



## 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<sub>(3)</sub>** 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 2021

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dean Sizemore

Hard to believe we are already starting the second half of the year, where does the time go? I think for us it goes so fast because of all the events going on, Open House every Monday, day trips and then weekend trips along with special events like our picnic we just completed. So much happening it makes time fly.

We are only 2 months from Jackpot of Gems-how can that be? We need help for Security, the raffle table, admissions, silent auction, wheel of fortune and so on. Please consider helping us out in one of these areas. The sign-up sheets are being brought to field trips, Monday Night Open House and so on so lots of opportunities to sign up. If you can't make these or just seem to miss the sign-up sheets, just contact **Dan Ellis** our Show Director at [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com).

We have an exciting trip to Peterson Mountain that will have happened by the time this is printed and our second Gabbs trip to a brand-new area. We will be a little quiet trip wise during July and August during the hotter 2 months and then we get very busy again. [Ed: see notice re Peterson Mtn trip on p, 2.]

Our joint event with the GPAA and the local metal detector clubs is coming up in September at Rye Patch. Typically the event has over 600 guests, fun for adults and for kids with amazing prizes. We need some volunteers for this event also and donations. If you have access to companies that can donate money or prizes, please contact me at [rgms.president@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.president@gmail.com)

We have heard from Baldinis regarding July's General Meeting and it looks like they will be open in August. **We have decided that for July we will hold our General Meeting at the Rock Building, 480 S. Rock at 7pm on July 7<sup>th</sup>.** We can accommodate 100 Members; I don't think for the first meeting we will go over that but if we do we may have to make some adjustments. Please come join us.

Have a great and safe summer, as always you are all in both **Denise** and my thoughts. We love you all and miss seeing more of you, can't wait for the General Meetings to open, for now don't miss out on the Zoom meetings to keep in touch.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Janet Longueira, Director**

RGMS would like to correct a couple of members' names from the June Conglomerate. Please welcome **Mahlon Teter** (not Tester), **Russell Kile** (not Like), and another new member in May, **Jeff Busch**.

This last month we grew like weeds, so RGMS also welcomes the following new and returning members. :

- V. Lynn Anderson** (welcome back)
- Paul & Lisa Beasley**
- Jean & Ivo Bergsohn**
- Mikahla deVries-Paris**
- Greg Gardella & Christina Hughes**  
 (welcome back)
- Katheryne Glantz-Tinsley**
- Kyle Hayek**
- Jan and John Jackson**
- Dana Jacob and Tayler Jacob**
- Christoph Jennerwein**
- Connie, Mark, & Matt Johnson**
- Virginia, Larry, & Brandon Lutes**
- Cindy Marchant** (Welcome back)
- Jay and Tara Nielsen**
- Steven & Josephina Protopappas**
- Paula & Emilee Ritter**
- Baljit Saini**
- Rick Scherer**
- Mary, Alex, & Courtney Scherer**
- Richard & Julie Shupe**
- Karen & Mervyn Singh**
- Paul Stoner** (welcome back)
- Dustin Thelen and Mairin Tausch**
- Steve Volk and Everly**
- Kathy Wrobe**

RGMS has many ways to enjoy your membership, but, probably, the best way is to get involved. Volunteer! You'll learn a lot and have fun doing it.

Also, be sure to check your Conglomerate each month for important news and updates; each paid member receives a digital copy of the newsletter emailed to the address provided when you sign up. Hard copies are available for an additional fee. See details on page one

**PETERSON MINE FIELD TRIP**  
**Eric Fendelander, Field Trip Director**

The owners of the Peterson mine just called me (June 25) to let me know they had a surprise inspection by the Nevada State Mining Inspectors, and were shut-down for the summer for violations of codes. **THE TRIP IS CANCELLED!** As this was a surprise to them and us, they are offering two things to make up for this surprise cancellation:

1. Later this Fall they will re-open and offer the same dig with increased value limits and open the entire claim with excavator and bucket machine at our disposal.
2. And most important, as of Tuesday, June 29th, if you signed up for this dig, you can enter the claim and go thru the tailing piles **FREE**. No reservations required. This will continue until the claim is active again in the Fall. We will be giving the owners a list of participants. So, if you're on the list, you're good. If not, you are trespassing and will bear the consequences.

I will be at the Rock Building on Monday, the 28th from 5 to 8 PM and on Wednesday, the 30th, from 5 to 9 PM to give **FULL REFUNDS**. Please come by and get your refund. We are as upset about this as you are, but it is beyond our control. **QUESTIONS: (303)725-3040**

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## 2021 RGMS PICNIC POTLUCK

Denise Sizemore, Social Director

Another great RGMS Potluck Picnic in the memory books, the turnout was tremendous, and a great day was had by all. The weather cooperated and we had a good turnout of kids along with adults.

I could not be more pleased at how the day went, with 68 attendees, 38 of those being their first RGMS Picnic. At least 45 people stayed for Bingo and the Raffle.

Congratulations to all the Bingo and Raffle winners. With a special congratulations to Patrick D. for winning the Grand Prize, Orthoceras Carved Horn.

Thank you so much to those that made this such a success:

Cooks: **Eric Fendelander, Dean Sizemore, John (Wafui) Lee, Tom Nichols**

Hostesses: **Lori Connel, Denise Sizemore, Tricia Vaillancourt, Robyn Howard, Janet Cox**

Raffle/Bingo: **Laura Jackson, Denise Sizemore**

We are already looking forward to next year's, and to all who participated in at home prep, setup, organization, and clean up.... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Photos, this page: Lori Connel



MORE PICNIC PHOTOS—BY LORI CONNEL AND SUE WEBB

Top 2 rows by Lori Connel



Bottom row by Sue Webb



## BOARD MEETING NOTES FOR MAY 12, 2021

Steve Norman, Secretary

President **Dean Sizemore** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report: **Steve Norman** has board meeting notes for anyone needing a copy and Board members have a copy via email. Corrections may be emailed or let me know.

Treasurer's Report: **Robyn Howard** submitted financial reports for April 2021. Contact Robin for any questions regarding her report. Robyn plans to change the Square payments service with Cardport that donates to local charity organizations. It will be available for the Jackpot of Gems Show. The equipment list is being updated with 8 storage drawers and tools spread out in designated spots for easy accounting. The cost is being handled from a recent grant. **Tom Nichols** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Eric Fendelander** seconded and motion carried. **Will Hitchcock** is working on tax preparations for RGMS. Auction over internet has been successful with bidding for objects on Thursday and Friday and pick up on Saturday at the Rock Building.

Friends of the Blackrock: **Karlina Hitchcock** has the Visitor's Center reserved at the Gerlach's BLM Station just outside of town. The Visitor's Center is available for May 29 for any Society members that want to attend or participate with any kind of rock/mineral presentation and/or any short tour of finding rocks would be appreciated. Karlina has space for set up tables or kiosk if anyone is interested in showing/selling craftwork.

Website: **Tom Nichols** is working on the calendar. Tom noted that almost 100 people have viewed the calendar. **Julie Hilsabeck** is updating the class schedule. A Jackpot of Gems page is going to be added to the website for information and advertisement. There will also be Facebook blasts to alert people of the Show dates and times. There is a Public Relations position open for anyone familiar with Facebook and social media.

The Rock Building: **Linda Johnston** has scheduled painters to finish the building. The building is going to look so wonderful. It was brought up that weeds and trash are a problem around the building and Linda will pursue a company that can clean up the area on some kind of schedule. Linda is working with an architect to begin the process of moving RGMS to the back part of the building. There will be time for input once a general layout is completed.

Field Trips: **Eric Fendelander** had rock samples of agate, bloodstone and petrified wood that can be found at the Lovelock location. There is a location change that Eric will guide. May 22 is the Austin trip for fluorite and geodes. June 5 is to Yerington to find amethyst, jasper and copper. June 18-20 Gabbs with a new location for jasper, bloodstone, fossils. Aug 26 Blackrock and Sept 17 McDermitt.

California Federation Mineral Society (CFMS): **Jennifer Rhodes** reports ZOOM meeting.

Classes: **Julie Hilsabeck** uses email, phone or Facebook to register students for a class. It is on a first come first serve basis. Many classes fill up within one day.

Social: **Denise Sizemore** has arranged for the annual picnic for June 12 at the Lazy Z Park on the Pyramid highway. Please contact Denise if planning to attend--378-1705--and let her know what you plan to bring. Picnic starts at 11:30 and done by 2 PM for plenty of time to eat and play bingo and win some raffle prizes. Meats provided by the Society.

President: **Dean Sizemore** announced that 11 people have signed up for the Craft Fair for this fall. Dean introduced **Janet Longueira** our new membership director. Janet has many badges that need to be distributed. They can be picked up on Monday during open house or email Janet. July is the scheduled date for the next General Meeting at Baldini's Sport Casino.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04

## BOARD MEETING NOTES FOR JUNE 9, 2021

Steve Norman, Secretary

President **Dean Sizemore** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report: **Steve Norman** has board meeting notes for anyone needing a copy and Board members have a copy via email. Corrections may be emailed.

Treasurer's Report: **Robyn Howard** submitted financial reports for May 2021. Contact Robin for any questions regarding her report. **Virginia Keeley** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report **Tom Nichols** seconded and the motion carried. The next budget meeting will be July 19th at 6:30. Zoom meeting will be available for those that can't make it.

Robyn applied to the State of Nevada for a grant for non-profits and won it in February 2021 for \$10,000! The money is being used in the educational part of the Society to provide students with a professional classroom fully equipped. A larger classroom will be part of the new relocated larger Society space featuring improved shop, classrooms and storage space being designed in the East part of the building. This modern facility should help Society students and possibly TMCC students learn silver and lapidary skills as a coordinated sponsor group.

Robyn went over the Rio Grande purchase of new shop equipment. The new equipment is for 9 work-bench stations and the associated tools to complete lapidary work. The shop has new professional lapidary equipment installed. There will be several pallets shipped to **Dean Sizemore's** place of business where they can be stored before taking them to The Rock Building (TRB).

Another online auction is planned where donations are accepted or for sellers of products the Society gets 10 percent of the selling price. **Will Hitchcock** is working on the Society's tax paperwork.

President: Dean Sizemore announced the need for an assistant for the CMF (Calif. Mineral Federation) to assist **Jennifer Rhodes**. Dean would like all job descriptions to include contact information of people and businesses and passwords and other information that would be helpful to anyone taking over the position.

Website: **Tom Nichols** had 130 social media referrals to the RenoGMS.org website. Tom's team is working on the calendar for easier view-ability and the webpage for the Jackpot of Gems Show. Tom would like a referral section where co-sponsored events like the Nugget Shoot Out are listed. The new logo will be incorporated into the website. Volunteer information will be given at classes and on field trips. There is a Public Relations position open for anyone familiar with Facebook and social media. **Sven Sanders** noted 808 contacts with Facebook and RGMS website.

Social: **Denise Sizemore** has arranged for the annual picnic for June 12 at the Lazy Z Park on the Pyramid highway. Many new members have made inquiries towards attending. Picnic starts at 11:00 and done by 4 PM for plenty of time to eat and play bingo and win some raffle prizes. **Eric Fendelander** will post RGMS signs showing the way. Denise expects about 65 or so to attend. Meats provided by the Society. If you attend please send picnic photos to her. Denise has been cleaning up kitchen area and finds lots of old coffee cups please claim or they will be donated.

The Rock Building (TRB): Linda is pursuing bids for cleanup around the building. Filling in cracks in the payment is being considered. **Tom Nichols** volunteered to spray weeds.

Building and Field Trips: Director, **Eric Fendelander** reports the painting is done on the building and looks great. Discussed Field trip success at Yerington with 85 people in attendance! Might be a record. They all found some great material and everyone had a good time. June 18-20 Gabbs with a new location for

## JUNE BOARD NOTES CONTINUED

jasper, bloodstone, fossils. July 20 day-trip to Austin. Aug 26 Blackrock and Sept 17 McDermitt. Check Conglomerate or contact Eric for any questions.

California Federation Mineral Society (CFMS): **Jennifer Rhodes** reports ZOOM meeting for June 26.

Conglomerate: Director **Sue Webb** asks for articles on anything society related: fieldtrips, shop, equipment, tools, safety issues, or the experience of being outdoors in nature. You name it. Sue is a great editor (former teacher/professor) if you need any help. Congratulation Sue on being honored as a Life Member of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society.

Show: **Dean Sizemore** reports for **Dan Ellis** that there is a need for volunteers to help out at the show. Please sign up at the shop, meetings, classes or field trips. The Show is a yearly event and needs your help for an hour or two. Next Show meeting are June 14 and July 5 at 6 PM at TRB.

Classes: Director **Julie Hilsabeck** has a busy schedule of classes. See Conglomerate for details. The Society may get involved in Reno's Art Town event. Students need to be members of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society, not Facebook group members, to sign up for classes.

Raffle: **Laura Jackson** report \$228 so far for the raffle at the picnic and **Denise** showed the prizes.

Membership: **Janet Longueira** reports 225 memberships with 424 members.

Shop: **Chuck Jackson** working on new saw with parts on order.

President: **Dean Sizemore** reports Craft Fair at old Town Mall going from November 5-7. Dean showed picture of the Black Rock Rendezvous and read letter of appreciation from **Karleena Hitchcock**. Dean with board discussion approved 2 banner signs for the building and a 6 and 8 foot sign for indoors. July is the scheduled date for the next General Meeting at Baldini's Sport Casino. July 19th at 6:30 – Jack Pot of Gems Show meeting at 6 PM. Chuck moved the meeting be adjourned, Denise seconded motion carried: 7:43 PM.

## BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS 2021

Steve Smith, Vice President and Photographer



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## BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS 2021

Virginia Keeley, Ass't Treasurer and Steve Smith, Vice President and Photographer

With **Dean Sizemore's** blessing, **Tom Nichols**, **Eric Fendelander** and **Chuck Jackson** took the lead on the RGMS participation in Black Rock Rendezvous 2021. The rendezvous started about a decade ago as an event to highlight the many wonders in the National Conservation Area. It was a collaboration of Friends of Black Rock-High Rock, the National Conservation Area, BLM and several other organizations.

**Karleena Hitchcock** (member of Friends of Black Rock-High Rock and RGMS) and **Tricia Vaillancourt** (member of RGMS) had been in contact for several months to get this before the board. It was not until mid-May that there was a last-minute decision by BLM to give the go ahead for BRR 2021. We had to do some scrambling, but we made it happen.

**Chuck and Laura Jackson**, **Eric Fendelander**, **Steve Smith**, **Tom Nichols** and **Virginia Keeley** were the presenters. Other RGMS members present were **Janet** and **Albie Longueira**, and **Tricia** and **Brian Vaillancourt**. In addition to RGMS presenters and attendees, there were more than 30 people signed up for the RGMS talk.

Virginia gave an overview of the history and present status of RGMS and then turned the discussion over to Chuck and Eric, who did a fantastic job of showing and talking about the gems and minerals found in the Black Rock Desert. Thanks to Laura, Chuck also showed some of the tools we use when out rockhounding.

We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to **Stacey Wittek**, **Karleena Hitchcock**, and **Madeline Sarvey** with Friends of Black Rock-High Rock for their incredible support. They supplied water, tea, tables, and a shade structure (which was especially appreciated). They also handled the publicity and sign-ups for our talk.

Partnering with other organizations is a great way for RGMS to reach out to other groups with similar interests. It also gives RGMS the opportunity to extend a wider range of activities and knowledge to our members. Groups like Friends of Black Rock-High Rock and GPAA of Northern Nevada, Reno (Rye Patch Nugget Shoot) have reached out to RGMS to help participate in their events.

This was our first interaction with Friends of Black Rock-High Rock, but we feel it was a very positive one and we look forward to other events that we might be able to partner in.

As they said in the movie "*Casablanca*," "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."



## HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION—WORKING FOR RGMS

Sue Webb, Conglomerate editor

The first AFMS convention since 2019 happened in Big Piney, WY the third week of June, 2021. It began on Thursday morning, June 17 with the Officers, Directors, and Chair's meeting. Each person holding one of those positions had submitted a report on the year's activities or would report in person or by Zoom. (As editor of the AFMS newsletter, I had submitted my report before the convention, but needed to attend anyhow to fulfill tasks for both CFMS and RGMS.)

AFMS president, **Judy Beck**, called the meeting to order at 10:30. There were approximately 50 members attending in person with several more by Zoom. The traditional pledge of allegiance and memorial tributes were followed by greetings from the president of the Rocky Mountain Federation, **Bob Regner**. The officers' and directors' reports were followed by the chair's reports including the rockhound of the year announcements, bulletin editors' hall of fame, and various financial reports, including the information that the scholarship foundation is approaching having distributed over 2 million dollars in scholarships. Information was forthcoming about the new AFMS website and the next AFMS convention which will be held in New Orleans, October 7-9, 2022. Also, the next RMFMS meeting will be held in Las Vegas, June 17-19, 2022. Workshops regarding increasing junior participation in club/society activity were scheduled for Friday and Saturday with a lunch picnic on Sunday. If anyone wants to see the officers, delegates, and chairs printed reports, feel free to get in touch with me ([rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com)) and I will share my copy with you.

New business included the approval of the 2021-22 budget and election of 2021-22 officers, and then took up the matter of the schism in the Eastern Federation. Considerable discussion followed regarding whether to punish the EFMS or how to express AFMS's displeasure with the break-away group led by former EFMS president **David Nock**. Since the federation did finally pay their overdue dues, it was decided that they could not be kicked out of AFMS, but that AFMS would not facilitate access to any Eastern facilities or activities until such time as the split is healed.

The meeting was adjourned around 1 PM after a recess at noon. Afternoon meetings would convene an hour or so later than scheduled.

Friday was a day to devote to the show except for the party Judy Beck held Friday evening—drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Saturday dawned bright and hot, and RJ and I headed to the show after finding a place to have breakfast (Big Piney/Marbleton is pretty small—fewer than 3000 souls live there. It lacks much in the way of restaurants, although there is one restaurant, the Mexican restaurant, which we were told is very good—didn't have time to try it—not open for breakfast), and one bar that offers typical pub food (pretty good burgers and so-so fish and chips—excellent SW Wyoming craft beer). We finally found a very extensive deli at the local Philips 66 station (Obo's) where we could pick up breakfast sandwiches and burritos, muffins, etc. At the show I found plenty of vendors to supply what rocks, beads fossils, etc. that I wanted/needed before we moseyed off to the president's lunch—turkey sandwiches and potato salad. I attended the workshop on setting up juniors programs and attracting leaders. Got lots of information on the AFMS badge program and ideas for managing groups to bring back to RGMS. That evening was the big Awards Banquet (excellent prime rib and what looked to be OK chicken). (continued next page)

(Continued from p. 9) The next morning was the editors' breakfast—didn't have to go back to the deli. Scrambled eggs and link sausage, a pancake, OJ and coffee. When we finished eating, **Linda Jaeger**, the RMFGMS Bulletin Editors Aids Chair, presented the awards for the federation's bulletin editors and authors. When Linda finished, the RMFGMS graciously allowed me to present the CFMS awards because, as AFMS BEAC **Mark Nelson** announced, our CFMS convention had to be cancelled. Our own **Webb Varum** took first place in the CFMS written features contest for his article on Opal. Following my presentation, Mark presented the national awards and Webb placed in the top ten nationally—sixth to be precise. And then the convention part was over although the

#### MINERAL OF THE MONTH: PRASIOLITE Webb Varum



Prasiolite, (SiO<sub>2</sub>) is pronounced "PRAY syo lite," and has a Mohs scale of 7, a vitreous luster, and a conchoidal fracture in its massive form. It "is a yellowish green to green material that is produced when natural amethyst is heated or irradiated." [geology.com] It forms when the iron included in the quartz to make the mineral purple is heated to high temperature (e.g. 500C), either naturally or artificially. "An interesting deposit near Susanville, California has amethyst, citrine, and prasiolite in talus. This talus is at the base of a steep exposure of metavolcanic basalts and andesites. The amethyst in this deposit formed in the cavities of a solidified lava flow.

Quartz in that lava flow contained iron or iron minerals that were turned a purple color by natural irradiation caused by radioactive minerals in the lava flow.



At a later time, another lava flow covered the amethyst-bearing lava flow. The heat from this younger lava flow heated the amethyst, converting it into natural prasiolite." [geology.com] Other deposits have been found in Arizona as well as in Brazil, Poland, Namibia, Canada, and the UK. [Mindat.org]

Like other varieties of quartz, prasiolite can be faceted and used as a semi precious stone. In the gem trade, it is also known as *green amethyst*. It is found in massive form (like white quartz ) and as large single crystals. The massive form polishes well and the single crystals polish excellently!

#### CFMS DIRECTORS MEETING BY ZOOM, JUNE 25, 2021 Jennifer Rhodes, CFMS/National Representative

Meeting called to order at 9:37 am. The late start was due to late arrivals having trouble connecting their devices. Instructions were given regarding to mute, except for giving reports, using Chat to write our names, club affiliation and comments for a written record.

A quorum was easily achieved, with all officers, 37 Directors, and numerous Committee Heads.

In Memoriam I listed **Gary Dalton, Tamela Germano, John Boyle, Ike Isaacson, Terry Garvey**. Other societies listed their passed members.

2022 CFMS show is slated for Lancaster, CA April 22-24. The fairgrounds in Antelope Valley are not current with their records and the CFMS Representative is actively contacting them.

Cab Cases North, Central, and South are ready to be taken to local shows.

Camp Paradise has 36 students signed up for the first week, August 22-29 with 26 for the second week, August 29-Sept 4. A number of societies have Scholarships and have not updated the Committee with the results. ZZYXX's is slated for the first week in April, 2022.

Field Trips North and South have not held a trip this year, but are working on one for later in the year in conjunction with Roseville Rockrollers.

Davis Creek has been closed, but the decision is coming up for review with the COOP and several local clubs attending meetings representing rockhounds.

Show Dates has seen a definite increase in show notifications since the beginning of June.

**Diane Cook** has been chosen as the nominee for Treasurer, 2022. Nominations are still open.

The Fall Director's Meeting will be held in Visalia, CA on November 13, 2021 in person. No zoom will be present.

I announced my retirement from my Director's position to CFMS in two years, citing the 17 years I had held this position. **Heidi Hall** has asked to be the new Director for RGMS and I have forwarded this

## SCHOOL REPORT

Julie Hilsabeck, School Director

Want to take or teach a new class? Have any ideas or suggestions? E-mail **Julie Hilsabeck** [RGMS.schooldirector at gmail. com](mailto:RGMS.schooldirector@gmail.com) or talk to her at the general meeting when meetings resume! All official information regarding scheduling and class details is published in *The Conglomerate*. Normally you will 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. Members' insurance is included in their 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 (12:45) please start clean-up so chaperones can go home.** Supervised by **various members**. 11AM-1PM; 6-8 PM Shop fee \$5/hour.

### BEADING AND BEAD WEAVING

**Must sign up. Beading** during Covid-19 restrictions. No class is scheduled for June, but beading will resume in July with a class on right angle stitch. Class will be held on July 31 from 10 to 2. Materials to purchase: 76 4mm fire polished (slightly oval) beads, 60 size 8 seed beads for edges and to attach clasp, 25 contrasting pearl, metal, or crystal beads. 50 size 11 seed beads, same color as size 8. Clasp. #10 needle, 6# fireline. Kits for \$10 can be available upon request by July 10. Taught by **Sue Webb**. Saturday, July 31, 10-2pm Course fee is \$2.50 per hour. Limited to 8 students

### CASTING

**Casting is currently on hiatus until an experienced instructor is found.**

### INTRODUCTION TO SLAB SAW USE

**NEW** students only – Maximum of 4 students - \$40.00 **Tuesdays** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Instructor: Chuck Jackson. Learn how to use the slab saws to get the best slabs from your rocks. Contact Chuck at [rgms.shopdirector@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.shopdirector@gmail.com) with questions and Julie at [rgms.schooldirector@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.schooldirector@gmail.com) to register. Advanced registration is required. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

### KNOTTING AND STRINGING

**Must sign up. Check calendar for specific class. There is a different offering each week: Basic beading, pearl knotting, wire linking, jewelry repair.** Each class begins with the basics of jewelry making—learning about the materials, findings & tools needed for each. Students will also learn how to create some amazing pieces, either for personal use, for gifts, or even as a way to start your own business. Come let's create together. Tuesdays in July 7-9pm. \$10 course fee. Kits \$15. Taught by **Laura Jackson**

## SCHOOL REPORT continued

**Basic Beading**—No class size limit—new and returning students welcome—\$10.00; Kit fee \$20.00 **Tuesday**, July 6 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Introduction to the basics of beading and associated tools and supplies. Instructor is Laura Jackson. No advanced registration is required. Contact Laura at [nvjackson@aol.com](mailto:nvjackson@aol.com) with questions.

**Wire Linking**—No class size limit—new and returning students welcome—\$10.00; Kit fee \$20.00. **Tuesday**, July 13 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Introduction to the basics of wire linking and associated tools and supplies. Instructor is Laura Jackson. No advanced registration is required. Contact Laura at [nvjackson@aol.com](mailto:nvjackson@aol.com) with questions.

**Pearl Knotting**—No class size limit—new and returning students welcome—\$10.00; Kit fee \$20.00. **Tuesday**, July 20 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Introduction to the basics of pearl knotting and associated tools and supplies. Instructor is Laura Jackson. No advanced registration is required. Contact Laura at [nvjackson@aol.com](mailto:nvjackson@aol.com) with questions.

**Jewelry Repair**—No class size limit—new and returning students welcome—\$10.00; Kit fee \$20.00. **Tuesday**, July 27 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Introduction to the basics of beginning jewelry repair and associated tools and supplies. Bring your pieces of jewelry that need repair and learn how to get them back in to wearable condition. Instructor is Laura Jackson. No advanced registration is required. Contact Laura at [nvjackson@aol.com](mailto:nvjackson@aol.com) with questions.

### BEGINNING SILVER FABRICATION

**NEW Students only** – **Maximum of 4 students** – **Thursday** – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$60. Learn the basics of setting cabochons in silver settings. All equipment is provided. May be a kit fee. Contact the Instructor, Chuck Jackson, at [rgms.shopdirector@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.shopdirector@gmail.com) to register. **Registration is on a first come, first served basis.**

### ADVANCED SILVER FABRICATION

**Thursday** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$60.00 - Experienced students only - Maximum of 4 students. Contact the Instructor, Jill Atkins, at [atkinsdesign@gmail.com](mailto:atkinsdesign@gmail.com) to register for class

### MINERAL IDENTIFICATION

Taught by Webb Varnum when offered, generally quarterly. Advance registration is required.

### LOST WAX CASTING

Offered over an entire weekend, both Sat and Sun. Not offered in summer due to heat.

### BASIC WIRE WEAVING

Offered when an instructor is available.

**Hard stone carving** can be offered when demand is high enough. Other classes such as **faceting**, **beginning enameling**, **precious metal clay**, or **chain maille** can be offered when enough members request and when an instructor can be found.



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## CFMS SHOWS, 2021

**July 10, 2021 – Bellflower, CA**

Delver's Gem and Mineral Society  
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706 Parking lot sale! Website: [delversgemclub.wordpress.com](http://delversgemclub.wordpress.com)

**August 21-22, 2021 – Tehachapi, CA**

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
TVGMS Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show  
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561  
Contact: (661) 972-1117, [travis462@outlook.com](mailto:travis462@outlook.com)  
Website: <http://tvgms.org>

**September 11-12, 2021 – Reno, NV**

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Jackpot of Gems  
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia St., Reno  
Contact Dan Ellis, [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renogms.org](http://www.renogms.org)

**September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA**

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928  
Contact: 1 530 586-7052;  
Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

**September 24, 25, 26, 2021 – Stoddard Wells, CA**

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
45th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate.  
Dale Evans Parkway and Stoddard Wells Road, Apple Valley, CA. Contact: (760) 243-2330, [dwayna.barron@gmail.com](mailto:dwayna.barron@gmail.com) Website: <http://www.vvgmc.org>

**October 1-3, 2021 – Vista, CA**

Vista Gem and Mineral Society  
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista CA 92083  
Contact: 1 (760) 214-8770  
Website: <http://www.vistarocks.org>

**October 9, 2021 – Antioch, CA**

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Club's clubhouse, 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd., Antioch  
[Show Flyer](#) Contact: (925) 240-2954, [vicmcpherson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vicmcpherson@sbcglobal.net) Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

**October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA**

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society  
One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022  
Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384, [steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: <http://pggs.org>

**October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.  
Contact (760) 728-1130 Email: [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

**October 16-17, 2021 – Santa Rosa**

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa  
Contact: Janyce Vickers (707) 217-0636  
Email: [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)

**October 16-17, 2021 – Placerville, CA**

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667 Contact: (530) 676-2472  
Website: <https://eldoradomineralandgem.org>

**October 30-31, 2021 – Mariposa CA**

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club  
Mountains of Minerals Show  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Contact: Meredith Meehan, [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmc@sti.net)  
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

**November 13-14, 2021 – Yuba City**

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society  
29th Festival of Gems and Minerals  
Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba City  
Contact 916 677-6696, [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
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