

The Conglomerate

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

June, 2023



General Meeting

Wed. June 7, 7pm

Baldini's Second Floor

Board Meeting

Wed. June 14, 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.

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President's Message

Dean Sizemore

Happy month, rockhounds, hard to believe we are starting the 6th month of the year already, almost halfway through the year. Time flies, especially for us old folks anymore. Field trips are now going on full swing!

Now that field trips are going, please remember all desert safety information. Our Field Trip Director has been so good about sharing safety information; please listen to your Field Trip Leader and have a great time. Also, please bring in items you've found to show other members, and please find one for the RGMS that you would be willing to donate to our 32 Auction, monthly Door Prize, or our annual Silent Auction at JPOG. All these donations go towards our building fund and could be used at any of these fund-raising events. It's an easy way to help the building fund without great cost to you.

Speaking of our building fund, we have reached the \$100,000 mark with about \$50,000 to go. Our building expansion leader has said he'd like the whole amount needed before we start the expansion full force so we know it can be completed. You can donate at any time; we can also accept material donations. We could never thank all our members enough for the small to large donations that have been made so far to get us to that number. Many small amounts add up to a large amount. Each member donating \$5, \$10 \$20 or more really adds up. The new area allows for a larger library area, for our museum we've been working and collecting for, for years, separate classrooms, improved ADA bathrooms and so on. Very exciting about this build.

To our new Members and those that are thinking of membership, please remember the second Saturday of every month from 10 -1. I'm at the building to give tours, answer questions and show the equipment. **Tim Steeper** is typically there to Continued p. 2

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answer questions as are other members who are working on projects, and they are happy to show what they are doing and how they are doing it. During May, I had the pleasure of meeting some great people who are considering membership--one who had seen the building many times and decided to come in, and a nice couple who came to last years Jackpot of Gems and wanted to find out more about us. We had a great time answering questions and showing off all the opportunities RGMS has for them.

It has been a great year to this point--a few challenges as is typical, but as always everyone has pulled together with one goal, to make RGMS the standard in the Gem and Mineral world. Thank you to all, to those who've led our success in the past, to those who have stepped up this year and especially to those who built the foundation we are able to add on to today.

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; **Janet Longueria**, Treasurer

June Program Notes Steven Smith, Vice President

Please join us June 7th, 7pm for our general meeting at Baldini's casino, upstairs in the banquet room.

Our guest presenter will be **Catherine Magee PHD.** for the Nevada Historical Society. Please join us for an update on this great organization. We will also have our wonderful door prizes. The doors open at 6pm for set up, meet and greet fellow members, and talk to Julie about classes. I hope we see you there.

Jackpot of Gems 2023

Is it Summer yet? If it is, that means 3 months or 14 weeks till our show. We are still looking for people to help run some of the show activities.

Kids corner needs some help getting the show stuff ready. See April and she will let you know how to help.

Both the Show Chairman and the Vendor Chairman need assistants to train them about what is needed to make this show happen. For instance, dealing with the contracts for the venue and the vendors, arranging for licenses, permits, insurance, fire marshals, security, staffing, set up, tear down, food--these are just a sample of what has to happen in a timely manner to pull off the show. So please talk to us about helping to see what it takes to be involved.

We also need a person to step up into our RGMS Publicity Chair spot as a whole. Need someone to plan out an ad campaign for the show and for RGMS and to oversee what we do for the Society.

Yes, all of these spots take some time every month, but the show does not run on its own.

Come to our meeting on Monday the 19th at 6 PM at the Rock Building and see for yourself.

Without your time and help, we cannot guarantee the show will not cease to happen.

Thanks!



Fossil Hunters Photo: Hilary Loupee

Membership
Lynda Traves, Director



This picture is my motto for the month. And, I think for most members it is too. I am thrilled to be part of an organization that is so active in the community. At the time of this printing Mark Cappel and I will have gone on the Luning Field Trip and a holiday in Alberta where the fines for digging can run up to \$50K. Dino bones around Drumheller which is known for the Royal Tyrrell Museum. Hopefully, I can find some rocks on private family land.

We know Field trips are starting, the kids classes are growing and they are learning lots of stuff, the classes are always full, and we have lots of new members.

We currently have 418 memberships representing 782 members. And, approximately 40 school aged children, some of whom attend the kids rock classes. (kids can start any time).

- Andrea Agnesani
- Gail Almasi
- Michael Amundson, Stephanie Humlick,
Stephanie Amundson, Mara
- Carol Ansberry
- Linda Barkhoff
- Jeanine Barnes
- Emily Barnes
- Joshua Barrow
- Nancy Birch
- Lindsey Bivens
- Owen Brand
- Paula Brock
- Camille Caldwell
- Christian Christensen
- James Clark, Lisa Clark, Amber, Austin,
Colton , James
- Caitlin Clarkin
- Tanya Cobb, James Cobb III, David Reyes,
Taya MacGugan, Damian Raynor,
James Cobb IV

- Mary Courtney
- Terry Damm
- Peter Day
- Barbara Dix, James Dix, Jonathan
- Heidi Dormody, Erik Dormody
- Linda Dymacek
- Carmella Estevez
- Rachel Farnsworth, Kristian Hohenbrink,
Rachel, Mollie, Kristian, Khloe,
Payton, Kris
- Marcia Ferrelli
- Brian Flores
- Dianne Glass
- Darshoe Green
- Rhonda Hansen, Donna Miller
- Terri Holm, Jason Holm, Zachary
- Linda Hutton
- Jon Iverson
- David Kelly
- Jennifer Koehl, Jeff Koehl, Joey
- Marlowe Kulley

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Kari Larson
Christopher Ledgerwood, Molly Brule
Karen Lerner
Joe Lewandowski

Diane Machen
Brant McDaniel, Ella Gree

Jerri Ann Millard, Michael Dominguez, Eddie
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Aaron Minjares
Patricia Montes

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Karen Norman, Brad Norman
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Kim O'Connor
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Linda Leno, Kayden Bryson
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Misty Poloni, Lou Poloni
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Heather Roach, Michael Roach, Gemma Roach
Richard Roeser

Renee Samuels

To pay your membership online or download the membership form:

<https://renogms.org/membership-2/> If you have any questions, please email me
at membership@renogms.org

Memership Dues are: Individual: \$35; Family: \$50; and Student: \$25.

Thank you so much. I look forward helping you and meeting you at the next event.

May Sanbory
Janet Sawyer
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Martha Savonic
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Anand Vader
Joseph Vance
Dolores Vander Aa
Jerry Warych
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Rainey
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Graham
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Brian Wohlgemuth
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Mark O'Donell
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Kennedy, Sharon Kennedy,
Nathaniel Ybarra

Field Trip Director Update

Hilary Loupee

Field trips are off to a great start. We had quite the crowd in both Lovelock and Luning. The fossil scavenger hunt was a big hit and so many ammonites were found. The weather was perfect and lots of new rock buddies were made.

Our next field trips are to the Black Rock Desert and to Austin. Details will come in a blast on the Black Rock as this one is still being scouted. It's been a very wet winter and that trip requires driving across the entire playa. Fingers crossed!

Here are the details for Austin. **Jim Welker** will be leading this trip with all of his amazing experience and rock knowledge. I can't wait for it!

Austin Field Trip July 1st to 4th

Time for the 4th of July, and what better way to celebrate than picking up rocks. On Friday the 30th of June we will travel east toward Austin and set up camp. The first collecting day will be Saturday the 1st of July. This is an area that has been enjoyed by our members for many years. Jasper, Agate, and Fluorite are available for collecting.

Travel East on Hwy 50; just west of Austin turn North on Hwy 305 toward Battle Mountain. Proceed 14 miles and turn left into the camp site,. After 1:00 there will be a RGMS sign out. This camping area is a large, level gravel pit with nice small rocks. There is room for rigs and an area for tent camping. On Saturday morning we will leave camp at 8 am sharp. Since some people may have to do that work thing on Monday, we will have our potluck Saturday night at about 6:30.

The equipment needed for this trip will be your standard rockhounding stuff. Bring a bucket or bags to carry material, rock hammer, small pick, shovel or whatever you like to use. Dress for rockhounding and carry a first aid kit. When we leave camp, we will be gone for the day, so bring food as needed and water to drink.

If you do not wish to camp, there are motels in Austin.



Lovelock agate & jasper



Big Ammonite

Photos: Hilary Loupee

Ammonite Hunting in Luning

By Debbie Bush

On Mother's Day weekend Terry and I and our 2 grandsons (Michael & Owen) went on the Luning Trip to look for Ammonites and other fossils. We camped for the weekend and headed out with the group on Saturday to dig for fossils. Michael had been looking forward to the trip for months. All he wanted to find was an Ammonite. It was a pretty steep hill, but Michael clambered up with Hilary, determined to find that special one. And he did! He found a huge Ammonite and his smile was a mile wide. It is a memory he will have forever. Everyone wanted to see it, and you could see the pride in his eyes every time someone asked him to show it to them.

There were about 6 kids on this trip! I so encourage everyone to bring their kids/grandkids with them. There is a special magic watching a child find a fossil (or rock) and with a big grin on their face, show it to the adults in the group. As adults, we feel that special magic of the wonder of a child again. The kids enjoy interacting with other children, as well as with the adults who are more than happy to share their knowledge and excitement. In the campsite, they can run around and show each other their treasures.

This knowledge and experience can last a lifetime. Our other grandson, Owen, was not as excited about this trip but by the time it was done he was almost as excited as Michael. We stopped in a couple of Rock & Gem shops on the way down and back. Owen shows me a slab and says, "Look at this Fire Agate!" Future RGMS members!



Michael and Owen, Michael with ammonite, Grandparents and grandkids—From left: Debbie, Michael, Owen, Terry.

Photos of children used with parental permission.

Photos by Debbie Bush



More Luning Phptos
by Debbie Bush



Close-up of Michael's Ammonite



Hot Dog Time



Terry, Michael, Owen & the dog



Fossil Hunters



Fossil-hunting Family



Lovely ammonite

Photos of children used with parental

Fossil-Digging Photos
Steve Smith, RGS Photographer



Lost Wax Carving Class Having Fun

Steve Smith, RG<S Photographer



(RGMS) Board Meeting Minutes–April 12, 2023 Summary
Steve Norman, Secretary

New Business: **Breia Sanders** explained Verizon phone and voice mail options for the building. A proposal for a router to enable internet in the board room and the new classrooms. Spectrum is the current phone system to determine cost and functionality. The existing and proposed phone systems are to be evaluated by a committee.

School: Director **Julie Hilsabeck** reports that lapidary classes are full and that sign-up by email works well. On the last Tuesday of the month, she sends out a new listing for sign-up. Mineral Identification is on hold because **Webb Varnum**, the instructor, has a medical condition. **Jennifer Rhodes** plans a wire wrap class.

New Business: **Steve Smith** reviewed the email sent by **Jon Johnston** to answer and clarify the pay dig to Peterson Mountain on June 10 and 11, costing \$250 per person. The cut-off reserve is \$2,500; the owners can claim. There will be a consolation table for anyone without some good finds. Proof of Insurance is a medical card issued by the provider. **Patricia** will do the email blast to inform members of the upcoming event.

Social: **Debbie Bush** reports the annual picnic at the Lazy Five Park for Saturday, June 10, 2023. Sign-up in April for potluck dishes. Rock or mineral donations for the bingo games are requested.

President: **Dean Sizemore** reported that last Saturday's Open House for new members was successful with 32 Auction going, everyone excited about the building upgrade, and so many classes the Society offers. The museum concept is starting to take some shape. Dean stated that the waiver form was complete. Dean announced that **Renée Samuels** would take the position of Silent Auction Manager for the Jackpot of Gems Show. **Lori Connel** volunteered to assist. Dean reports that some door prize materials are missing or moved about in the storage area. **Patrick** announced that the storage area is closed and getting ready for the building activities.

Treasurer's Report: **Janet Longueira** reviewed the Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2023, and the Financial Statement of Activity in March 2023. **Lori Connel** motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and **Joanne Sworthout** seconded. The motion carried.

Vice President **Steve Smith** reviewed the RGMS 2023 Budget Proposals. He asked each Board Member with the Department's responsibility to justify the budget request

Past President/Tech Chair: **Tom Nichols** noted that the website's front page had updated information on current events.

Social Media: Director **Sven Sander** routinely surveys and edits the Facebook listings for inappropriate posts.

Field Trip/Building: **Hilary Loupee**, using ZOOM, reports that the trip gathering obsidian at Davis Creek was a success. Hilary is looking for donations for the 32 Auction. She reported that her Geology course is going well and looks forward to adding insights into the landscapes while collecting.

Library: **April Young** nothing to report. Vice President **Steve Smith** noted that anyone looking at a clean white floor should know that it is due to April's efforts cleaning it. She received a round of applause.

Shop: Director **Patrick Davis** reported that a member of the Society made arrangements for a barrel of oil for a \$1,500 gift to the Society. The Secretary will compose a letter to **Jack Laisure**. Patrick reviewed the classroom and shop, storage, and classroom upgrade. We have a good amount of money to start the project but need a bit more. The building has numerous problems that require attention before the City of Sparks can approve the building plans.

Membership: **Lynda Traves** reports 358 memberships with 618 members.

Adjournment: 8:05

Education Outreach
Steve Norman

Youth Education – April 2023

The education outreach program made ten classroom presentations to 157 students last month: Smithridge ES second grade with three classroom presentations; Urban Roots Home School enrichment, one classroom; Mt. Rose ES two fourth grade classes; and Lois Allen ES, four classrooms of third graders.

Students are encouraged to do well in school and think about exciting science careers. Every student is given a mineral gift, and information is provided to their parents about the Reno Gem and Mineral Society. Support from the Nevada Division of Minerals provides materials to alert parents and children to stay out of abandoned mines. **Debbie Bush** helps by explaining volcanoes and showing fossils to the students. **Alan and Bobbi Metzger** continue to contribute tumbled stones as gifts for every student and their teachers. Thank you so much.

The Future Rockhounds monthly class conducted at the Rock Building on Saturday, May 13, looked at the rock cycle and all kinds of fossils. **Renée Samuels** and **Mary Hicks** donated fossils for the students to break apart to find many hidden specimens. The rock cycle was demonstrated by the students moving paper “lava” from the hardened igneous state to the sedimentary, metamorphic, then back to magma, and then turning into lava again after a long geologic time.

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.



Fossil Hunters at Rest
Photo: Steve Smith

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RGMS tries to provide a selection of activities and events that are of interest to a large variety of its members. However, that very fact insures that there will inevitably be conflicts of events and there are in June; for instance, the Annual picnic and the Peterson Fee Dig are on the same day. In that particular case, however, a member who wished to do both could go to the picnic on Saturday and to the Dig on Sunday.

In an effort to keep similar conflicts at a minimum—although some will be inevitable--anyone scheduling ANY event open to RGMS members MUST clear the date with **Julie Hilsabeck** who manages the calendar.

Also, your most easily accessible and most accurate event information will always be the calendar on the RGMS Web site <renogms.org/calendar>.

RGMS Summer Picnic Potluck, June 10, 2023

Debbie Bush, Social Director/JPOG Raffle Chair



Our upcoming first social event of the year is the **Potluck Picnic**. It is a great way to meet everyone and have a good time!!

**June 10, 2023 at the Lazy 5 Park (Sugarloaf Pavilion)
7100 Pyramid Way Sparks
11 am- 4pm**

We will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill, starting about 12-12:30. In addition to the hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, we provide plates, silverware, and cups for your use. If you miss the meeting (s) and need to let me know you are coming, email me at social@renogms.org.

So far our activity lineup is as follows:

Cornhole tournament

BINGO games (Fun prizes)

*****Great food and friends*****

RSVP by **June 5th** so I can plan the amounts of hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and place settings needed.

I am very excited to see everyone—Helpers for the day are always needed

You can sign up to bring side dishes, salads, or desserts. The sooner the better so we can coordinate what we need. We don't want 5 of the same salad.....

Since I am in charge of the Raffle for Jackpot of Gems show as well as Bingo prizes for the picnic, I will be asking for donations going forward. Handmade jewelry, bolo ties, knives, rock hounding/geology books, nice sized rocks or slabs (polished or not) are wonderful. Some non-rock prizes are great as well. For the JPOG raffle we do a few fun-themed baskets that I collect and put together later. Those could include Italian or Mexican fun food items, candies, survival items, and spa/beauty items.

I am looking for people who would like to be on the social committee too! Just get in touch!

Thank you!!

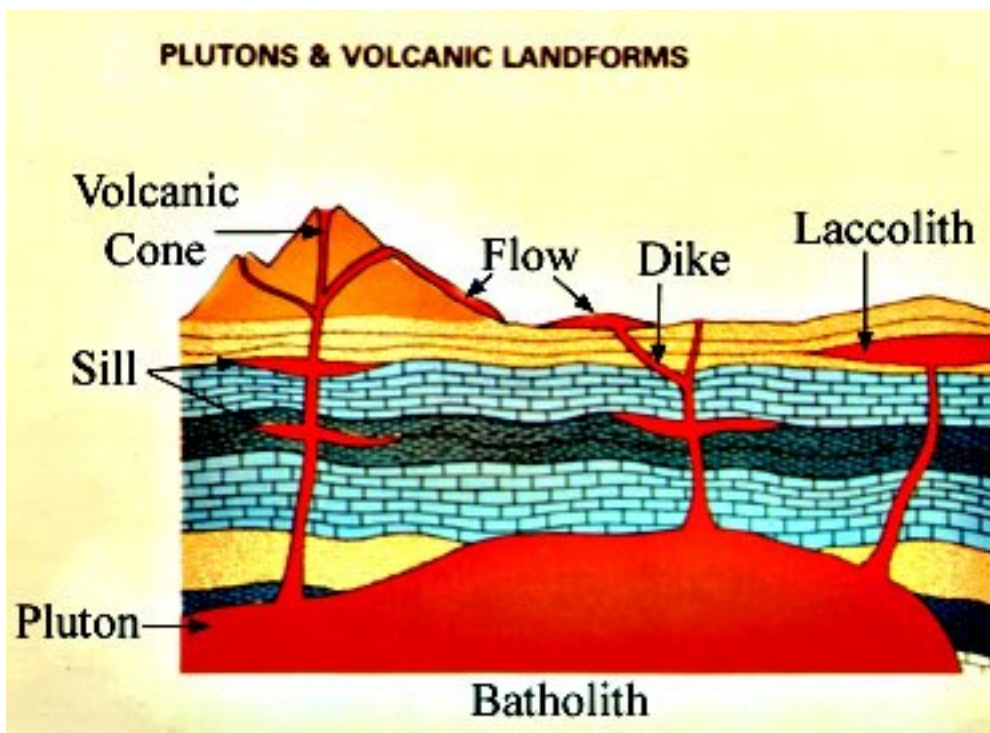
Batholith

Steve Norman & Steve Rose (Retired Geologist)

Batholith

The largest batholith in North America forms the beautiful, rugged Sierra Nevada Mountains overlooking Western Nevada. These mountain ranges extend 40,000 square kilometers (1,600 square miles) from Southern California to Oregon. A batholith is a mass of melted igneous rocks extending deep into the earth's crust. These rocks slowly cool, forming large crystals found in diorite, granite, and pegmatite. Batholiths result from the movement of plate tectonics. The Farallon of the Pacific

Plate began subduction or sinking under North America from Alaska to Mexico about 140 million years ago. The plate plunged toward the mantle until it began to melt. The molten rock makes pools of magma called batholiths. Later intrusive activity, called plutons, added more hot rock to the batholith. It is several square miles and makes up large parts of the batholith. There are 100 plutons in the Sierras, formed 70 million years ago. The increased amount of melted rock



continued the process of lighter hot materials like granite rising to the surface and, after cooling and erosion, makes the mountains seen today.

The Sierra Nevada Mountains have many batholiths with plutons of different ages. Most batholiths intrude across mountain folds, forming slowly, cooling coarse-grained granite. A batholith has an irregular shape with side walls that incline steeply against the host rock. These roots of the mountains have a thickness of 10 to 15 km (6 to 9 miles). These mountains rise at about 1 millimeter per year. Mountains rising at such a pace may not seem very fast, but in geologic terms, it is speedy, about a meter every thousand years. Erosion takes place at about the same pace, keeping the surface of the batholith near the same altitude over time.

Image: www.explorevolcanoes.com

References: *Rough-Hewn-Land* Keith H. Meldahl, 2011 and Steve Rose, Retired Geologist, and Steve Norman

ALAA Land Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.
2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.
3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.
4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.
5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.
6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.
7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.
8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.
9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the public image of recreational collectors.

AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

CFMS/AFMS Shows June 2023

Classes Offered by RGMS

Additional information is available on the CFMS website, cfmsinc.org/shows

June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Gem and Craft Show at Kennedy Mine, 12594
Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, VA 95642

Hours: 10 AM -4 PM

Contact: (916) 698-9853, moun-
taingirl@volcano.net

Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.org>

June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
The Convention Center at the California Center
for the Arts – 340 North Escondido Blvd, Escondido
CA 92025

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com

Website: <http://palomargem.org>

June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
DELVERS PARKING LOT SALE, 14515 Blaine
Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706

Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

Website: <https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/>

23-25—Lodi, CA

California Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies

Grape and Harvest Festival Grounds, Lodi, CA
Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10
AM – 4 PM

Contact Bob Rush, rocksbob@sbcglopbal.net

This is a general listing of RGMS classes that are typically offered. For specific dates, consult the calendar on the Website or talk to the school director at the General Meeting or email at [<school@renogms.org>](mailto:school@renogms.org).

Open House

- Advanced Silver Fabrication
- Basics of Slab Saw Use
- Beading/Bead Weaving
- Beginning Lapidary
- Beginning Silver Fabrication
- Casting
- Cold Connections
- Etching on Copper
- Intermediate Lapidary
- Jewelry 101
- Lost Wax Carving for Casting
- Make Your Own Ear Wires
- Mineral Identification
- Silver Crocheting
- Silver Chain Making
- Tumbling
- Wire Wrapping/Weaving

- Enameling (future)
- Faceting (future)
- Intarsia (future)

Take a few minutes and check out the *CFMS Newsletter* for June. Just click on <http://www.cfmsinc.org> and find the newsletter in the list on the left. Click on the link.

The Newsletter of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies is published monthly. You can view the current issue as well as back issues online at www.Amfed.org. There is also a Kids' Website. The link is available on the AFMS site.



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Tech Director	Available	tech@renogms.org
Volunteers	Wendy Kazas	volunteers@renogms.org

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.

Used Equip,Sale Coord.
 Gen. Mtg. Guest Greeter
 Gen. Mtg Door Prize Coord
 Assistant Door Prize Coord.
 Educational Outreach
 Future Rockhounds Advisor
 JPOG Silent Auction
 Facility Expansion
 JPOG Dealer Chair
 Safety Officer

Patrick Davis & Committee
 Joanne Sworthout
 Denise Sizemore,
 Lori Connel
 Steve Norman
 Steve Norman
 Renée Samuels
 Patrick Davis
 Terry Bush
 Spencer Ennis

Instructors (Alphabetical by class)

<i>Bead weaving:</i>	Sue Webb
<i>Casting:</i>	Spencer Ennis
<i>Etching</i>	Irene Comstock
<i>Jewelry 101 &</i>	Robyn Howard
<i> Cold Connections</i>	“
<i>Lapidary</i>	Julie Hilsabeck
	Barbara Hartman
<i>Lost Wax Carving</i>	Tim Steeper
<i>Mineral ID</i>	Tom Calhoun/Webb Varnum
<i>Silver Fabrication (Adv.)</i>	Jill Atkins
<i>Silver Fabrication (Beg.)</i>	Spencer Ennis
<i>Slab saw</i>	Patrick Davis
<i>Tumbling</i>	Janet & Albie Longueira
<i>Wire Art</i>	Ginger Ragazzi

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Earth Science Studies—Camp Paradise 2023 12725 LaPorte Rd., Strawberry Valley, CA 95930

CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21(Marysville Rd.) towards Brownsville. Elevation is approximately 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp. Bunk beds are furnished in rooms and cabins. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. On a limited basis, cabins are available for 4 or more persons, communal bathrooms and showers are located nearby. RV space with electricity, water and sewers for most spaces are available. **Room assignments are made by staff. This is a church camp facility—no alcoholic beverages are permitted.**

COVID REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Proof of vaccination or negative test required.
- 2. All National, State, & County Covid requirements . will be met.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

- 1. Cut off date Aug.4, 2023. After Aug. 4, 2023 there will be a **\$25 late fee for registration**
- 2. No refunds after Aug. 4, 2023, unless a substitute is provided. A \$25 addition fee will be added.

Make Checks payable to: CFMS Earth Sciences.
Cost per one week session is \$500.00 (Room/Board)
Send checks to: Glenda Keil
1116 Fremont Way
Sacramento, CA 95918
(916) 448-8341
gkeil@comcast.net]\

For Information contact:
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 Atkinsdesign@gmail.com **Call 775.232.6626**
Gary Atkins
 garysgems@gmail.com **Call 775.412.2020**

Please Note: Sign in will be on Sunday, August 20, 2023, & Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Classes – Beginning Faceting, Beginning Lapidary, Advanced Lapidary, Soft stone Carving, Beginning Silversmithing, Intermediate and Advanced Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beading, PMC-3-clay, Fused Glass, Enamel, Cold Connection, Intarsia. **All classes are subject to change. Please Note: Class assignment preference will be given to first time students. Applications will be accepted starting March 15,2023.** You will receive confirmation by e-mail.

*****Changes may be made as necessary*****

PLEASE CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE & KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Registration Form

– Please PRINT CLEARLY

1 st Choice class _____ 2nd class _____ 3rd class _____

Are you new to the ESS Program? Yes _____. No _____

____ Week 1. August 21 – 26 _____ Week 2 August 29 – September 2 \$500 per person/per week

Name 1 _____ Name2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club affiliation _____

Accommodations:(Circle one). DORM: Couples Women Men Cabin. RV Space

Who would you like to room with if possible? _____ .Use a C-Pap Machine?
___yes___no

Dietary Constraints: ___Food. ___Diabetic. ___Vegetarian ___Other. (please explain)

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items, and we will do our best to prepare them for you

Additional things you should know:

Animals will be allowed in the RV area only and must be kept on a leash at all times and debris picked up after. Any violations could result in adherence to the Camp Paradise No Pet Rule.

By attending this activity, you are giving your consent for CFMS, to make photographs, videotapes, films, email, or other representations of you. I hereby grant CFMS unrestricted right to copyright any of the above-mentioned containing images of me as well as the unrestricted right to me and reuse them with the caption information, in whole or in part. These rights include, but are not limited to the right to publish, copy, distribute, alter, license, and publicly display these materials and images for editorial, trade, marketing and the advertising purposes.

_____ Signature

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ADDRESS: _____	SCHOLARSHIP FUND: _____	\$ _____
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