



The Conglomerate

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

October 2022

General Meeting

Wed. Oct 5, 7pm

Baldini's Second Floor

Board Meeting

Wed. Oct. 12, 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.

Annual membership dues: student: \$25, Individual: \$35, and Family: \$50.

Conglomerate 2022

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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**

Happy October to all, we just finished up a great JPOG, what Dan's team pulls off every year is amazing. Convention Center looked great; the new Kids Corner was very popular. I know different leaders will be thanking their teams, I wish to think all the members who volunteered up to and including setup, the show and tear down. During October's meeting we will have a review of the show, how it went both in running, financials, and overall success. We will also have a drawing for all those who volunteered and helped put this show on.

We still have a few positions that need help and leaders. We have 3 months to the beginning of the new year, so please

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think about the different openings and consider volunteering. We have a few members who are doing multiple jobs and most of us are not spring chickens any longer. If some of these positions aren't filled, we may not be able to have field trips, the building taken care of, the shop taken care of and so on. If the equipment isn't maintained and starts breaking down or just isn't used because we can't maintain it, that will affect many things, classes, and opportunities.

This month, Terry, our Volunteer Coordinator will be putting together 5 individuals for the committee to look for leaders for next year. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Terry at volunteers@renogms.org, or if you are interested in filling the position of President, Vice President and Board at Large--we need 7 members to represent the membership at the Board Meeting--please also contact him. As a volunteer, you need to commit to attend General and Board Meetings each month. All leadership positions need to do that; we need volunteers who can be at those meetings almost 100% of the time with only occasional absences.

Our last craft show of the year will be coming up soon: such a great opportunity for members to sell and to meet. If you are interested, contact Theresa (her email is on the list at the back of the *Conglomerate*) and see if and what openings are left and join us.

On a last note, all please remember that this is an organization made up of volunteers. We need to be treating each other with kindness and show appreciation for all the help our volunteers give. Berating someone in public isn't any more acceptable here than it is in the workplace. There is an adage: praise in public; correct in private. Even correcting someone in private should still be done politely and respectfully. We had an incident at the beginning of the year on our Board that was corrected, and all has since been good. We had an incident at a General Meeting with a Board Member being yelled at, and also one at the JPOG where a volunteer was yelled at in front of others by someone in leadership. I understand that in the heat of the moment someone can handle something inappropriately and then realize that wasn't the way they should have done it. If that happens, the inappropriate person needs to apologize and make it right. No such incident is acceptable and can't continue. Neither, as I wrote last month, is gossip and spreading bad information because of personal agendas.

We are one of the top non-profits and we have a large membership. I heard comments from other groups about how great our JPOG show was, how well our shop is equipped and run.

Have a blessed month, a great Nevada day and safe Halloween. I'll see you all at our October General Meeting at Baldini's on the 5th.

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RGMS Board Meeting Minutes, 7/13/2022
Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc,
a Non-profit 501C3 Educational Corporation
Steve Norman, Secretary

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

President: Dean Sizemore discussed a fossil donation from **Diane Morgan** from Roundhouse, NV.

Vice President: **Steve Smith** reviewed the Las Vegas costs. of \$754.00. **Julie Hilsabeck** made a motion to approve, **Sue Webb** seconded and the motion carried. A delegation attended the Rocky Mountain Federation Mineral Society (RMF) show. A vendor was interested in the Reno show and requested eight tables! They met the RMF leadership and some American Federation people. Found that the insurance for RMF is \$1.50 per member whereas the California Federal Minerals Society (CFMS) charge for insurance is \$8.00 per person. There was a discussion of changing affiliations.

The Rock Building: **Linda Johnston** reports obtaining bids for work with an HVAC air conditioning company for the classroom upgrade. She has sent The Rock Building's current financial reports to Robyn Howard, treasurer.

Library: **April Young** has set up class materials for students working with lapidary or silversmith. Open House is a good time to check out library materials.

CFMS & Conglomerate: Director **Sue Webb** requested articles and she will edit if needed. There has been some discussion of making the Conglomerate smaller. Forms could be eliminated on the Conglomerate directing people to the website to download. There are 14 people requesting paper copies which takes a lot of time and expense to print and mail. Sue will give notice of policy change.

Education Outreach: **Steve Norman** reports the Future Rock Hounds resumes on October 22, 2022 starting at 2 PM till 3:30 PM at the Rock Building.

Membership: Director **Janet Longueira** reports RGMS with 401 memberships totals up to 744 members.

Sunshine: **Joanne Sworthout**, Sunshine Director can be contacted at sunshine@renogms.org for anyone who knows of someone who needs some special care.

RGMS Board Meeting Minutes, 8/10/2022
Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc,
a Non-profit 501C3 Educational Corporation
Steve Norman, Secretary

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

New Business: **John Peterson**, former President and Board Member, read a letter about a potential problem that could occur with volunteers getting reimbursed for attending functions or events. The Rocky Mountain Federation show at Las Vegas was cited as an example of potential issues that could arise if other society members wanted to be reimbursed for events that they attended.. **Jim Welker**, also a former President and Board Member, discussed the fragile 501 C3 status. **Patrick Davis** reviewed the need for the Society to gain information and that any money spent goes through **Will Hitchcock**, a volunteer CPA and tax expert to be sure that we are in the IRS guidelines

Jackpot of Gems Show: **Janet Longueira** volunteered to do the program for the show. **Lori Connel** and **Eric Fendelander** have done a great job organizing volunteers for the Silent Auction and have 180 buckets of material cleaned, bagged, priced, and ready to sell. Great Job! **Terry Bush** has 26 dealers lined up for the Show.

New Business: President Dean Sizemore reviewed the temporary permit for the Jackpot of Gems Show. It was discovered that the banner sign that the RGMS building uses is not up to code and that we may need to invest in a new permanent sign. Dean related a meeting with a nonprofit consultant, **Jeff Bright**, who helps with planning projects. It takes a commitment of 80 hours from 10 people to work towards accomplishing goals. **Julie Hilsabeck**, **Lori Connel**, **Sue Webb**, **Terry Bush** as well as the meeting participants of **Dean Sizemore**, **Steve Smith**, **Robyn Howard**, **Linda Johnson**, and **Steve Norman** are part of the Planning Projects Committee. Anyone interested in this committee should contact Dean.

Social Media: **Sven Sander** reports Facebook reached 254 people which is 80% less than last month. There were 92 visits which is 21 % less than last month. Likes for the page were up 50%. The jackpot of Gems reached 355 people. On the continued, p. 4

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Facebook group, there was 171 post up 8 %, and 12,586 views which are 36% less than last month. Sven sent out 8 blasts on Society business.

Building: **Eric Fendelander** reports a field trip to the Austin-Gabbs area but warns of a potential problem of someone carrying a weapon and claiming the whole area. Eric recommends leaving the area and reporting the problem to a county sheriff.

Conglomerate: Director **Sue Webb** requests articles by the 15th of the month to give time to put the newspaper together. There is a need for information on how the Board operates. Dean will submit an article.

Education Outreach: **Steve Norman** reports the Future Rock Hounds to resume on October 22, 2022. The RGMS Scholarship for 2022 is to be awarded at the General meeting in September.

Membership: Director **Janet Longueira** reports RGMS with 419 memberships totals up to 777 members.

Sunshine: Contact **Joanne Sworthout** at sunshine@rgms.org about special care needs.

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| Helen & Dan Shaw | Stephanie White & Nathaniel Stuhlbarg |
| Chad Spradlin | Philip & Diane Williams |
| Jason Stewart | Please welcome the following returning members |
| Patrick Stewart | Anna & Ralph Bell |
| Melodie Thompson | Moni Fox |
| Robert & Darlene Turnbow | Alexander Prokop |
| Billie Turner | Rachel Saalsaa |
| Edward & Gayle Watkins & Bret | Moira & Moira C Shea & Douglas Buck |
| Darby Weber | Tammy Tomaso |
| Kerry & Kim Wenzl | Lynda Traves & Mark Cappel |

Membership
Janet Longueira, Director

The Jackpot of Gems helped to bring us some new members; we now have a record 880 members and 480 memberships! Please help us welcome all of these new members to our "rock" family.

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| Arthur & Jenell Abate | Michelle Maneotis, Chad Davis, Tristan Maneotis-Davis |
| Jessica Abbott, Peter Harvey & Chloe & Chloe Saunders | Vicki Marshall |
| Mike & Jennifer Aguilar & Shane | Gabriel McDonald & Amanda Forrester |
| Nancy Army | Kelly McGowan |
| Gabriel Bierwas | Molly McGrath |
| Lisa Cooper | Tammy McIntyre |
| Susan Dunham & Barry Macomber | Stephen & Brenda Means & Stephanie & Jeanett Gonzalez |
| Gabrielle Fonzo | David Miller |
| Philip Galbraith | Patrick Mohn |
| Glade Hall | Sean & Sofie Morey |
| Bret & Patty Harders, Alie, & Patty | Stephen & Sara Mowery |
| Danielle Hardy, Ryan Lusk, and Ava, Jackson, Odin | Rob & Martha Nichols |
| Makenna Houston | Sara & Cameron Paschall |
| Ashley Inscho | Irene Rogerson |
| Diane Irish & Jason Chubb | Tina & Richard Rosen |
| Tracey & Austin Re' Kidd & Stacey Clark | Xortia Ross |
| Perry Kimple & Pamela Alexander | Carol Russell |
| Matt Lamonico | Debbie Russell |
| Gabriella Lara | |

2022 Jackpot of Gems Silent Auction Prep Team

Lori Connel and Eric Fendelander

Eric and I want to thank all of you who donated buckets and buckets of stunning rocks and special items for the Silent Auction. The Rock Prep team and members who worked the Silent Auction were so awesome. We were elated to receive such quality items and the number of members that stepped up to help us with the overwhelming task of sorting, identifying, cutting, polishing, bagging, tagging, pricing as well as the dreaded bucket cleaning.

We could not have done this without all of you and especially Patrick Davis. Patrick and his work team prepared the rock warehouse so we could do this task. His team helped put in the swamp cooler so it would be bearable for us during the hottest part of the season.

Congratulations go out to Janet, Albie and Eric for managing the bagging, tagging and pricing sessions from June to August. They kept the process organized and the folks happy. We shared lots of laughs and good food to boot. We kept the cutters and polishers going. Julie and Robyn helped polish some of those beautiful agates and other stones and gave us lots of suggestions to make them a hit. Tim, Ed, Patrick, Jim, Joe and others kept those saws going every day for us. I hope I didn't miss anyone. We are sorry if we missed anyone.

As a result, we **completed 206 buckets from June through August**. We are still in awe that we accomplished this task. The great news is, we are ready for next year as we have 119 buckets complete for next year!! We are so appreciative and thankful to all of you.

We would like to mention the names of the members who donated their rocks and their time and their energy to complete this project. *We hope we captured everyone that helped us and we sincerely apologize if we missed anyone.*

Special thanks go to the following members

Abby Morasch	Jim McBride	Philip Mentz
Alan Metzger	Jim Ward	Phillip Weirauch
Albie Longueria	Jim Welker	Renee Samuels
Barbara Hartman	Joe Muncie	Robert Nemeth
Bobbi Metzger	John Ballard	Robyn Howard
Cara Koeritz	John Peterson	Russel Wright
Daniel Ellis	Julie Hilsabeck	Russ Strong
Darcy Church	Kathy Wrobel	Sherry Hayes
Dean Sizemore	Lorrie Peterson	Steve Norman
Debbie Bush	Marge Mirsky	Steve Smith
Denise Sizemore	Mario Rivas	Sven Eric Sander
Dennis Kazas	Martha Reese	Terry Bush
Ed Reese	and grandson	Tim Steeper
Elena Weirauch	Arden	Tom Nichols
Eric Lundin and his grandma, Sidney	Mary Hicks	Tricia Vaillancourt
Hilary Iverson	Nanette Mentz	Virginia Keeley
Irene Comstock	Patrick Davis	Webb Varnum
Janet Longueira	Paul Morasch	Wendy Kazas
	Peter Rivera	

New York Canyon Field Trip

Hilary Loupee, RGMS Board Member at Large

I led this field trip for RGMS at the end of May and it was a new addition to our usual field trip schedule. This location was actually my first rockhounding trip and it is a pretty funny story. I had read about New York Canyon and the dense concentration of ammonites and decided to do a day trip there with my 8 year old daughter many years ago. It didn't look very far on a map so we set out in the desert on Saturday morning. It is actually a good 3 hours to Luning and further into New York Canyon. It was October and that dry lake was full of water and the roads were washed out. After driving so far, I was determined to keep going and drove my Mercedes SUV through some pretty deep trenches, at one point having to get out and roll boulders into the trench to be able to drive across. We made it near enough to the canyon to hike in, but only had about an hour to look around before needing to get back out of there before the sun set. We found a couple of really amazing fossils right near the entrance though.



Images: Hilary Loupee



Since then, I have acquired a more desert appropriate vehicle, and New York Canyon is a regular stop on our family's Berlin-Ichthyosaur summer camping trip. The roads are also much better earlier in the year! I have always found some really neat fossils and decided to share the location with RGMS. Since we had a lot of campers, we stayed on some flat land that a local farmer let us use near the Hwy 361-US 95 intersection. This time, I was armed with a scientific paper that showed the distribution of fossils from different pre-historic eras throughout the canyon. I was familiar with the shale wall on the left just inside the canyon that produces beautiful and detailed ammonite impressions.

I had also found many interesting gastropods in the hills to the right just inside the canyon. This time, we ventured far into the canyon because we were in a group with good vehicles and even some side by sides. I'd never felt comfortable driving too far into the narrow canyon without other people around in case we got stuck!

There are some active claims throughout the canyon (copper I think), so be aware of that if you go. Also be aware that this area is extremely special. I have read that it is the highest concentration of ammonites in the world and has been marked as a possible World Heritage designation, which would put it off limits to us for collecting. Because of this, we need to take extreme care with collecting not to damage the site and not to take too much.

We found a hill from the paper that was marked as late-Triassic, early-Jurassic (roughly 200 million years ago) and some of us started going up the steep and shaly hill. This was extremely treacherous, but about a third of the way up, someone held up a palm-sized ammonite and we knew we were in the right place. Within 15 minutes everyone was finding fossils. They seemed to be weathering out of a Continued, p. 7



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limestone rock about 2/3 of the way up and sliding down the hill. If you are not a strong climber, I would suggest just looking around the base of this hill or going to one of the many other fossil locations in the canyon. You could get seriously hurt on this one, so definitely don't try climbing it without other people around.



While exploring the rest of the canyon, we found some nice chrysocolla, a ghost town with some old bottles, and three odd saucer looking rocks were discovered near a road cut. They were too heavy to lift and no one was exactly sure what they were. After asking many people later and seeing a similar rock at the show, we now think they are ammonite concretions and might hold an ammonite if we crack them open. I'll get back to you on that one.

I had the opportunity on my way to Tonopah to visit the canyon again this month. The roads were extremely washed out (mid-September) and we couldn't go any further into the canyon than the ammonite hill. I was in a cast the first time I climbed that hill, but since I am mostly healed, I headed straight up the hill to that host rock where the fossils are weathering out of. I gently broke

apart the crumbly rock where it was loose and discovered one of the most perfect and detailed ammonites I've ever seen. It's never seen a day of weathering and I can't wait to get it cleaned up. Eric Fendelander found some good ammonites and lots of shell fossils and some cool Scleractinia corals.

If you would like more information on the canyon, I suggest reading a paper called "Ammonoids of the Latest Triassic Gabbs Formation at New York Canyon, Mineral County, Nevada" by David Taylor. It is extremely detailed with maps and images of finds within the canyon. I will hopefully be leading another field trip there next summer, and it's a trip you don't want to miss!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2022 HOLIDAY POTLUCK
Denise Sizemore, Social Director**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2022 Holiday Potluck, December 10th, 2022. Lazy 5 Park, 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks. We will be in the Cottonwood Room. From 3pm to 4pm—Mix & Mingle, 4pm-5:30pm Potluck, and I believe Santa is scheduled to come by at 5:30 to visit with all the children. And there will be a gift exchange, please bring a male or female gift to be able to take part in this exchange.

We will need everyone to RSVP by November 30th <social@renogms.org>, so we can arrange seating and get our message to Santa. When RSVPing, please let me know how

many people, how many children under 18, and whether you will be bringing an appetizer, side dish, salad, main dish meat, or dessert. We will supply soda, water, plates, silverware, cups. If your dish requires serving spoons or bowls, please bring with you, as this is not at the RGMS Building. Please: NO PETS & NO ALCOHOL!!!

Have a very Happy Fall and I look forward to seeing you all for our end of the year tradition,

**Quick Note from Social Director
Denise Sizemore**

Thank you so much to **Janet and Albie Longueira** for stepping in with their already busy JPOG's schedule, to take over host and hostess duties for the 2022 RGMS Vendor Potluck. I know several people stepped up to assist them and I am so very grateful to you all. I could rest knowing things were being so well tended.

Kid's Corner
Steve Norman

Carbon is a common mineral found in over one-third of all the sedimentary rocks found on earth. Carbon is in all living plants and animals. Food that you eat contains carbon. Burn any food like toast and the black stuff is carbon.

Tree resin--or amber--is 80% carbon, making it possible to burn. Amber gets very hard by being covered up for millions of years. Amber is 2 to 2.5 on the hardness scale making it easy to carve or polish. Amber sinks in fresh water but will float in saltwater! People who lived a long time ago (about 13,000 BCE) used amber, making it the first "gem" stone collected and worked. Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamun (3300 BCE) has Baltic amber beads on his funeral mask. A museum in Ukraine has a 69-pound specimen of amber.

Some common sedimentary minerals like calcite have carbon as do azurite and rhodochrosite. Minerals containing carbon are called carbonates. Calcite has over 300 crystal forms with rhodochrosite a special one for its bright red color.

Carbon is in graphite that is found in your pencil. It is so soft, it is only a 1 on the hardness scale. Yet when carbon is heated up enough along with high pressure, soft Carbon changes into nature's hardest substance with a 10 on the hardness scale. This mineral is called a diamond. A diamond is made of pure carbon and it can even burn up. You won't find any ashes though, because when the carbon is burned, it turns into a gas called carbon dioxide. That's the same gas that you breathe out of your lungs!

October Meeting Announcement
Steven Smith, Vice President

Please join us on Oct. 5th at our general meeting to hear our guest speaker **Stan Paher's** talk on Nevada ghost towns. Stan has published over 16 books on topics covering Nevada placer gold sites, abandoned ranches, caves, hot springs, campsites, and recreation areas. We will also have our wonderful door prizes as well. See you there.

A Natural Wonder
D. W. Webb Varnum



Located in Saudi Arabia, what caused the "slice"? Notice human for scale. .

Photo: damthatsinteresting/www.reddit.com

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.

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 those 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 SHOULD 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.

Casting – 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.

**Artisan Craft Fair
Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2022
Theresa Langhans, Coordinator**

Time is here for our semi-annual Artisan Craft Fair. I hope that you will visit us, do a little shopping, and support our RGMS members who are the artists selling their products at this show. The show is at Reno Town Mall (Burlington Coat Factory):

Friday	October 7	10am-6pm
Saturday	October 8	10am-5pm
Sunday	October 9	10am-3pm

We will have 23 vendors selling everything from slabs, rough rock, finished jewelry, crystals, wood art, professional award-winning photography, and so much more than we can list here. Shop now for unique items for your unique Christmas gift items; shop for yourself.

Please assist with advertising and forward the post-card near the Conglomerate link to friends, neighbors, work, etc.

Hope to see you there!



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There've gotta be some great rocks here somewhere!!! They're at the Craft Fair!

Like a hobby?
Something neat?
Make glass beads,
They're so sweet!
We'll give you lessons,
We have glass!
Just come take
A beadmaking class.
Think of all the
Complements You'll receive,
When you show your friends
Your handmade beads.

  @myfroggiebeads

CFMS & AFMS Shows, 2022-23

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**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

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, Tur-
lock, CA Contact: bwendx2@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
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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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<i>Wire Art</i>	Ginger Ragazzi