



The Conglomerate

The Monthly Newsletter of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

September 2022

General Meeting

Wed. Aug. 3, 7pm

Baldini's Second Floor

Board Meeting

Wed. Aug. 10, 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 6 PM at the Rock Building, 480 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV.

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Conglomerate 2022

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Important Message about Mailed Newsletters

Beginning with the January Conglomerate, the Reno Gem and Mineral Society is going paperless, as have many other organizations. This change will affect primarily those members who have opted to pay for a paper copy to be sent by postal mail. That option will no longer be available as of January. You may have noted that stamp prices recently increased 2 cents, and it now costs 60 cents to mail a first class letter. Postage for mailed newsletter copies has also gone up (\$0.84). Members who do not have digital access via phone or computer will need to acquire newsletters at the monthly general meetings for \$3 or by using a computer at a local library, or by asking a friend or family member to print one for them. Phone access and library access will also require establishing an email account, but those can be had for free from Google or Yahoo. This change will not affect distribution of The Conglomerate for the rest of 2022. Copies will continue to be mailed throughout 2022 to those who have paid for them.

**President's Message
Dean Sizemore, President**

It's September already. I hope you and your family have a great holiday. Now, it's time to get well rested because we are 2 weeks away from JPOG. I'm very excited about the plans and changes for this year's show. Volunteers are stepping up, so important for success because it takes a lot of manpower to pull our show off. There are still many openings available, so please help us out. I can promise that you will have a lot of fun, no matter where you volunteer. I can't wait to see the members showcases; it's always fun to see the creativity of this group.

At July's General Meeting I went over the survey we had sent out. I was happy with the results--all categories were high 80's

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How a Procedure Comes to Life.

Dean Sizemore, President

As I wrote that title, my childhood flashed before me about how a bill becomes law, and *conjunction junction* started singing in my head. Yes, I am your elected leader. □

If you hear something that doesn't sound either right or that you can't believe the Board or a member would do that, most likely they didn't, and you should ask a BOARD member for details. Go straight to the member, or come to the board meeting and ask. I explain at every general meeting that the board meeting is open to any member who wishes to attend in person or over Zoom. If you have something to go over, please let me know ahead of time so we can plan time for it. I encourage everyone to attend.

We had a few people upset at last month's general meeting over an expenditure made, one made to help us make JPOG better, increase the number of our vendors, which it did by 2 this year and there are more that are planning to attend next year. We must increase our number of vendors if we want JPOG to continue forward in 2 years. This situation came up at the Board meeting, and it was decided that perhaps we should explain how an item goes about being approved.

All items brought before the board must be in writing as a proposal that shows the goal, how it will benefit RGMS, who will be involved in implementing the item, who will be championing the item and what expected costs are, if any. This proposal is discussed by the board: questions are asked, objections are raised, and each proposal is thoroughly discussed. After discussion, the proposal is voted on by the Board Members present, assuming we have a quorum. The proposal, once approved, is kept on file so that, going forward, we have a record of what was discussed, and what was approved. That way, we will always have a record of why something either was done or is done a certain way. This record also is used as a guideline for future Boards and members on how future requests are to be handled. This year we started this process to assure we had a procedure for what and how to handle something, our goal always being that going forward anyone can see why we do something or if a new board is taking over, they now know how to do something.

We have worked very hard as a group to ensure the future of this organization, increase our funds, improve the current building and as you all know expand into twice the space. We have a member whose profession is guiding non-profits through the pitfalls many make. He will be working with a group of board members over the next 5 months to assure RGMS is on track for a great future. We are very excited by this opportunity and look forward to the challenges ahead. Members involved in the working group have committed to 80 hours of extra time to accomplish this. We are also working on making sure we are complying in other areas.

No decision is taken lightly by this board, and all decisions are made for the success of this organization. Frankly I am upset and disappointed that some individuals, without getting any facts, upset other members with bad information, having never contacted anyone on this board to get accurate information. It's disappointing and insulting to all those who take their duties seriously. It's not upsetting to have someone question what's happening. That's perfectly normal, and as I said, we are happy to share the facts of the matter with any member. We appreciate that; it shows you care. Not asking and spreading rumors is not caring about this organization at all. Rumors cause hurt, lose members, and stop growth. As we get larger, clear communication will always be a challenge.

One thing we have already implemented is to acknowledge that this non-profit is at its core a business, and as such must be taken seriously. It's no longer a "club" where a few members control everything and solve issues using dissension. We value every member and because we do, we always want your input because we are always striving to improve. Please, if something sounds off, just ask a board member; please don't spread false rumors, bad information etc. You can always reach a board member through the emails listed in the back of this newsletter. You can reach me at president@renogms.org or call me 775-544-6900.

or 90's in satisfaction. There were some great suggestions made to us that we are looking into implementing. We found out about some misconceptions that are still out there; we need to know about them so we can correct them. We'd like to start doing a survey twice a year to keep an accurate idea of RGMS's current situation. .

One misconception was regarding children: depending on maturity, we have many kids participating in lapidary and beginning silversmithing. One child is as young as 9 ½, others are 12. With parents helping, it's going well. All Julie (our school director) asks is to meet with interested children and see how mature they are for their age. Many are ready early, some need to wait a little longer or have the parent stay with them. They are doing some amazing work. But if a child is too young for some activities, don't forget about the once-a-month Saturday children's program. The parents will need to sign a waiver for any child participating in RGMS classes. Anyone using the shop will need to sign a waiver each year, which we will keep on file.

Another misconception was regarding claims: someone in the survey said it was unfair of members to have claims and keeping people off of them. I am not aware of one person doing this. Many members have claims, which is well within their rights, and many of them have, in fact, led multiple field trips this year to those claims. They have said if the claim is on a site you've been going to, then please continue to go there. No one is locking up great hunting areas from members or claiming areas that RGMS goes to. Some claims are next to those areas or near, but not where we go on RGMS trips. These members have spent hours and days finding great sites and have every right to file a claim for those sites. However, should a member ever claim a site we go to, and they found out about it because we took them there, that's a different story, and as a Board we would deal with it.

Our membership is higher than ever thanks to more activities, better equipment, supplies and incredible volunteer instructors. Come enjoy Monday day and Tuesday open houses. Many of the nights now have one class or another going on. If you're a new member, please come by the building 480 S. Rock, on a Monday. Most of the equipment is running then, and lots of Board members are around to meet you and show you around. Julie, our School Director is always there and happy to share with you.

The building expansion is moving along. Funds and material donations are so important along with the monies raised through the monthly door prizes, Auction 32, and JPOG Silent Auction. Please help us out by donating for any of these above functions that you can. Volunteers have been sorting, bagging, cleaning, and labeling rocks for over a month now and are getting towards the goal of 160 buckets for JPOG. As of this writing, they have surpassed that goal. We still need a few "crazy wow" items for the final Silent Auction, typically old pieces of mining equipment, great specimens etc. Please contact us if you can donate something or know a business that may be willing to do so. Some beautiful specimens have been donated.

Have a great month, stay cool and see you at the General Meeting.

Sunshine Report **Joanne Sworthout**

If you have a situation for which you could use some support from your RGMS friends, or if you know of someone who could, please get in touch with **Joanne** at sunshine@renogms.org.

Officers' Reports

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

Jackpot of Gems
Daniel Ellis, Show Chair

Ok this is it; the show is here!

If you have not signed up for the slots to work, please be sure to do so at the general meeting on the 7th.

We are loading the truck on the afternoon of the 7th at 5pm at the Rock Building. Please come and help as the more hands, the quicker it will get done.

Set-up starts at 7am on Friday, the 9th down at the Reno Convention Center, south side of the Atlantis. At 12 noon all the vendors will be coming in to set up and our members who are doing displays can set up then as well.

The Pot Luck is that same evening. Make sure you help us out with food and goodies for all to share. Denise has the sign up sheet for that to.

See you all there.

2022 Jackpot of Gems
Annual Vendor Potluck
Denise Sizemore, Social Director

Come join us in welcoming this years Jackpot of Gems Vendors to Reno Gem and Mineral Society's version of a good ole' fashion potluck.

Friday, September 9th with mingling hour from 5- 6 pm and Potluck starting at 6 pm.

This will be at the Rock Building, 480 S. Rock Blvd.

We will also have leftovers for the volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 11th after all is cleaned up at the Convention Center. Usually about 6pm.

We are in need of Snacks, Finger foods, Salads, Main Dishes, and Desserts. We would love to have some of your homemade goodies, but store bought, and your good company works for me!

Please RSVP to Denise by email at: social@renogms.org with what you are bringing and how many will be attending, by September 1st so I can have the room setup appropriately.

Thank you.

Membership
Janet Longueira, Director

Please welcome these new members to RGMS. We are now 425 memberships and 785 members strong!

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| Craig Bouchie | Angela & Michael Nealon |
| Lauren Chorey | Christina Osloond |
| David Gilliland | Billi Parsons |
| Donald & Elva Grove | Shey Piper |
| Abigail Hinds | Laura Scarselli-Hendrix |
| Makenna Houston | Martha, Sarah, Elizabeth & Betty Schuon |
| Brittany Jaykins | Roxanne Scott |
| Dave & Tristan Keller | Leigh & Alex , Emma & Donovan Sehr |
| Andrea Kincannon | Kaitlyn Silvey |
| Jamie & Shaun, Leonard & Shelley Jeffries | Janine Stizzo |
| Karen Lerner & Lauren Strang | Sam Stone |
| Zoe & Milo Miller | Maria Trinh and Thomas, Emmeline, Ashley, Audrey & Andrew Braun |
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| Most recent renewal | Sylvia Nunez |

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Davis Creek Rainbow Obsidian and Oregon Sunstones

Hilary Loupee, RGMS Board Member at Large

Davis Creek is open again! Once I heard the news, I wanted to get there as soon as possible. I ran into Spencer at the shop, and he was also trying to plan a trip, so we decided to go together. Finding digging buddies is one of my favorite things about RGMS. For those of you familiar with the old Davis Creek permit system like I was, things have changed a bit. Obsidian-collecting permits are only issued from the Modoc National Forest Headquarters at 225 W. 8th Street in Alturas, California, M-F 8-12 and 1-4. That means if you want a weekend permit, you still have to get there early enough on Friday. And they only issue 25 permits a day, so there is the possibility that you could drive 3 hours up there and be out of luck. But thankfully, they told us on the phone that they haven't quite reached the limit even once this season, so we decided to get there at 8am on a Friday morning with fingers crossed.

There was only one guy already waiting when we pulled up at 7:50am. You are allowed 3 permits a year, but since the season is currently only July 1st – August 31st, we didn't think we'd be back this year and got permits for Friday and Saturday. This involved a LOT of paperwork by the lady at the desk. I miss the old days of getting permits at the Davis Creek Mercantile. Each current permit allows you to fill two 5-gallon buckets on the day the permit is issued for. You can dig at any of the 4 mines – Rainbow Mine, Pink Lady, Middle Fork Davis Creek, and Obsidian Needles. Collecting outside of these areas is not permitted. The forest service office will give you some good maps for the

area, although don't expect anything to be marked once you are out there. We found the best way was to really pay attention to the mileage and use Google maps to track your location on the roads. Even without cell coverage, Google maps still works a little bit.

With permits in hand, we first headed to the Rainbow Mine. From experience, I knew that this mine produced (in my opinion) the best material, but it was also miserable clay digging. I thought we should attack this with the most energy and while it was cooler. Sure enough, less than an hour into the dig, I had a small



Hilary digging in the clay



Electric blue obsidian

pile of exceptional pieces including the unbelievable electric blue piece pictured. It's even more stunning in person.

Not too long after we arrived, a ranger showed up to check our permits. She was super friendly and chatty and couldn't stop picking up pieces off the ground herself.

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Once we'd exhausted ourselves in the clay, we headed down the dirt road to the Pink Lady Mine, which was about 12 miles away. The final turn into this mine is onto an extremely narrow dirt road to the left, and we completely missed it. A little farther down the wrong road we ran into a family that had also missed the turn. After looking at maps with them, we backtracked and found the road we wanted. At first, the Pink Lady Mine seemed like a big disappointment as none of us were finding much color. The way to check for rainbow obsidian is to hold up a piece in the sun. If it's not already broken, you may need to chip off a piece with your rock hammer. Eye protection and gloves are a MUST! The colors will only appear on one angle, so if you break it and see bands, that means you need to break it again at a 90 degree angle to see the color. A water bottle to spray does help to see the color a little easier.

I started digging in an old hole and began popping out some really nice rainbow pieces with multiple colors. From the name and reputation, I had thought everything here was only pink. Philipp started digging in the soft dirt under some pine needles and was digging up chunk after chunk of pink obsidian. Spencer and I joined him and every single piece we dug up was pink. We stopped breaking them at some point because they were so consistent!

We decided we'd better get to the other mines and headed over to Middle Fork Davis Creek. I'd been there in the past when it was a commercial operation and we were allowed to dig in the tailings. They've blocked off the road now, so it's quite a little hike up the hill to the collection area, and it's another feat to carry your obsidian down. The largest pieces are typically found at this mine, so it's a good bet if that's what you are after. We found some really nice pieces, but we were all getting tired and decided to head to camp.

There are several nice campgrounds in the immediate area and we camped at Plum Valley. There is a little creek running behind the campground, a vault toilet, and fire pits. It's only a mile off the main road to the obsidian and just down the road from the Mercantile if you need supplies.

The next morning, since Philipp had to get home, we decided to go first to the sunstones just north of Plush, Oregon. Make sure you have maps loaded before you head out from Alturas, as there is no signal anywhere from Alturas to Plush or anywhere in Davis Creek. Without maps, we struggled a little, but found our way to the sunstones with only one wrong turn. Plush is about an hour from Davis Creek and sunstones are basically 20 miles north on the Hogback Road out of Plush. After 9 miles, watch for a tiny sign indicating a right turn. We missed the sign because a trailer was stopped in front of it. From there, you can follow other signs all the way in.



Spencer walking up to the Middle Fork Davis Creek Mine



Sunstones we found

At the sunstones, there are tons of fee-dig places that offer conveyor belts of rocks to pick through, but I've never found them to be better than just digging on the free BLM land. There is a good camp area with a toilet and some shaded picnic tables, but no trees. You can collect all around this area. It is perfect for surface picking, although we opted to try to sift the dirt to maybe find unexposed sunstones. You do have to walk away from the parking area as it is very picked over right in the immediate vicinity. We brought sifting boxes, although I found my combination of the green classifier (sifter) that a lot of us have and a regular plastic kitchen colander worked like a charm. The larger classifier caught the big rocks and the kitchen colander let the sand out, so only sunstone sized rocks were left in the colander. Be sure to glance at the larger classifier though, as several times I caught a big sunstone in it!

We only spent a few hours at the sunstones and then headed back to Davis Creek to get our permit limits for the day. Since it was already after 4 when we got back, we decided to head to Philipp's spot at Pink Lady and take some easy pickings. We found some very sizable boulders there that filled up our buckets rather quickly. With the car loaded and riding low, we decided not to go up the very steep and windy road to the Obsidian Needles. That road requires a high clearance 4WD vehicle. I've been there before, and it's mainly to get some specimen needles. There is a lot of mahogany obsidian as well as the occasional rainbow piece.

Everyone in the group was thrilled at their findings and decided to head back to Reno. We had planned to camp again, but opted to make the 3-hour drive home for a comfy bed. We stopped in Alturas for some surprisingly great pizza before heading back. I can't wait to get some of the pieces cut and I'm sure you'll all be seeing some of it in the RGMS online auctions. I would like to propose this trip as a field trip for next year. The concern would be the 25-permit-a-day limit, so we'd have to limit the number of people and alternate with one group on sunstones one day and rainbow obsidian the next, but I think we could make it work. I found out from the chatty ranger that a family can also share a permit for their 2-bucket limit, so that would allow more people to go. If you are interested in doing this or want more info before making your own trip, feel free to reach out.

A Special Reward for JPOG Volunteers
Janet Longueira, Membership Director, et al

We are almost there - the Jackpot of Gems! Have you signed up to volunteer yet? This year we are adding a very special incentive; a Volunteers Only raffle!. That's right!. We have set aside some very special prizes for those who volunteer at the Jackpot of Gems. Each person who volunteers for any shift during set up and take down, and during the show itself will receive one raffle ticket for this special raffle. We will enter your name into the drawing; you just need to show up for your scheduled shift and initial the sign-up page showing that you were there. The drawing will be held at October's General Meeting on October 5th. So please help out and get a chance to win something very special.

School Report

Julie Hilsabeck, School Director

To see the RGMS calendar showing the class schedule as well as the coming events for the month, go to renogms.org and click on the calendar tab. The following 5 classes often have their first class before the General Meeting. Register for the following classes via email response to me, Julie Hilsabeck at school@renogms.org. A rapid response ensures your place in each as class size is limited.

Beginning Lapidary – 2 classes are available; 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (limit of 4 new students) and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (limited to 6 students). Classes are on Tuesdays. Mandatory safety classes occur 30 minutes prior to the first class start time. Class Fee is \$60.00 for the month and includes all tools, slabs, and equipment necessary to complete 3 calibrated cabochons.

Basics of Slab Saw Use – Tuesdays, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Class Fee is \$60.00

Basics of Tumbling – Wednesdays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Class fee is \$60.00 and includes all materials, tools, and equipment necessary to complete a tumbler full of polished rocks.

Wire Wrapping, the next step. Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. Class size is limited to 4 students and class fee is \$60.00. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00pm. All tools, materials, and equipment are provided in the class fee.

Beginning Silver Fabrication, Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

ALL OTHER CLASSES MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AT THE GENERAL MEETING in the upstairs meeting room at Baldini's.

Open House – each Monday from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$7.50 per hour Drop in.

Advanced Silver Fabrication – Thursdays 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Class fee is \$90.00. This class is primarily a work on your own with access to a master Jeweler for advice and direction. If a specific project is to be taught, then a kit fee will be required.

Castings – Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Class fee is \$120.00 which includes your materials fee.

Future Rockhounds of America – Saturday, June 11, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Bead Weaving – Sundays Monthly from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Class fee is \$20.00. Project display and material list will be available at the General Meeting.

Chain Making – Occasional evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. . Class fee is \$45.00 and includes all materials, tools, and equipment necessary to get 3 different chains started. .

Cold Connections – Occasional Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$22.50 plus a \$5.00 kit fee. Samples will be available at the General Meeting .

Mineral ID is offered usually quarterly the third and fourth Wednesday You will need to buy a book and a kit in addition to the course fee.

RGMS Volunteers Needed for Jackpot of Gems on September 10-11!!

We need help for the following categories:

Information booth:

- Saturday 2:30 - 5:30 (1 person)
- Sunday 9:30 - 12:30 (1 person)

Wheel of fortune:

- Saturday 2:30 - 5:30 (1 person)
- Sunday 2:30 - 4:30 (1 person)

Security:

- Saturday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (1 person)
 - 2:30 - 5:30 (2 persons)
- Sunday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (2 persons)
 - 2:30 - 5:30 (3 persons)

Kids corner:

- Saturday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (3 persons)
 - 2:30 - 5:30 (3 persons)
- Sunday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (2 persons)
 - 2:30 - 4:00 (3 persons)

Jackpot raffle:

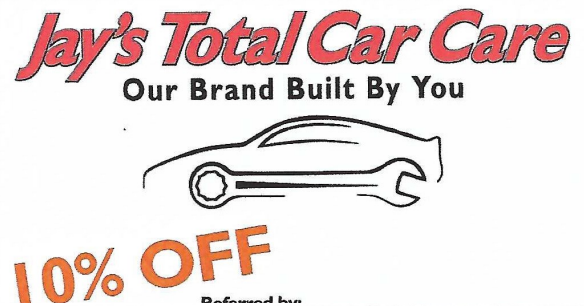
- Saturday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (3 persons)
 - 2:30 - 5:30 (3 persons)
- Sunday:
 - 9:30 - 12:30 (3 persons)
 - 12:00 - 3:00 (3 persons)
 - 2:30 - 4:00 (3 persons)

We would appreciate help with take down at the end of the show on Sunday! Afterwards, there will be food and beverages at the Rock Building.

Bonus! All volunteers receive an official T-shirt and courtesy entrance to the show!

You will receive an email notification of your day and time slot that you selected.

If more information is needed, and to add your name to the above positions, contact Stephanie Leonard 925-785-4551 to text or email sabl@comcast.net



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CFMS & AFMS Shows, 2022

Covid is still not over! Please check to be sure the show is happening. For hours and other additional information go to cfmsinc.org/shows.

2022 CFMS Shows**September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV**

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Jackpot of Gems
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia, Reno, NV
89502 Contact: sailondan55@aol.com

September 17-18, 2022 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2757 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928
Contact: (530) 586-7052, mmpg@att.net

September 24-25, 2022 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA
Contact: 2022show@alogem.org

September 24-25, 2022—Long Beach

Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society
Signal Hill Public Library, 1800 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA
Contact: 562 253-1390, karin.yasuda@gmail.com

October 1-2, 2022 – Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fair and Event Center, 1890 Briggs St., Anderson, CA (just south of Redding) 96007
contact: miler3987@gmail.com <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8-9, 2022 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945
Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net
Website: <https://www.ncgms.org/show-info/>

October 8-9, 2022 – Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City
Contacts: 650 575-3144 cci@pacbell.net, 650 743-7447 catphalen@comcast.net
Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 9, 2022 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook CA 92028
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 15, 2022 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First Methodist Church, 22770 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91204 Website: <http://www.rockchippers.org>

October 15-16, 2022 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
45th Annual Mineral and Gem Show
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple Ave.,
Contact: (707) 849-9551, jolene4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

October 14-16, 2022 New Orleans, LA

2022 AFMS and SCFMS Show & Convention
Hosted by Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana
Alario Event Center, 2000 Segnette Blvd. Westwego LA

October 15-16, 2022- Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667 Contact: office@edcmgs.org
Website: <http://www.eldoradocountymineralandgemsociety.org>

October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA
Contact: (916) 662-5819,
gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

2023**March 11-12, 2023 -Turlock, CA**

Mother Lode Mineral Show
Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA Contact: bwendx2@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA Z
Website: <https://facebook.com/AndLemoore>



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Volunteer Page

A new feature in the *Conglomerate*, this space will feature those members who are not officers or directors but who regularly volunteer their time to help RGMS function in a number of different and valuable ways, or sometimes in addition to serving as an officer or director. Please thank them for their service if you see them at the Rock Building or at the meeting. You will notice that some members serve in more than one capacity—for example, Steve Norman has 3 jobs—count ‘em. A number of others are doing 2. Think you might find time to do just one job? There are several available.

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