



The Conglomerate

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

August, 2023

No General Meeting

We'll resume in September

Board Meeting

Wed. August 9, 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 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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NO GENERAL MEETING FOR AUGUST— NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 6

President's Message

Dean Sizemore

Happy August! Let's start with a reminder: **THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST**, Hot August Nights has the room, and no other nights were available. There will still be a Board Meeting as usual.

Please remember, September is our annual **Jackpot of Gems**. Volunteers are still needed for many positions, so please consider volunteering. All volunteers will have a mandatory meeting with the leader of that department so they can go over what's expected of each person helping in that department. That will make things go much easier for the volunteers.

Jackpot of Gems 2023
Daniel Ellis, Show Chair

. We are so excited about JPOG this year; so many wonderful things are going on. Please volunteer as much as you can for the weekend. We have load night the night of the Board Meeting (9/13), setup at the convention center on that Friday (9/15), show Saturday (9/16) and Sunday (9/17) and tear down Sunday night. A great raffle with a top prize of \$500 is scheduled, so make sure to get your tickets. Once again, **April's** amazing Kids Corner and our traditional silent auction are also happening. Can't wait for September to get here.

Hello there and welcome to the no meeting in August. Hope you have had a good warm summer rock picking so far. Please remember to bring a bucket for the silent auction and the 32 auction when you return and drop it off at the Rock Building.

We had a great July. Our Field Trip Leader, **Hilary Loupee** spoke on trip preparation, safety, and fun tips. Please do your best to attend the General Meetings, the speakers are entertaining, along with all the great educational information. Probably the best thing is getting to meet other Rockhounds and starting to build relationships and maybe making lifelong friends.

With August here, September 16 and 17th are just around the corner. The 15th is set-up day at the Convention center at 7 AM.

We also need individuals to consider serving next year on the board, I know **Steve Smith**, our 4-year, amazing Vice President is stepping down. VP involves managing the flags and the pledge of Allegiance and arranges our speakers. If you prefer, you can also, volunteer for consideration as President, Secretary, Treasurer or Board at Large. We will still have our extraordinarily successful new member and guest orientation on the second Saturday, the 9th, from 10AM to 1PM.

We will be packing and loading the goods we need at the show on the 13th starting at 4 PM at the Rock Building. The more the merrier and it will go faster also.

Have a great month and I'll see you at September's General Meeting or at the Rock Building.

We're still looking for people to learn about the show and what it takes to put it on. Please, we need your help. It takes people to make the society work. AS a member, you have to opportunity to guarantee RGMS continues to be successful. Just a few hours a month that can help us keep this wonderful group going is not a lot to ask. If you like what we do, then please step up so you can help lead us for another 50 years.

Dean and Denise

We're also looking for someone to be a driver for the truck we need to load for the show. Contact Terry or me if you are willing to do this.

See you at the September meeting where we'll have sign-up sheets and raffle tickets to sell. And don't forget! All volunteers get a RGMS shirt as part of our "thank you."

Sunshine Report
Joanne Sworthout

Officers' Reports

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.

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 Longueira**, Treasurer

Membership
Lynda Traves, Director

Wow! It is July. For Mark and me it is crunch time for our art project getting ready for Burning Man and our commitments for the work we do as staff members at Burning Man. The “Man” burns the Saturday of Labor Day, which is not too far off. I know there is a field trip to the Black Rock Desert. If you have chance to go, DO! The Black Rock Desert is an awe-inspiring place to visit. Mark and I have rock hounded there many times. Travel High Rock Canyon; it is spectacular.

Since it is July, memberships are now, for a brief period, 1/2 price until October 31, 2023; at which time in November and December, the price returns to full price and it then also covers members fees for 2024; that is, you get 14 months for the price of 12.. Thus, July-October Family is \$25; Individual is \$18; Student \$13.

We currently have 484 memberships representing 887 members. And there are approximately 45 school-aged children, some of whom attend the kids rock classes. (Kids can start any time.)

Welcome to the following new members for the past month:

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| Barbara Lincoln | Judy Stickney |
| Kevin Anderson | Kara Miffitt |
| Ashleigh Deskin Berg | Kathleen Stormoen |
| Austin and Katarina Rossi | Katie Macri |
| Bill Cunningham | Kim Banks |
| Blythe Roberts | Kim R. Boldi |
| Carrie and Brett Stoll | Laura and Chris York, Ashley |
| David Munizza | Mahan & John Luke Varner |
| Diane and Philip Williams | Megan Marzano |
| Emily and Justin Anderson | Randy and Jan DeVore, Lili, |
| Hannah Gennawey | Logan, Vanessa and Christian |
| Jocelyn Holly | Reece Fitzgerald |
| Josephine Snead | Sharon McCain |
| Suzanne Ronkovitz | |

Apologies for errors and omissions for any names above. Please advise asap any corrections or omissions so I may make the correction. Thank you.

Youth Education
Steve Norman, Advisor

The Reno Gem and Mineral Society's Education Outreach program made two presentations in June. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe had 11 campers at Wadsworth, NV, and the Truckee Meadows Park Association had 46 students doing fun summer activities at Idlewild Park in Reno.

These were good settings to discuss the carbon cycle in detail beneath the shade of giant trees, providing a good example of oxygen being created. 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. We support the Nevada Division of Mineral's program on keeping out of mines found in Nevada.

I want to thank **Debbie Bush** for her help and **Alan and Bobbi Metzger** for their contributions of a nice, polished rock to students and teachers.

The Future Rockhounds program is on recess for the summer and resumes with sessions starting in October 2023

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RGMS provides a selection of activities and events that are of interest to the large variety of its members. But that very fact insures that some events will inevitably conflict. To keep conflicts at a minimum, 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 Website <renogms.org/calendar>..

Fall Craft Fair
Theresa Langhans, Coordinator

November 10, 11, 12 2023

If you are interested in being a vendor at our upcoming craft fair, please complete the attached reservation form and return to me so that I may save you a spot. I do need to receive your reservation before the October 4th General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to sell your craft.

Here are some more specifics:

Friday, November 10	10am-6pm
Saturday, November 11	10am- 5pm
Sunday, November 12	10am-3pm

The event will be held at Reno Town Mall, South Virginia Street, next to Burlington Coat Factory.

Hope to see you there as either a vendor or as a CUSTOMER!

Want To Sell Your Crafts??
Seize This Opportunity!

Janet Longueira

Hello All! We are looking for vendors for our Relay For Life event August 12th. RFL benefits the American Cancer Society. This will be held at UNR in Reno, and we are asking for a \$50 donation for your space. You may have more than one table and an EZ-Up tent. Sell anything except tobacco or alcohol. Contact me for more information or to sign up.

Janet.Longueira@gmail.com.

Field Trip Director Update

Hilary Loupee

Field trips have been going very well! As I write this, I am on the road heading back from the most amazing day digging Sunstones at the Spectrum Mine.

We started out the month with **Jim Welker** in Austin. I found some incredible faceting grade fluorite at the daisy agate site. There were some lovely specimen boulders of daisy agate all over as well. On the way out, we stopped at an old fluorite dump and the rain had exposed the most amazing purples, greens, and even blue fluorite. I think everyone managed to get some great material just by surface picking, which is unusual for fluorite. We had a fantastic potluck on Saturday night and, as usual, new friends were made. Sunday we went to the snakeskin agate and I could have spent days there. It looks oddly like the pink and red agate at Texas Springs. Thank you so much, Jim, for leading such a great field trip!

As I said, I'm on the Davis Creek Obsidian/Sunstone trip as I write this. The heat put a lot of our group off, so we have a pretty small group, and everyone was just able to all get permits for Saturday and Sunday. I can't wait to start digging for that tomorrow! It will be over 100 degrees, but thankfully this location is in the trees, so at least we can dig in the shade.

The Spectrum Mine today was AMAZING. I have spent many hours at the sunstones several times and never found anything as nice as I found within 15 minutes today. The owner, **Chris Rose**, a local from Reno, loves our society and let our field trip group dig his green pit for free! That is normally a \$100 dig. He provided screens and tables so we could easily sift through what we had dug. Denise at the mine showed us the layers of the rock and what kind of matrix to expect to find the red and the green sunstones. As I usually do, I immediately started digging and didn't stop all day. I found greens, reds, and copper schillers. I also saw a lot of people finding large facetable sunstones. I think **Jim Finley** may have found the biggest ones, which is great because he loves faceting. At the end of the day some of us went in together for a belt run, where a load of dirt full of sunstones is dropped on a belt and sprayed with water. They can fit quite a few people, so we split the cost of one belt run and it was super reasonable. I found an absolute stunner during that run, but I found that trying to concentrate on so many rocks flying by made me a little nauseous. We were all laughing, though, about how similar it was to the "I Love Lucy" episode with the chocolates at the factory, and that someone was going to start shoving sunstones in their mouth. I also saw a family buy a load of high-grade dirt and sift through it and one of their children showed me a red sunstone that must have been 2 inches across. I was definitely jealous, but so ecstatic about what I found today. Treat yourself to a visit to the Spectrum Mine when you are there. I doubt I will ever bother with the free BLM land again. While there are good sunstones to be had and I have always loved going there, the quality and quantity just doesn't hold a candle to what I dug in the green pit today. It's a long way to go, and I felt today was 1000% worth the trip.

Our August field trips will likely be hot ones, too. We have our trip to Frenchman Lake and Johnsville on August 12th and 13th. These are not too far from each other, so many of us will be camping in between. You can also do either as day trips. There is rose and lavender quartz at Frenchman Lake, and we will be gold panning at Johnsville. Don't expect to get rich, but I always find flakes here and this is really an opportunity to learn how to pan for gold. You will need a pan and a shovel. If you have a sluice box, bring it. And if you want instructions on how to make a

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mechanical dredge for about \$15 at Home Depot, please email me. I find so much more gold with mine than I did before I built it.

August 26-27 is our trip to Gabbs. We will stay at the Berlin Ichthyosaur state park. There is a great museum, and you can find fossils behind the park. We will also hit some great spots around Gabbs for agate, jasper, petrified wood, and, of course, opals.

After that, we are planning

September 9-10 Austin blue agate

September 23-24 Gabbs opalized wood

October 7-10 Coaldale Area

October 21-22 Black Rock Desert



sunstone with schiller



green sunstone



Davis Creek rainbow obsidian



Hilary digging

photos by Hilary Loupee



Hilary Won an Award!!

At the 2023 Spring meeting of the CFMS, it was revealed that **Hilary Loupee** had won second place in the California Federation’s regional bulletin article contest. The award was for Hilary’s article in the September 2022 *Conglomerate* about the trip she made to Davis Creek to collect obsidian. You may also recall that she used that trip to scout the location for the RGMS 2023 trip which she describes in her August field trip report above.

Congratulations Hilary!

Photo: Steve Smith

RGMS Board Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2023**Steve Norman, Secretary**

These are the summarized notes. Contact me for the full report at secretary@renogms.org or find it on the clipboard on a countertop near the office.

Treasurer: **Janet Longueira** reported April's Financial Position as of April 30, 2023, and the Financial Statement of Activity in April 2023 income and expense error is now correct. **Patrick Davis** made a motion to accept April's 2023 Treasures' report. **Denise Sizemore** seconded, and the motion carried.

The Rock Building, LLC Director **Linda Johnston** via ZOOM reviewed the building's purchase and subsequent renovation in 2018. Linda explained that the Rock Building was in disrepair, including a leaking roof. The Reno Gem and Mineral Society set up the LLC as the business part of the RGMS non-profit corporation. The RGMS then made a loan of \$82,000 to fix the roof. The building became rentable with the roof repaired, trash cleared, and locks, windows, and doors improved. The building units have been collecting monthly rent for several years. The LLC can now repay the loan to RGMS or use it with the building fund.

Vice President: **Steve Smith** reviewed the 2023 budget. Steve reports that part of the budget is money for travel to the American and California Federation to obtain a possible change in membership from the California Federation to the Rocky Mountain Federation. The insurance costs are \$8 per member at the California Federation and only \$1 at the Rocky Mountain Federation. However, Steve is still looking into the coverage of the Insurance to determine if it is a good idea to change affiliations. They won't make the trip unless a change makes sense and has a good chance of switching affiliations. **Steve Smith** explained that travel also means meeting vendors and these contacts could help bring vendors to the Jackpot of Gems Show. There is enough income to cover the projected budget expenses.

Additional income is available from the 32 Auction and Jackpot of Gems Show. **Steve Smith** asked for a motion for travel expenses: **Patrick Davis** made a motion to have travel expenses in the budget. **Julie Hilsabeck** seconded, and the motion carried. **Steve Smith** explained that the upcoming trip to Lodi, Ca, for the California Federation Show and meetings, would need a budget of \$1,000 for three people to represent RGMS. **Steve Smith, Sue Webb,** and **Patrick Davis** would travel to inquire about affiliation change and vendor information. **Denise Sizemore** motioned to spend up to \$1,000 for the travel expense. **Janet Longueira** seconded, and the motion carried.

Future Rockhounds and Education Outreach: **Steve Norman** reported a field trip by Future Rock Hounds of America to the Sun Valley area, looking for selenite. Fourteen people attended, including six children and their parents, along with **Renée Samuels** and **April Young** assisting.

Proposal to the Board: **Steve Norman** reviewed a rules procedure to update Attachment A of the Presidents' annual list of items to do for the year. The change would add a Recommendation Committee to the list that would take place in October to nominate people to the Board of Directors. The committee, chaired by the Volunteer Director and other interested long-time members, would recog-

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nize Society members doing outstanding work. Society members of long active participation to nominate for Lifetime Membership. People with short tenure, yet exemplary service, to nominate for Honorary membership. A new idea from **Tim Steeper** would add a Distinguished Service medal to recognize people who perform good work and accomplishments. The meeting in October would provide recommendations to the Board of Directors for the November board meeting. Any approvals for awards would be part of the December end-of-year awards. Honorary Awards would get a one-year reprieve from dues, while Lifetime members may abstain from membership fees as part of their recognition. People receiving an award would have a published article in the Conglomerate.

Social Media: **Sven Sander** reports 20 email blasts to members from last month. There are 2,088 contacts from members from this and the previous year. Nineteen thousand people made contact on social media during the month. There were some problems with some Peterson Mountain posts that Sven deleted. Sven asked members to post, add pictures, and share with others, which helps the social media presence.

Past President & Tech Chair: **Tom Nichols** reports that he can post pictures and send them to **Mark Cabangon**, our Website technician. The website's front page is visible to the public for information on shows, events, and contact information. Tom is looking for geologic details on places where the Society goes on field trips to add more interest to RGMS activities. **Stephanie** Leonard is editing some of the website's content to keep it current.

Door Prize: **Denise Sizemore** reported 70 attending the General Meeting in June. There were \$228 in donations for the Father's Day theme. July is a red, white, and blue theme.

School: Director **Julie Hilsabeck** reported that Saturday morning and afternoon classes are popular and might do away with evening lapidary classes. The evening class attendance lately is about 3 per class. The gallery wire wrapping class conducted by Jennifer Rhodes went well.

Membership: **Lynda Traves** reported via email that there are 417 members, with 779 members.

Field Trip/32 Auction: **Hilary Loupee** reports that the subsequent online auction starts Friday, June 16, and concludes on Saturday, June 24. There is a good selection of materials, like crystals from Peterson Mountain and rainbow jasper. Home-made jewelry would add more interest to the auction if anyone would donate. Gathering fossils at Luning, NV, found some large ammonites. The Carson City geology trip was well-attended and enjoyable. The Texas Springs trip found good material. The Virginia City trip will be hiking along some of the Virginia City highlands, and one is relatively flat, but the afternoon hike is more strenuous. There is an amethyst suitable for tumbling to be gathered. The Black Rock field trip is still on hold due to the playa being too wet for travel. There were 35 vehicles on the Lovelock trip. Hilary has activities for children to keep having fun during a day of collecting.

The Rock Building: LLC Director **Linda Johnston**, via ZOOM, reports an updated LLC financial report. Linda plans to work with **Janet Longueira** to align the LLC budget with the RGMS financial documents. Linda has quotes for upgrading the heating at Jay's Auto and improving the electrical service. After paying back the roof repair loan from RGMS, the building fund will keep about \$20,000 for air conditioning projects, cabinets, and bathrooms. This balancing of funds meets IRS requirements.

The Kid's Corner

Steve Norman, FRA Advisor

Lead

The first place many people think of lead is in their pencils, as “the *lead* in my pencil broke.” The thing is, there has never been lead in a pencil. The idea of lead in a pencil goes back to the Romans in the first century. The Roman stylus was a long, sharply pointed piece of lead used to write on surfaces. Later, in the sixteenth century, some German immigrants came to Britain and discovered graphite, which they called *lead*. The material was called *lead* due to graphite's similar appearance. The crystalline form of carbon is called *graphite*. The Grey Knotts mine in England is the only known source of solid graphite in the world. Pencils have always used graphite but are mistakenly called *lead pencils*.

Lead is not always the preferred writing tool. During the sixth century, bird-quill feathers were used with ink to create a better writing quality that lasted for hundreds of years. People use ink when they feel confident in their writing, or when they want it to last a long time. The Declaration of Independence was written with ink using a goose-feather quill. The United States Supreme Court still sets out twenty goose-quill pens for lawyers who want a souvenir for speaking before the court.

The first graphite sticks (pencils) were square and wrapped in yarn or sheepskin to keep the carbon off people's hands. Italians first used wooden holders to keep the messy graphite from smudging their hands. Later during the nineteenth century, clay was added to powdered graphite to make the *lead* harder (e.g. a 6H pencil) for lighter colors or softer (e.g., a #2 pencil) for darker colors.

However, lead is an essential metal used extensively by the Romans for pipes and dishes and, in the recent past, for paint and gasoline. Now lead is primarily used for car and truck batteries. About half the weight of a battery is the lead. A typical battery contains about twenty pounds of lead. Lead has many other uses today such as for making bullets for gun use and for electrical connections that use lead solders to hold wires together. Lead-filled covers also protect people when getting their teeth x-rayed.

Reference: *Wikipedia* Internet



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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.

RGMS Classes & Shop Hours for August

Julie Hilsabeck, School Director

Many of the classes are limited to a maximum of 4 students. If the day of the week says Tuesdays (for example) the plural means the class lasts all month.

Advanced Silver Fabrication: Class fee is \$22.50 each night. This is an individual study class rather than a set project class.

Tu August 3 & 10, 6pm-9pm

Bead Weaving \$20 class fee

No beading in August.

Beginning Lapidary: Class fee is \$60.00

Tu. 8/8, Wed 8/9, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Sat. 8/5 & Sun. 8/13 9:00am-5:00pm .

Beginning Silver Fabrication \$120 class fee includes a \$30 Silver Kit fee.

Tuesdays 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Casting Class Fee \$120

Thursdays @ 11am-3pm

Lost Wax Carving—Class Fee \$142 (2 weekends—4 days)

Sat Aug 5, @ 9am-4pm

Sun Aug 6 @ 9am-4pm

Sat Aug 19 @ 9am-4pm

Sun Aug 20 @ 9am– 4pm

Mineral Identification \$60.00 plus \$25 kit fee

Sat., July 29th 10:00am to 3:00PM

Open House \$7.50/hour of use

Mondays 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Thursdays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sun. August 20, 2023 10:00 am to 6:00pm

Slab Saw Use Class fee is \$60.00. Bring food or go out for lunch. Also, bring some rocks or geodes of your own to slab.

Sun. August 13, 2023, 9:00am to 5:00pm,

Tumbling \$60 Course Fee

No tumbling in August

CFMS/AFMS Shows Aug./Sept. 2023

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

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
Roebbelen Event Center, @the Grounds – Roseville, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678
Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.tvgms.rocks>

August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA 91007
Contact: (626) 260-7239
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

September 16-17, 2023 – Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA
Contact: (831) 801-5887, susieharlow@gmail.com
Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

September 16-17, 2023 – Reno, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society
Reno/Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia St., !
Contact: (775) 229-4420, sailondan55@aol.com
Website: www.renogms.org

September 16-17, 2023 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA Contact: 2023show@slogem.org
Website: <http://slogem.org>

Classes Offered by RGMS

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).

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

Future

Enameling
Faceting
Intarsia

Take a few minutes and check out the *CFMS Newsletter* for August. Just enter <http://www.cfmsinc.org> and find the newsletter in the list on the right. 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 new Kids' Website.



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Theresa Langhans		

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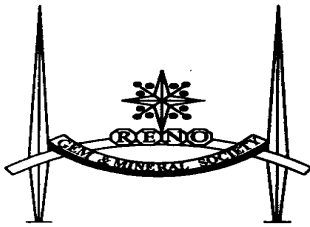
Volunteer Page

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.

Used Equip,Sale Coord.	Patrick Davis & Committee
Gen. Mtg. Guest Greeter	Joanne Sworthout
Gen. Mtg Door Prize Coord	Denise Sizemore,
Assistant Door Prize Coord.	Lori Connel
Educational Outreach	Steve Norman
Future Rockhounds Advisor	Steve Norman
JPOG Silent Auction	Renée Samuels
Facility Expansion	Patrick Davis
JPOG Dealer Chair	Terry Bush
Safety Officer	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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FALL 2023 CRAFT FAIR RESERVATION

The Craft Fair will be held November 10, 11, 12 2023 at Reno Town Mall. The Fair is open to RGMS Club Crafters with items, related (or not) to our hobby, being offered for sale. You may choose to be a vendor all three days, or just Saturday/Sunday; cost of the space is the same. (Non-RGMS vendors may also participate, but there are additional requirements)

The hours of the Fair are:

Friday: 10am – 6pm Saturday: 10am – 5pm Sunday: 10am – 3pm

Cost to participate in the Fair is \$65 for a 6' linear space (one table size), plus \$20 for a business license (if you don't already have a Reno business license) to be **paid with this reservation**. Additional 6' table spaces will be an additional \$35 each. You will also be responsible for paying the appropriate percentage of your sales taxes to the State at the end of the Craft Fair.

You may cancel any time prior to six weeks before the Fair and get reimbursed for your fees. However, if you cancel after that time, your fees will be considered a donation to RGMS.

Please complete the information below and return to:

Theresa Langhans, RGMS Craft Fair Coordinator
480 S. Rock Blvd.

Sparks, Nv. 89431

or send via email: theresalanghans@yahoo.com

Name of Participant: _____

Type of Craft: _____

Address of Participant: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email contact: _____

Nevada State (Department of Taxation) Tax ID # (if you have one): _____

I will participate: (circle one) Fri/Sat/Sun Sat/Sun

Initial Reservation Fee for one table space: \$ 65.00

Plus additional # of Tables (\$35 per table): # _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Plus Business License Fee: + \$20.00 OR

(if you already have your own City of Reno business license – there will be NO \$20 charge)

Your City of Reno Business License Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Special Requests (need electrical access, side space, etc): _____

I will try to accommodate special requests, but can not guarantee.

Please note: You must provide your own table(s) for the Fair. Also, all participants must provide their own table coverings for their tables. (There is a very small number of mall tables available to use, and if it is physically difficult for you to bring your own tables, please contact me)