINERAL OF THE MONTH**SAPPHIRE*****Sue Webb***

Sapphires (Al_2O_3 & Mohs 9) are corundum gems. They can be found in a wide variety of colors from the most commonly associated blue, to pink, yellow, green, and a rare peachy color. There are no red sapphires because when a corundum stone is red, it is colored by chromium impurities and is thus a ruby. Sapphire is colored by iron, titanium, and sometimes chromium (for pinkish stones). It is the birthstone for September, and it is most often used as a gem stone, but may also serve industrial uses such as in watch movements and lenses, lasers, and various kinds of optics. Sapphires are considerably less expensive than diamonds, and are an acceptable, yet relatively inexpensive alternative. Furthermore, sapphires are rarely flawless, and may be heat treated to intensify color without significant lessening of the stone's value. The value of a sapphire is largely determined by color, the more intense, deeper, royal blue being more valuable than the lighter, sky blue variety. An exception is the padparadscha sapphire, a very rare pinkish-orange (peachy) variety that may cost as much as \$20K per carat. Sapphires can be cut in a number of ways and still retain their beauty and value, but the most common cut is oval or square. The star variety is most often cut *en cabochon* and ranges in color from a soft blue-grey to grey-blue for natural stones which usually have rough edges on the bottom. The intensely royal blue star gems with smooth flat bottoms are lab-grown versions. Carat for carat, a sapphire is heavier than a diamond, and thus a 1 carat sapphire will be somewhat smaller than a 1 carat diamond. Sapphires (and rubies) are found in the US, sapphires in Montana and rubies in North Carolina.

**RGMS ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR*****Theresa Langhans, Coordinator***

Our Craft Fair is scheduled at Reno Town Mall: November 13, 14, 15 2020.

I sure do wish that at times I could predict the future! But my crystal ball happens to be cracked at the moment... I don't know what will happen in November and if our current pandemic situation will ease or if it will escalate due to the season? At this time, I still am anticipating that our Fall Craft Fair will be a "go". Our advertising cards were printed months ago and are ready to be distributed. All of our vendors who signed up for the Spring Show, still are signed up for Fall and if fees were paid for Spring, then those fees are being applied to the Fall Show. If you are interested in participating as a vendor at this Fair, I will need to receive your reservation no later than October 1, 2020. Due to the uncertainty, if you are a new vendor to our Fall season, then I am not taking payments until the end of that Show. Attached to this copy of the Conglomerate is the reservation form.

I appreciate your patience in these uncertain times, and will continue to think positive thoughts for our upcoming scheduled Show.

**REMINDERS FROM
OUR TREASURER*****Robyn Howard***

- There is a **Memorial fund** setup for Tamela Germano. If people want to sent a check, please note in the memo line it is for Tamela G memorial fund. Also Thank you to those who have already sent in checks.
- Since we are spending so much time at home and shopping online a lot, please when shopping on Amazon select **Smile** and select RGMS as the non-profit recipient for donations.



Sapphires and rubies are also successfully lab-grown and can be distinguished from natural stones because they are flawless whereas natural stones contain flaws.

Sources Gemdat (also images), Wikipedia, personal knowledge

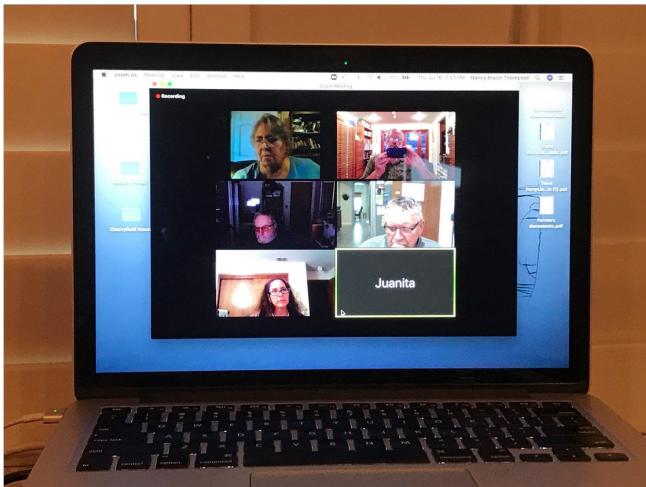
2021 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION BEING PLANNED FOR LODI

Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Juniors Activities Chair &

AFMS 1st Vice President

From Ventura's August Rockhound Rambling

The executive committee of our umbrella corporation, the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS), has voted to hold a “no-host” show and convention for 2021, just as they had been planning for 2020 before the coronavirus derailed this year’s plans. After making a visit to a potential



show venue, they held Zoom meetings to discuss initial ideas on July 16 and July 30.

In “normal” years, one of the 100 or so clubs and societies affiliated with CFMS steps up to the plate to host a statewide show and convention. The local club then shares revenues between itself and the CFMS, just as our Ventura club did in 2013 and 2017. But with the pandemic, this is no normal year, and local clubs have been reluctant to step forward, particularly when their fairgrounds and other potential show venues remain under indefinite restrictions for large-group events.

A no-host show means that, with no local club stepping forward, the CFMS Executive Committee and various CFMS committee members select a venue and then divvy up responsibility among themselves for running different aspects: facilities, exhibits, banquet and food services, kids’ booth, dealers, demonstrators, etc.

CFMS Treasurer **Bob Rush** has stepped forward to serve as 2021 Show Chair. He has visited the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds in the heart of California, where this year’s show was to be held, until it was canceled due to the pandemic. The dates have tentatively been set at June 25-27, 2021. It sounds like **Susan Chaisson-Walblom** (a long-time dealer at our annual VGMS show) will be helping with dealers. Somehow, yours truly apparently is now in charge of a kids’ booth.

Another show meeting is scheduled for Sept. 1. To keep tabs on events and announcements, visit the CFMS website, www.cfmsinc.org.

Last month, we announced that our members **Jennifer Rhodes** and **Heidi Hall** were honored by CFMS for their service to the regional organization. I asked for information about the award so I could let our members know what Jennifer and Heidi were being honored for. The information below appeared in the August *CFMS Newsletter*.

THE GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

Pat LaRue, CFMS Executive Secretary

I recently received an email from a club member asking about this award and wanting to know something about it. It occurred to me that she might not be the only one out there who doesn’t know about this special honor and how it is awarded. To help answer her question and to help remind and/or educate the rest of our membership, I will provide the information published in an old CFMS manual that has been out of publication for many years due probably to much of the information being so out of date that it was deemed no longer useful without a major rewrite.

The award was established by the Board of Directors of the CFMS on November 11, 1961. The award consists of a Golden Bear Award lapel pin and plaque or other award forms.

The award may be presented to a person or couple who is or was member of a Federation Society who the Federation wishes to honor by conveying appreciation and recognition for outstanding service to the Federation.

Nominations for this award may be made directly to the Award Committee by the Executive Committee, by a Director of a member Society, or by a Committee Chairperson. Single documentation of reasons for the nominations may accompany the proposal. The nominee should not be informed of the proposal.

The Award Committee is composed of the CFMS President, the immediate Past President and three other members, one to be appointed in rotation for a three year term by each CFMS President.

The Committee need make no report of its reasons for presentation of the award or rejection of a nominee. More than one person may receive the award each year.

Source CFMS Society Aids Manual

Hopefully this simple explanation helps convey what this award is about. It is given in recognition of service to the CFMS. An individual’s service to a member Society is not to be considered. Next year’s committee chairperson is encouraged to submit a call for nominations of individuals to be considered for this highest of honors. I recommend this request be made in time to be included in the March newsletter so there is sufficient time for the committee to consider each proposal.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Julie Hilsabeck, Director

Want to take or teach a new class? Have any ideas or suggestions? E-mail **Julie Hilsabeck RGMS.school at gmail.com** 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: September: Herringbone 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. To sign up for September, email Sue at rgms.bulletin@gmail.com. State if you wish a kit (about \$10), all black/gold. Materials: 1 tube each: Toho black size 11, Toho gold (perma finish) size 11, gold toggle clasp, 6# fireline (smoke), 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 and meetings resume.

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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 ?. 2nd and 4th Monday, .6-8 PM \$2.50/hour (\$5/class), payable in class.

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Mc Dermitt
Trip

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		1 Lapidary? Not yet	2 General Meeting Not being held yet	3 Silver Not yet Mc Dermitt Trip	4 Mc Dermitt Trip	5 Mc Dermitt Trip
6 Mc Dermitt Trip	7 Labor Day No Open House Mc Dermitt Trip	8 Lapidary? Not yet	9 Board Meeting? 7-9pm	10 Silver Fabrication? Not yet	11	12 Beading Ba- sics Herringbone Stitch
13	14 Open House 7-9 pm	15 Lapidary? Not yet	16	17 Silver Fabrication? Not yet	18	19 Silver Class with Al Bol- shazy
20	21 Open House 7-9 pm	22 Lapidary? Not yet	23	24 Silver Fabrication? Not yet	25 Gabbs Trip	26 Gabbs Trip
27 Gabbs Trip	28 Open House 7-9 pm	29	30		31	

MINERAL IDENTIFICATION

Must sign up. See Julie at the meeting. And watch Calendar and Facebook. If offered, 3rd and 4th Wed. in October. For a small fee, identification kits are available for purchase ahead of the class. Taught by **Webb Varnum**

LOST WAX CARVING

Cost is \$50/month Please note this class is on Saturdays and Sundays! Bring your lunch and beverages. Not offered in summer.

OTHER

Potential for faceting classes, beginning enameling, and precious metal clay if there is enough interest. Speak to Julie at the General Meeting if you are interested.

Contact **Julie Hilsabeck** to schedule **ALL USES** of the Rock Building. She manages the schedule to avoid scheduling conflicts such as we had in January. Julie can be reached at RGMS.school@gmail.com

ATTENTION

As incidents of Covid 19 continue to occur in Nevada, the RGMS will hold only those activities that can occur within the guidelines set by the governor. Keep checking the Conglomerate, Facebook, and the Website for current status of all activities. We hope things will settle down soon so we can get back to having fun.



WRAPTOR DESIGNS

WIRE ART JEWELRY BY DENISE SIZEMORE

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UPCOMING CFMS SHOWS

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

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

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER**September 12-13; ARROYO RANDE, CA CANCELLED**

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club

South County Regional Center

800 West Branch Street

show@slogem.org

September 26-27; LANCASTER, CACANCELLED

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

2551 West Ave H

Allison McClung; 661-839-7403

September 26-27th ; LODI CACANCELLED

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 CANCELLED

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

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 17 – WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First United Methodist Church

22700 Sherman Way, West Hills CA 91303

October 16-18; KNOXVILLE TN CANCELLED

AFMS and SFMS Show & Convention

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society

October 17-18; SANTA ROSA, CA CANCELLED

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society

1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Contact: 1 707 849-9551, santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

October 24 – 25: SACRAMENTO, CACANCELLED

Sacramento Gem & Mineral Society

Scottish Rites Center

6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-2604

Contact: (916) 662-5819,

gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org

November 7 – 8; RIDGECREST, CACANCELLED

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@dsxextreme.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

November 21-22; ANAHEIM CANCELLED

American Opal Society

Business Expo Center, 1960 S. Anaheim Way, Anaheim 92805

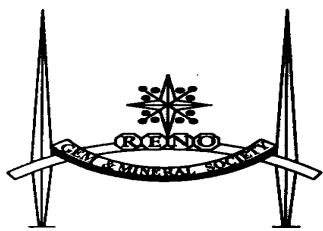
Contact: (714) 501-9959, aos.editor02@gmail.com

Note: 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/>

MINERAL TIP

AFMS Newsletter via Eureka News, Osage Hills Gems, The Gemrock

For cleaning quartz, many collectors use hydrochloric acid (muriatic) to clean the brown stains from quartz crystals. This cleans the crystals but leaves a residue of ferric acid that requires washing to remove. Tartaric acid will clean as well and much easier. Put a spoonful of tartaric acid in water and immerse the specimen.



RENO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

480 S. Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431

FALL 2020 CRAFT FAIR RESERVATION

The Craft Fair will be held November 13, 14, 15 2020 at Reno Town Mall. The Fair is open to RGMS Club Crafters with items, related (or not) to our hobby, being offered for sale. You may choose to be a vendor all three days, or just Saturday/Sunday; cost of the space is the same. (Non-RGMS vendors may also participate, but there are additional requirements)

The hours of the Fair are:

Friday: 10am – 6pm Saturday: 10am – 5pm Sunday: 10am – 3pm

Cost to participate in the Fair is \$65 for a 6' linear space (one table size), plus \$20 for a business license (if you don't already have a Reno business license) to be paid with this reservation. Additional 6' table spaces will be an additional \$35 each. You will also be responsible for paying the appropriate percentage of your sales taxes to the State at the end of the Craft Fair.

You may cancel any time prior to six weeks before the Fair and get reimbursed for your fees. If, you cancel after that time, your fees will be considered a donation to RGMS.

Please complete the information below and return to:

Theresa Langhans, RGMS Craft Fair Coordinator

480 S. Rock Blvd.

Sparks, Nv. 89431 or send via email: theresalanghans@yahoo.com

Name of Participant: _____

Type of Craft: _____

Address of Participant: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email contact: _____

Nevada State (Department of Taxation) Tax ID # (if you have one): _____

I will participate: (circle one) Fri/Sat/Sun Sat/Sun

Initial Reservation Fee for one table space: \$ 65.00

Plus additional # of Tables (\$35 per table): # _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Plus Business License Fee: + \$20.00 OR

(if you already have your own City of Reno business license – there will be NO \$20 charge)

Your City of Reno Business License Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Special Requests (need electrical access, side space, etc): _____

I will try to accommodate special requests, but can not guarantee.

Please note: You must provide your own table(s) for the Fair. Also, all participants must provide their own table coverings for their tables. (There are a very few number of mall tables available to use, and if it is physically difficult for you to bring your own tables, please contact me)