



The Conglomerate

The Monthly Newsletter of the Reno
Gem and Mineral Society

December 2021

General Meeting

Wed. Dec. 1, 7pm

Baldini's Second Floor

Board Meeting

Wed. Dec. 8, 6 pm

Rock Building, 480 S. Rock,
Sparks

RGMS 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 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dean Sizemore

Another year has passed; they seem to go quicker and quicker. **Denise** and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. We hope your Thanksgiving was amazing and you were able to take a moment to think of all the blessings in your life. You are all a blessing to us and RGMS. I look forward to seeing many of you at the RGMS Christmas party this year; it's always a great event—amazing food, presents, and I believe Santa is going to be able to stop in for a few minutes.

As we get ready to start 2022, we still have some needs as an organization. Most important is about 3 to 4 more individuals for our Board at Large. It's an easy position to take, no training required; as a Board at Large Member you represent the Membership at our monthly board meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. You also need to be able to come to the General meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. At the General meeting you interact with the membership and then bring any questions, concerns, or suggestions to the board. We are also asking that Board at Large Members work with our greeter, meeting visitors and showing them around at the general meeting, introducing them to me and Steve Smith our VP, Janet and Julie our Membership and School Directors and so on. Not hard at all. It's a position Denise and I both started with. Please contact **Terry** if you'd like to help us in that way.

We are also in need of a Field Trip Director who will lead field trips and work with other members as his/her assistants. Those assistants will also lead trips throughout the year; so you don't need to know every site—just a few, and you'd have assistants who also know some sites. I think we may still be looking for a greeter; this person shows up about 6:30 at the general meeting and welcomes our guests, gets names etc., and introduces them to the membership and to a Board at Large member. We also need someone to run the silent auction at our annual Jackpot of Gems show; that entails picking up donations throughout the year, sorting those and getting

them ready for the auction. There are plenty of members who can help and guide you.

Please consider volunteering; every position is valuable and needed for the growth and operation of RGMS. It's a great way to meet other members and feel satisfied that you are part of something bigger than you. We have, in the last 2 years, made tremendous strides at RGMS. Membership is at twice the most members we have ever had and that's due to a great and expanded open house, more classes offered and new equipment for those classes; more field trips, new equipment in the shop, saws, cabbing machines, tumblers and so on; developing a new website, expanded use of Facebook and other forms of social media. We also have a tumbling class starting soon and a stabilizing class.

I want to thank the current board, officers and directors for their hard work this year. You are the reason we are so successful. I am truly lucky to have each of you. Have a great month and thank you everyone for an amazing year. From: **Dean Sizemore** your President, **Steve Smith** your Vice President and all our Board members.

2021 RGMS HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Denise Sizemore,
RGMS.socialdirector@gmail.com

Can you believe it's that time of year, already?

NEW DATE; NEW LOCATION

Saturday December 4th, 6 p.m. at Lazy 5 Regional Park, 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks, the Cottonwood Room. (Someone will be there 5 p.m. setting up if you need to drop off food.)

NO ALCOHOL... NO PETS...

We have a maximum capacity of 150 people, so RSVP is mandatory, and MUST BE received by Monday, November 22, 2021 by email to RGMS.Socialdirector@gmail.com. Please be sure to let me know if there will be any children in your party, we would like to have gifts from us to them. And.... We will have a visit from Santa! Also, we will have soda and water available, if you would like something else to drink, please bring it. This is a potluck, so, when emailing me let me know how many in your party, and what you will be bringing: appetizer, main dish, salad, side dish, and/or dessert. Due to C-19 we will supply plates, silverware, cups, etc....

We will also be doing our customary gift exchange. Each person that attends the potluck needs to bring a labeled, wrapped gift max. \$20 value. Lady for lady. Man for man. Child for child. I can't wait to see you all. Don't forget to RSVP soon, we already have 40ish people signed up. Happy Holidays.

New Lapidary Shop Policy **Julie Hilsabeck, School Director**

Effective immediately! all crystal polishing/cleaning is prohibited on the Reno Gem and Mineral Society lapidary machines. The week of November 8th 3 wheels were damaged and made unusable by improper use. We discovered this damage in the evening on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. We're now having to spend approximately \$100 per wheel to replace them. This is not part of our budget. The damage appears to have been caused by someone trying to polish rocks with sharp edges and/or pushing too hard and creating heat while polishing rocks that were bigger than the approved sizes. All damage occurred on the 1200 and 3000 wheels which are the polishing wheels. All sharp edges should be removed using the 100 and 180 wheels so this damage should not have happened. Approved maximum rock sizes are no larger than 1/2 inch thick by no more than 2 inches by no more than 3 inches.

Please, please, please tell one of the instructors or hosts if you damage one of the wheels. We are not going to beat you up or ban you from the equipment. We want to understand how the damage occurred and teach you how to avoid that happening again. If you want to work on polishing larger rocks or crystals, you must use the flat lap machine. We do not have a dedicated space for the flat lap on the counters, but it can be set up fairly quickly. Just ask and one of the instructors or hosts will set it up for you. As of Monday, November 15th, all users, including students, are required to sign in and indicate which machine you are working on. After you finish working, clean your machine, and have the instructor or the host check the condition of the wheels and sign off the form.

It is important to reiterate that the society's lapidary machines are intended for the education of our members and minor hobby use. Production use is not allowed. If you wish to produce cabochons for sale (production) you should purchase your own equipment rather than wear out the Society's machines.

Please contact me, **Julie Hilsabeck**, if you have any questions. I can be reached at the shop on Mondays from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm during open house or at 775-848-0569 or email at rgms.schooldirector@gmail.com.

Membership

Janet Longueira, Director

It is membership renewal time for RGMS, and thank you to everyone who has renewed early. Please help me welcome these new members who joined us in November.

Misty, Travis & Triston Ambrose
Taryn Baker
Anne Bradley
Alicia Evangelista
Dale & Cheryl Evans
Marty, Marla, & Sadie Federspiel
Craig Fougner & Rita Lencioni
Sam Green & Deanna Handegard
Ray Haag
Calvin & Kristen Hartley
Sherry Hayes
Alexandra Ley & Marcus Rodarte
Karen Lynn & Michelle & Erin McNary
Mary & Monty Mosher
Judy Spry
Gene Stone & Diane Ballard
Katie Tanner
Bill Wertz
Bill & Kathy Wilson
Richard Yanas

Currently we have 387 memberships and 693 members! We're hoping for 100% renewals and more new growth in 2022!

Education Outreach

Steve Norman

Reno Gem and Mineral Society's Education Outreach made seventeen class presentations from October 18 through Nov 13: Palmer Elementary School (ES) five classrooms over two days, Mt Rose ES two classrooms, Natchez ES two classes, Verdi ES three classrooms, Spanish Springs four classrooms over two days, and a Sparks Boy Scout troop took the class at The Rock Building. The hour-long presentation for each class gave about 390 students information on minerals and how the rock cycle works. The theme is that minerals are used in our communities all the time and that there is new information being learned about these spectacular materials. We discuss how tourmaline is being used for moving the screen on cell phones and

Paper Conglomerate Changes

Sue Webb, Editor

Digital copies of the RGMS newsletter, *The Conglomerate*, will continue to be sent to the email addresses of all memberships at no additional cost. This month's paper copies are the last that will be sent in color or as a short form.

Beginning with the January issue, the cost of hard copy of *The Conglomerate* will increase, substantially for those who had elected to receive the \$12/year paper short form. The purpose for the change is to keep RGMS from getting in trouble with the IRS. Therefore, the copies should no longer be printed on the editor's personal printer as in the past, but must be sent to a professional print shop and billed back to RGMS. To keep costs as low as possible, the \$21/year full color paper version of *The Conglomerate* will no longer be available. The paper version will only be available in black and white and as a full size version. Professional print shops do not print the very short runs for the two versions.

With postal costs increasing as well as the cost of envelopes and labels, the annual cost for monthly black and white paper versions of *The Conglomerate* will be \$30. That rate may be prorated quarterly at the option of the society.

Also, these changes will be in effect for the January newsletter. Unless you let me or Janet know that you are OK with the new plan, I'll just send a digital copy. If you have not given us an email address, you probably just won't get the January *Conglomerate*. A very few copies may be available at the January meeting for \$3 per copy.

lithium being mined in Nevada to produce batteries for electric cars. The students are encouraged to do well in school and think about pursuing science education. Every student is given a mineral gift and information to take to their parents about the Reno Gem and Mineral Society. We get support from the Nevada Division of Minerals with stickers, pencils, and brochures that explain to parents how to keep safe in the wide and wild spaces of Nevada. I want to thank **Debbie Bush** for her help in giving the classes and to **Alan** and **Bobbi Metzger** for furnishing student and teacher mineral gifts.

Board meeting notes for November 10, 2021
Steve Norman, Secretary

President **Dean Sizemore** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Vice President **Steve Smith** 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. **Steve Smith** moved to accept the secretary's report. **Terry Bush** seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: **Robyn Howard** reviewed the profit and loss statement for October 2021. Some highlights include \$18,000 profit for the Jackpot of Gems show. There will be free parking at the show next year and the contract at the Convention Center has already been completed with the cost at \$5,800 taken from the show budget that has been established. Highlighted expenses include purchasing shop oil at about \$500, and replacement wheels at \$2,700. The shop brought in about \$200 just in cutting slab fees. See Robyn for any clarifications on the finances. **Steve Smith** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Denise Sizemore** seconded and the motion carried.

Robyn noted that there is about \$23,000 in the operating checkbook and \$25,500 in savings and in the new special events account (Jackpot of Gems) at about \$19,000. There was a request from the board for a year-to-date report. Changing the date parameters on *Quick Books* should provide information. **Virginia Keeley** will work with Robyn on seeing if that will work out.

President Dean Sizemore reported two new commission members filling director positions. April Young is taking the position of librarian and Carol Ennis, public relations director. Dean and the board thanked them for volunteering. Dean inquired if anyone on the board knows how to use the voice mail option on the society's charter phone system. Tom Nichols will do some research to determine how to activate this feature. Dean asked for any nominations for lifetime membership to provide a short paragraph to him by email. Dean reported that there have been four or five items found missing in the shop area. Theresa as security director has the means to investigate and needs approximate dates. The board discussed providing improved access to the alarm system.

Past President and Website: **Tom Nichols** explained that the website continues to produce increased public contacts with the RGMS page. There were nearly 2,100 views on RenoGMS.org. The website is being used for the calendar to check out events as well as classes being offered. There were 280 new contacts added to the "show customers" list of those interested in the Jackpot of Gems Show. **Terry Bush** volunteered to update the "About Us" tab on the website.

Social: **Denise Sizemore** informed the group that the holiday party is scheduled for December 4th, starting at 5 PM and dinner begins at 6 PM. The party will be in the Cottonwood Room at the Lazy 5 Library that is located off the Pyramid Highway. Please email Denise at wraftordesigns@gmail.com with a number in the party and what dish you plan to bring for the potluck. There is room for 150 people, so please get your spot secured. There will be no alcohol at this event and keep pets at home. There will be a gift exchange of \$20 maximum value for women or men.

The Rock Building (TRB): **Linda Johnston** report via ZOOM on the Building Committee's progress to expand the shop and classroom space. The problem with the tenants has been resolved and the building area can be developed. She has met with the architect and is still waiting for a variance for parking from the Sparks city hall. This is a small area that requires asbestos removal where bids are being considered and work will commence shortly.

Building: Director **Eric Fendelander** reports that a new and improved swamp cooler will be installed.

California Federation Mineral Association: No report.

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Conglomerate: Director **Sue Webb** asks for articles and pictures and requests that each board member or commission director write an article updating the society on the activity or position that the job entails. Sue is a great editor and will make the articles look good for publication. (former teacher/professor). Sue is giving out utility pens for anyone writing up a thoughtful article. If there is any particular mineral you would like to know more about, just ask and **Webb Varnum** will research and write up an article.

Field Trip: No report. **Eric Fendelander** has a day trip to Austin scheduled for November 13, looking for blue agate. Look for an Email blast for all the details on this and other trips, weather permitting.

Classes: Director **Julie Hilsabeck** needs volunteers for the Open House that runs from 11 AM till 9 PM. If you have some time, please come by and get involved. Lapidary and silver classes are full. Read the *Conglomerate* for details on classes and dates. Many classes in December are being canceled to give the instructors a break. Open House on Monday is being planned until the Monday before Christmas and possibly extended hours on Tuesday depending on volunteers. A class to learn the fundamental of tumbling, rock conditioning, and casting will be offered after the New Year. Julie reminded society members that the shop is for personal use, not production work to sell things as a business. A gift for our hard-working instructors was discussed.

Education Outreach: **Steve Norman** reported visiting several classrooms with a program on mineral education. The Future Rock Hounds of America is scheduled to commence starting January 15 at 2 PM at The Rock Building. Scholarship for University Nevada, Reno, or Truckee Meadows Community College is being developed with a \$1,500 grant.

Social Media: **Sven Sanders** reports 800 active participants. Email can go out to groups within the society such as board members or volunteers. There are some 3,000 members engaged in RGMS activities that show signs that the Website, social media with Facebook are reaching many people interested in the activities of the society. The 32 auction will be held quarterly and Eblasts will announce the dates and times.

Volunteers: Director **Terry Bush** reported that the nominating committee secured next year's board of directors with a vote of acceptance from the general membership at the regular meeting on November 3, 2021. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large board members were nominated with no other candidates being proposed. There remains a need for five At-Large board members and an assistant for the secretary and treasurer. Anyone interested please contact Terry. Terry added that there will soon be a need for a building director and a silent auction manager for the Jackpot of Gems Show. Terry's email: tjb1257@gmail.com.

Vice President: Steve Smith reports no speaker for the December general meeting with the Officers being sworn in and the usual business.

Raffle: Laura Jackson reported \$305 in sales at the last General Meeting. Donations are needed from Society members. Using her budget she scored some good products and great prices from many generous vendors at the Craft Fair.

Craft Fair: Theresa Langhans reported possibly the best show ever with a strong crowd on all three days with vendors doing well on their sales. She attributed the increase in attendance to Social Media. Thank you, Tom Nichols and Sven Sanders! Next craft fairs are scheduled for April and October 2022.

Public Relations: Director Carol Ennis is new to rocks and minerals but not to public relations. She has a goal for volunteers to work as a team to accomplish great things. Many positive things are going on in the Society and she is researching that there is a chance that the Reno Gem and Mineral Society could at least be nominated and who knows but could be recognized as "Club of the Year". Carol also has experience in grant writing and once she has done some family visits she will be ready to get started. Welcome, Carol!

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Historian: **Phillipp Weirauch** absent. Dean reports that Phillip is conducting interviews with some older and long-time members of the Society.

Membership: Director **Janet Longueira** reports by ZOOM that RGMS now has 378 memberships adding up to 681 members. Janet asks that as soon as possible to get your renewal turned back in for next year which will have lots of exciting events.

Shop: Director **Chuck Jackson** is maintaining the shop and all is well.

Social: **Lori Connell** just learned that both **Jan** and **Albie Longueira** had some medical procedures done and they are doing well. Keep **Sam Macaluso, Dean Sizemore, Eric Fendelander, Josephine Snead,** and **Susanne Simpkins** in your thoughts and prayers.

Library: Director **Tricia Vaillancourt** no report.

Denise Sizemore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Julie Hilsabeck** seconded. Motion Carried.

Adjournment time: 7:53 PM.

Note: Next General meeting at Baldini's Sports Casino is on Wednesday, December 1, starting at 7 PM

Letters from the Past #3 "Rocks in Their Pockets" ***Phillipp Weirauch , Historian***

Recently, I had a wonderful afternoon at **Shirley Barnes'** home together with her son **Lloyd** and their friend **Karen Boldi**.

Shirley, born 1927, joined the RGMS when her son was 8 years old in 1977.

A newspaper ad invited parents and their children to visit the RGMS and introduce the kids to this great and interesting new hobby in the youth group.

And guess what: the Rock Building was buzzing with children of all ages for years!

Shirley, Floyd and Karen recalled that there were at least 8-10 children between the ages of 6 and 15 at the Rock Building on any given Saturday -.

As Lloyd put it: "there was this small age window when rocks were really the most important thing to every child in town: Every Kid had rocks in their pockets".

Lee Carter and **Joyce Brown, Jim** and **Pat Seifert** all were active members of the RGMS in those days and they were in their 30's and 40's and had children of their own. Lee and Joyce ran the "youth program" and were responsible and the driving forces behind these wild-years.

Since contemporary distraction opportunities such as Smartphones, Video-games, or Tik-Tok-were lacking, to occupy their children, all these young parents were left with only one of two choices:

1. sell the children to the mining companies to work in the pits--which really would not work very well because using small sized humans to access remote places was definitely no longer acceptable, or
2. integrate the children into their hobbies

And they did the latter.

Man, were these children lucky that their parents chose rock hounding as their hobby.

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Kids in the 70's not only learned about rocks, arrow-heads, fossils and petrified wood, they also learned a lot of the work we still teach today:

- working on the polishing machines--yep: in these days even kids could operate the machines without destroying the wheels--not sure how that was achieved. But maybe physical punishment was involved? Or they were simply smarter and more careful than todays grown-ups are? Any hints are welcome. Please contact Julie and let her know! We want to keep our wheels for longer.
- they also had sand-casting classes, which sounds like a lot of fun and rather easy to do --think about it like an introduction class to real wax-casting for those of you who were as ignorant as I about what "sand casting" might be. I can't wait until someone steps up and offers a "sand casting class"--I am all in!

The only thing which seems to have been off limits were the saws--probably because the adults were afraid of all the moving parts and flying around of rock-chips which might hurt the youngsters --or simply they did not want to try to get that oil out of their children's clothes. Again, any ideas on this topic are very welcome. Please contact the very oily author with advice about how to ever get that oil out again

The kids were also regular participants in all field trips and excursions. I can hardly imagine what a fun, chaotic and vivid place the rock building must have been on these week-ends.

But - times are a changin' and so are we with them.

And I am sure--or better, I hope that 40 years into the future, members look back on our time and go: "Wow! That was so great when Patrick did all the renovation and reorganization of all the things in the rock building and when the club exploded with new members and had open house several days a week." I think I really like that thought!

The Holiday season is coming. So, Merry Christmas to you all--afar or close by, known



Mineral of the Month: Brucite
D. W. Webb Varnum

Brucite, a magnesium hydroxide (Mg(OH) mineral, generally forms as a result of the alteration or low-grade metamorphism of other magnesium-rich minerals, such as olivine and periclase. It is usually associated with magnesium minerals such as magnesite and dolomite and is usually found in rocks and marbles with serpentine, dolomite, hydromagnesite and talc. It has a specific gravity of 2.39, perfect cleavage and a fibrous fracture. It is mostly found in Scandinavia, Russia, Italy, and the US.



Brucite does not ordinarily make attractive specimens, its waxy, light green,,blueish, honey yellow, red, or brown crystals generally being soft (2.5-3 Mohs) and fibrous, but it has occasional industrial uses making metal and in aircraft production. It was used in Gabbs Nevada in war planes (1930-1940) and then in the Las Vegas area.

Sources: *Wikipedia, Britannica*

in person or only heard of in stories and tales. I wish you all a very calm and peaceful holiday time, and may you find some comfort in looking back at that that was--maybe with a tear in the eye and a look forward to what you are building and doing and what lies ahead, and that at least should put a slight smile on your lips.

Frohe Weihnachten Euch Allen!
 Merry Christmas to all of You!

A Novice Rockhound's Journal #3
Paul Morasch, New Member

After re-reading my previous "journal," I thought I should tell you a bit about myself. I am retired now, having spent 50 years in the grocery business—35 years at retail, the balance in sales for my wholesaler. We moved here from Santa Cruz, Ca. After 42 years in the Santa Cruz mountains we welcome the flat terrain of the Washoe Valley. Our Sparks home is near David's Bar and Grille just off the golf course in Wingfield Springs.

If, per chance, someone would like to contact me, my cell number is 831-247-8119. I can also be reached via email at pmorasch@sbcglobal.net. I check for texts and emails often and do respond timely,

Since I last wrote, Abby and I have rolled up our sleeves and helped Patrick and Trish clean and organize the "Rock Center" hall and shop. Volunteering is its own reward; you should try it. If it's been a while since you visited, stop by. You may not recognize the building.

Abby and I enrolled in the September Lapidary class. With Theresa's and Julie's help we both created extremely beautiful cabochons and hope to continue our creative efforts with stone and slab. Open house has proven to be worth the effort

Circumstances and creaky knees have prevented any meaningful hounding. We did attend the RGMS Craft show at Town Hall Square and were able to take care of gifts for several people on our Christmas lists. This and class have helped maintain our interest at a high level, and we look forward to finding our own specimens in the near future.

One of the issues we face, though, is knowing what, exactly, it is that we find. Is there a "go to" person that could help with rock identification? If not, could there be? This proved out when we took part in the field trip to Austin. We did find several samples of what may well be blue agates. They would probably be best described as shards, they being rather miniscule. We did bring home some larger rocks that seemed somehow special and interesting. We hope to someday learn what we are collecting.

As a side note, does anyone use a hula hoe when rock hounding? I thought one would have been useful at the Austin site.

Does anyone share out basic rock ignorance? I would participate in a Rock & Mineral book club if one existed. How about you?

There will be no formal classes for the month of December. Classes will resume in January. Watch for an e-blast on December 28th regarding Lapidary class availability for January, 2022.

We will continue to have Open House on Mondays from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Additionally we will have an Open House on Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 9:00 pm to help our members get their lapidary gifts ready for Christmas. Check the Website Calendar for the possibility of other Open House dates and times.

December 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 General Meeting 7pm Baldini's	2	3	4 Holiday Pot-luck 5-8pm Lazy 5 Cottonwood Room
5	6 Open House 11am -9 pm	7	8 Board Meeting 7pm 480 S. Rock	9	10	11
12	13 Open House 11am -9 pm	14 Open House 1pm -9 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 Open House 11am -9 pm.	21 Open House 1pm -9 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

CFMS & AFMS Shows, 2021-2022

Covid is still not over! Please check to be sure the show is happening.

December 5, 2021 – Lake Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society,
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com

2022 Shows

January 15-16, 2022 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave.,
Exeter, CA
Contact: (559) 802-6029

February 26-27, 2022 – Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA
Contact: (510) 377-4545 Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

March 5-5, 2022 – Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.,
Ventura Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: <https://www.pasadenalapidary.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway in Turlock, CA . Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 484-4416, terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

April 30 – May 1, 2022 – Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Hours: 10 AM – 5PM
Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>

May 6-7-8, 2022 – Lancaster, CA
CFMS Gems, Minerals, Fossils & Jewelry Show

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W Avenue H,
Lancaster, CA 93536 Contact: Bob Backus (661) 526-3564, email: lbackus@aol.com; Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 406-0143, email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

June 11-12, 2022 —Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts,
340 N. Escondido, Escondido 92025
Contact: (425) 281-6218, tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV
The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia, Reno, NV 89502 Contact: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: <http://www.renogms.org>

About the 2022 AFMS Show & Convention

On their Facebook page, the Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana says they are shooting for the third week of October for their 2022 show. It is unclear if they are still planning to host the AFMS at that show. The original date for the combined show was October 7 –9, but Covid lockdowns have had the result of making venues quite flaky, and so one wonders if LaGMS is encountering scheduling dandruff. The post says there will be more information in December.



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