



The Conglomerate

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

March, 2024

General Meeting

Wed. March 6, 7 PM

Baldini's Casino, Second Floor

Board Meeting

March 13, 6 PM

Rock Building, 490 Rock Blvd

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.

President's Message

Dean Sizemore

As we head into March, things are starting to get busy—plans are being finalized and it's almost time for field trips. And our annual used equipment sale is also coming up.

Work at the original building is finishing up and soon work on the expansion will begin. Please watch for notices coming out asking for help as needed. We will have contractors at the building performing the permitted work as required by code; we will need help doing clean-up and performing non-contractor-required tasks.

Field trips begin soon with the first trip being our annual pilgrimage to Wonderstone mountain. It's a great trip for everyone, children to adults, most vehicles and so on. Lots of great material to find and make items from.

Remember, March is green stones and aquamarine stones for the door prizes at the general meeting. Don't forget the monthly 32 Auction held online, where you can find lots of amazing items. As we get closer to the used equipment sale the notices with the date and times will come out. For those who are new, the used equipment sale is a great place to find reasonably priced equipment.

The Open House for new members is held monthly to give you an opportunity to see the building and the equipment, and to ask questions. For March it will be 9th at our building, 480 S. Rock from 9AM to 12PM.

Have a great month and we'll see you soon.

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Jackpot of Gems Show

Daniel Ellis & Terry Bush, Show Chairs

A Special Announcement

This year the Jackpot of Gem committee is offering a limited number of vendor spaces to our membership for the 2024 JPOG show on the 14th and 15th on September.

These spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis.

If you want to be a vendor, please contact our Vendor Chairman, Patrick, at his email address for a contract; pdavisreno@gmail.com

As always, we need help to make this show happen, and we need it not just on the weekend of the show. There are plenty of jobs that need year round work to get the show opened.

So please come to our next JPOG meeting on March 18th at 6pm to see what we do and how to make our show work. We take ideas from all of our members, and we try to use them to make the show better.

We hope to see some new faces at the meeting.

Thanks

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 Longueira**, Treasurer

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.

SPRING 2024 Artisan Craft Fair **Theresa Langhans, Coordinator**

Our Craft Fair is scheduled at Reno Town Mall: April 5, 6, 7, 2024.

It seems like such a long time from now, but our Spring Artisan Craft Fair will be with us much sooner than perhaps we may think.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor in our upcoming Spring Show, please complete a registration form. For a three-day event, the cost is extremely reasonable: \$65 for the first space and \$35 for each additional space. In addition, if you do not already have a City of Reno business license, there will be an additional \$20 charge required by the City of Reno. I have included the registration form with this issue of the Conglomerate.

We have space for about 25 vendors. Vendors do not necessarily need to be a member of the Society, but there are additional insurance and liability requirements for those who are not members. The product that you sell also does not have to be related to our hobby. This is our opportunity as members to sell out product and to support RGMS as our table reservation fees go directly to the Society.

I look forward to working with our vendors and appreciate all members assisting with the advertising for our event. Advertising cards and fliers will be available at the Rock Building.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



Photo: S Webb

At the 2019 Spring Fair

March Field Trip Report

Hilary Loupee, Field Trip Director

It's that time of year when the fieldtrips are close to resuming! I've got an exciting line up of trips that will include many favorites from last year. Our first two field trips are scheduled for April 6th and April 13th. The first field trip on April 6th will be a day trip to *Wonderstone* Mountain, led by **Steve Smith** who knows this location well. It's just past Fallon, so it's a pretty easy drive. There are also petroglyphs to see at Grimes Point if you want to stop there on your way out. Wonderstone is a hard form of rhyolite with *liesegang* banding that appears in many wonderful colors.



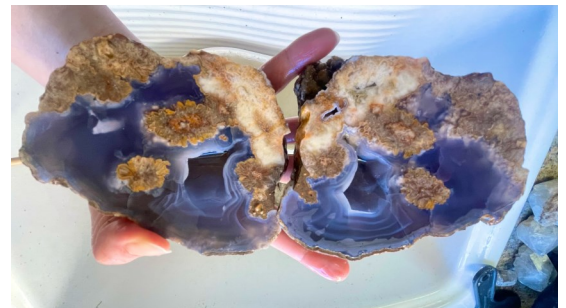
Wonderstone

The second field trip is a morning hike at Huffaker Hills on April 13th. This will be led by my **geology professor, Roger Putnam**. I did this hike with him last year for our geology class and asked him if he would do it again for RGMS. You will learn all about the geology of our very own Washoe Valley. You'll be able to see fault lines and learn why our valley is considered a "half-graben", with the faults on the east and the Sierra Nevada's rising to the west.

Alan Metzger has offered to lead a field trip to Gabbs on June 8-9, so put that one in your calendars! He knows some new locations in that area. Jim Welker will lead a trip to the Coaldale area again. I also plan to lead field trips to Luning, Austin, Lovelock, Fairview, Gabbs, Texas Springs, and Black Rock, so get ready!



Cleaned fossils from Luning



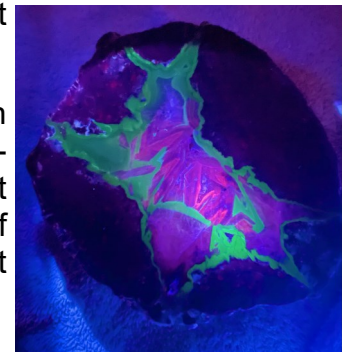
Cut Fairview agate



Cut fluorite from Austin

If you have a field trip idea or want to lead one, just let me know! I took a new job last year and while I can get out for the field trips, I struggle to be the one to meet everyone at camp on Friday and would love some help.

I'd also love to see and hear what you have been doing with last year's finds. I know I found some really amazing rocks and have been trying to get some of them cut. I'm including some photos of some recently cut field trip rocks. See you all out there again soon!



Fluorescent Austin geode

All photos by Hilary Loupee

Rock Hounding on Your Own

Debbie Bush

For the most part, our rock hounding has been done on club sponsored trips or with another member who knew of a good place to go (and how to get there). I will readily admit that even thinking of going out into the desert without the assistance of someone experienced is intimidating.



Owen

A few weeks ago, I had my grandsons spending the night and the forecast for Saturday was weather approaching 60 degrees. My husband, Terry, was out of town, so it was “all me.” I posted questions on our RGMS Facebook page and did some research with the book *Gem Trails of Nevada*. I needed a site not too far from my home and one I could navigate with my Nissan Altima. I knew Fernley (where I live) has quite a bit of agate.

Saturday morning, we packed all our gear, lunches, and lots of water—map from the book in tow—and headed out highway 95A. A mere 10 minutes from my home we turned on a dirt road that appeared to be the one shown on the map. I had warned the boys we may not find the location

as the maps are not like directions on MapQuest.

As the boys started to find some small agates, they got pretty excited. After lunch we headed in another direction and found larger and nicer agates. Not only were the boys excited about the agates themselves, but they kept talking about how “we found the spot ourselves.” I had all I could do to get them to leave. Carrying their “treasures” down the hill gave my back some fits, but that was a small price to pay for a wonderful rock hounding day that I think we will remember for a lot of years.



Michael



Grandma Debbie

Now we are working on tumbling, polishing, and going through the buckets! If you don't have the *Gem Trails* book, you can check it out from our RGMS library. Some of the members are familiar with some great spots too. As the weather starts to get better and better, just try your luck! Just be aware that if a location is not featured in a published book, it may be private property or a claim.

Be safe and have fun!

Photos of boys used with permission.
All photos by Debbie Bush



The agates, cleaned and tumbled.

Kid's Corner: Yellowstone National Park

Submitted by Steve Norman, Youth Coordinator



Yellowstone is the world's first national park. It has spectacular mountain peaks, lakes, rivers, 48 mammals, 238 species of birds, and over 500 active geysers that rocket water high up into the air. Yellowstone is part of the Plateau Volcanic Field, forming the high continental divide between the northern and middle Rocky Mountains.¹ It is thrilling to see geology working near the crust as hot temperatures let surface water heat up and explode into wondrous blasts of water shooting high up into the air. Over half the geysers in the world are located within Yellowstone National Park, and it is the home of Old Faithful, the most famous geyser of all.²

Old Faithful is an active geyser that hurls hot boiling water into the air about every forty-four minutes every day and night, but sometimes it takes two hours. Yellowstone's Old Faithful is a highly predictable geothermal feature that erupts from an egg-shaped chamber that collects the boiling water with steam bubbles in the conduit that create a bubble trap to keep the pressure building up until an eventual explosion of steam erupts to cause the geyser to flow for one and a half minutes to five minutes in duration and at a height of one hundred and six to one hundred and eighty-five feet.³ Yellowstone thermal areas smell an unpleasant odor around the geysers and mud pots, which are sulfuric or hydrogen sulfide gases.

The hot boiling water quickly turns to steam, as shown in the picture. Generally, water is said to boil at sea level at 212 °F (degrees Fahrenheit). In Denver, a mile-high city, the water boils at 202 degrees due to lower air pressure at higher elevations. At Yellowstone National Park, the boiling point of water is 199 degrees; however, the water temperature at Old Faithful is 244 °F at fourteen meters in the conduit and 204°F at the vent. Your bath or shower water temperature is 98 to 104°F. The highest place on Earth is the summit of Mount Everest, where at 29,031 feet (8,849 meters), water boils at 154° F. ⁴ due again to lower air pressure at higher elevations. It is great to visit a place like Yellowstone National Park, where you can see active geology.

References: ¹National Park Service (.gov), ²United States Geologic Service, ³Wikipedia and ⁴Lunar and Planetary Institute. Photo from National Park Guides

Education Outreach

Steve Norman, Youth Advisor

In November 2023, the Reno Gem and Mineral Society's Education Outreach program gave 42 Sun Valley Elementary School students two presentations. In January, four presentations were at Westergard Elementary School for 112 fourth-grade students in January. In February, Van Gorder Elementary School had five classrooms of 106 second-grade students for two days of presentations.

The presentation has examples of minerals and their uses that show how technology advances. Students learn some examples of minerals and their uses in everyday life. Students are encouraged continued next page



encouraged to do well in school and consider a science career. Every student is given a mineral gift, and information is provided to their parents about the Reno Gem and Mineral Society. We get support from the Nevada Division of Mineral's program to keep out of abandoned mines. I want to thank **Debbie Bush** for her help on many presentations and **Alan** and **Bobbi Metzger** for many of the polished rocks students and teachers receive.

In November, the Future Rockhounds program had two students exploring crystal shapes and an art project by **Renée Samuels**.

Photo by Steve Norman No children are recognizable in this photo.

Glimpses from the Past: Heart and Soul of RGMS

Webb Varnum

Webb joined RGMS in 1996. Positions he's held include President (twice), Field Trip Director, Board of Directors at Large member (many times), and Vice President. In addition, he has been an instructor for mineral identification, navigation and micro mounts for many years.

Quite often, you will also find him giving talks to related organizations and far-flung schools about the earth sciences.

If you want to identify a rock, fossil, mineral, etc., Webb should be one of the first ones you head for!

THANKS WEBB!!

Submitted by John Peterson

Photo by Dale Sworthout



Jim Welker

Jim joined RGMS in 2004. Some of the positions he's held include President, Board of Directors at Large member (many times) and Field Trip Director. Jim is another one of those who is always there if something needs to be done. As Field Trip Director he would go to hunting

areas ahead of time to check where the best places were to camp, the best spots to find good material, etc. He still does that for the trips he leads. You also have seen him at our Jackpot of Gems Show working security and a host of other jobs

THANKS JIM!!

Submitted by John Peterson

Photo by Dale Sworthout



These little articles were part of a series called "Get to Know" that ran in *The Conglomerate* from 2013 through 2016. Most articles were written by John Peterson, and photos taken by Dale Sworthout, though by 2016, Robin DeVisser took a few. Through 2024, I'll try to include some of those that you really need to know about because of their seminal contributions to RGMS, or who are still around and active.—in no particular order

RGMS Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024***Steve Norman, Secretary***

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

Zoom Meeting except for **Patrick Davis, Albie & Janet Longueira, Dan Ellis, Steve Smith, and Steve Norman**, who weathered the winter storm in person at the beautifully painted meeting room.

President: **Dean Sizemore**, via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 6 pm. **Steve Smith** led the pledge of allegiance. Dean has survey ideas and asked for a committee to review questions. **Jim Welker, Lynda Traves, Eric Fendelander, and Sue Webb** agreed to assist. Dean noted a need for an audit committee, with **Eric Fendelander, Gayle Dedrick, Virginia Keeley, Tom Nichols, and Janet Longueira** volunteering. Dean acknowledged that someone rudely wished **Brett Dedrick** not to take the Vice President job. It was probably someone's joke, but Brett has resigned. The search renews for a new vice president.

Treasurer **Janet Longueira** reviewed the November and December Financial Positions as of November 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023. Janet explained the financial transactions and which categories for line entries are being used. Eventually, the year-to-date number will show the usage of a particular budget. There is a \$51,000 addition to savings.

Past President/Tech Chair: Director **Tom Nichols** is updating information on the website. Tom is working with Sven Sander to update some information for Facebook.

Social Media: Director **Sven Sander** sent out eight blasts to members in December. There were 246 page or video views on the RGMS Facebook page in December. There were 135 posts and comments on the Facebook page and 10,235 group views with 29 posts. **Rene'e Samuels** is monitoring Facebook questions for RGMS with answers or contact information.

Jackpot of Gem: Director **Dan Ellis** reports that **Patrick Davis** is in charge of show vendors, and **Terry Bush** is the show manager, with Dan assisting.

Schools: Director **Julie Hilsabeck** has full classes for January, including full-day lapidary classes. **Barbara Hartman** has an advanced lapidary class. Silver Smith has a full class with four beginning students.

Building Upgrade/Shop: **Patrick Davis** is seventy-five percent done with painting the conference room and workroom. There is some patching to do in the boardroom area. **Terry Bush** and **Patrick** are adding insulation to the bathroom areas. Many projects can be done before the need for a permit by the City of Sparks. Some projects only require two skilled people to do a successful job. The electrical upgrade with the Action Electric Company installing outlets, extensions to circuits, and heater upgrade for about \$26,000 as part of the plan to keep RGMS as a non-profit by spending earned income. Trash service for weekly pickup is being investigated. There are new wheels on all the machines in Lapidary. Saws have been cleaned and need another instructor. **Darby Weber** has been helping with Open House, assisting **Julie Hilsabeck**. Julie has promoted people to instructors as they conclude their internship. Voice mail now works on the telephone, thanks to **Janet Longueira**.

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Membership: **Lynda Traves** reports 146 memberships and 244 renewals. The waiver document is signed as part of membership. She has position swingers and badges available for pickup.

Conglomerate and AFMS/CFMS: Editor **Sue Webb** reminds board members that each should do some articles quarterly or at least annually on anything they are involved with during the year. These articles are due on the 15th of the month. Sue brought up the All-American Club Award Program as a representative of the California Federation. The submission compares to a scrap-book with letter documentation and photos of all the work that Society members do within RGMS.

President: **Dean Sizemore** notes that volunteers are needed for the tech person and the American Lands Association. **Eric Fendelander** needs to be added to the Board at Large membership this year. **Kristin Gorton** is the new Public Relations Director.

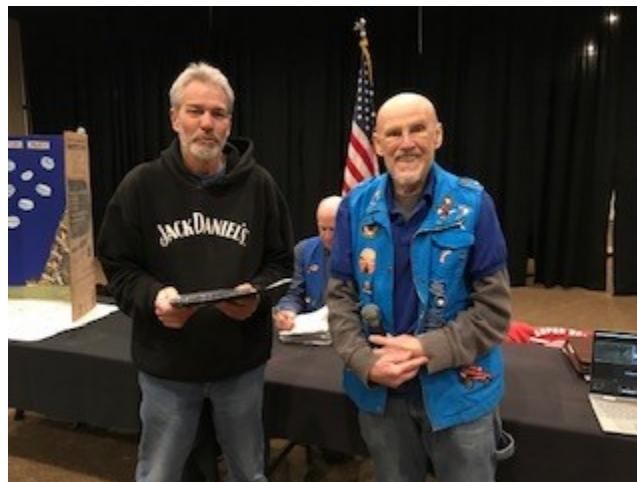
Security: **Lori Connel** is working with **Karen Boldi** to provide codes for the alarm system. Lori is reviewing the key lists for accountability. Lori reminds members not to share their alarm code.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Board Meeting
Photos: Steven
Smith



President's Award for 2023: Patrick Davis



This award is given to one member each year who has demonstrated extraordinary service to RGMS. **Patrick Davis** on left, awardee; **Dean Sizemore** on right, president.

Photo: Steven Smith

Lifetime Membership Awarded to Will Hitchcock

Steve Norman, Secretary

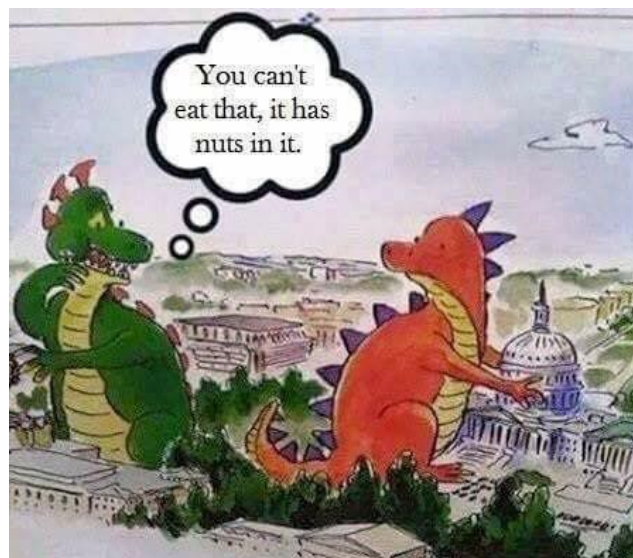


William Hitchcock has been honored as a Lifetime Member of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society.

What makes a place special is the assets that it contains. The Reno Gem and Mineral Society has many remarkable rock and mineral assets accumulated over time, but our best treasures are people.

Will Hitchcock's work helped make the Society function as a thriving non-profit that is increasingly doing more for the community. Will helped establish a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) within the non-profit aspect of our Society. The LLC can rent the building and collect income but still be non-profit. These are tax and accounting specialties to ensure a healthy balance of earning and spending money on the long-range plans of building the Society into a beautiful place for shops and classes and to establish someday a museum that people would appreciate and value. This community

needs a commendable rock and gem museum, and Will's help will allow the Society's big dreams to be fulfilled. The senior fellows of the Society have appreciated Will's outstanding service with tax preparation and financial guidance to keep the Society as a non-profit entity. It is terrific to have professional expertise handling the delicate affairs of the Society's finances. Will is a forensic tax accountant with experience in complex financial business matters. He has a talent for explaining complex tax and financial issues using plain language so that non-accounting people can understand the reasoning and results. Thank you, Will, and Congratulations!



Cartoon: Creative Commons

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 Class & Shop List**Julie Hilsabeck, School Director****Classes Offered by RGMS**

First, carefully read the blast sent the Tuesday before the meeting. Please respond via email to me, Julie Hilsabeck, at school@renogms.org, if you want any of the classes offered. Please indicate which class date and time you want. Many of the classes are limited to a maximum of 4 students. The list below shows the cost for each class but not the day of the week. Days often change from month to month, **so rely on the blast and the online calendar for the latest and correct information.**

Advanced Silver Fabrication
\$22.50 per class

Beading \$20.00

Beginning Lapidary \$60.00

Beginning Silver Fabrication
\$120.00

Lost Wax Carving for Casting

Mineral Identification \$60.00
plus \$25 kit fee

Open House \$7.50/hour of use

Slab Saw Use \$60.00

Tumbling \$60.00

Wire Wrapping \$90

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): Some classes are offered only occasionally.

Advanced Silver Fabrication
 Beginning Silver Fabrication
 Beginning Lapidary
 Intermediate Lapidary
 Beading and Bead Weaving
 Bezels Using Gallery Wire
 Casting"
 Cold Connections
 Etching on Copper
 Jewelry 101
 Lost Wax Carving
 Mineral Identification
 Making your own ear wires
 Silver Crocheting
 Silver Chain Making
 Slab Saw Use Basics:
 Tumbling:
 Wire wrapping/weaving: ...

Desired additions to the list
 when/if we can find a teacher:

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

CFMS/AFMS Shows 2024

Additional information is available on the CFMS Website:
<http://cfmsinfo.org>

March 1-3, 2024 – Newark, CA

The Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark CA
Website: <http://mgscv.org>

March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org> Website: <http://mgscv.org>

March 8-10, 2024 – Victorville, CA (Stoddard Wells area)

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Tailgate. I-15 toward Barstow EXIT #157
Stay on Stoddard Wells Rd. Follow signs 7 mi to Tailgate.
GPS 34.671852347, -117-117133037
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

March 9-10, 2024 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society of CA
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA Contact: see web site
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

March 17, 2024 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 West Alvarado St., Ste B, Fallbrook, CA 92028
info@fgms.org Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

March 16-17, 2024, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara Co. Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111 Contacts: (408) 265-1422, info@scvgms.org
Website: <http://www.scvgms.org>

March 16-17, 2024 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA 93245
Contact: https://facebook.com/events/999726084444006/999726087777339/?active_tape=about

March 22-24, 2024 – Clovis, CA

Fresno Gem and Mineral Society
748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis, CA 93612
sponsored by the Fresno Website: <https://fgms.rocks/>

March 23-24, 2024 – Angeles Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp CA 95222
Contact: (209) 736-4892, dbrooks49@att.net
Website: <http://CalaverasGemandMineral.net>

April 6-7, 2024 – Vista, CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum,
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA
Contact: info@vistarocks.org
Website: <https://vistarocks.org/>

April 13-14, 2024 – Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds,
5007 Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 13-14, 2024 – Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA
Contact: (530) 676-2472, office@edcmgs.org
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

April 20-21, 2024 – Thousand Oaks, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park, 190 N. Reino Road,
Thousand Oaks, CA
Contact: (805) 209-3173,
conejogemandmineral@gmail.com
Website: <https://cgamc.org/home>

April 27 – 28, 2024 – Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center,
2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA
Contact: nancyjbird68@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.searchersrocks.org>

April 27-28, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
307 Church St., Santa Cruz, Ca 95060.
Corner of Church and Center Streets

Take a few minutes and check out the *CFMS Newsletter* for March. Just enter <http://www.cfmsinc.org> and find the newsletters 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
. www.juniors.amfed.org

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Historian:

Jackpot of Gems

Ass't JPOG

Librarian

LLC Manager

Membership:

Photographer:

Public Relations:

School:

Safety Coordinator

Security

Shop:

Social:

Sunshine:

Tech Director

Volunteers

Available

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Karen Boldi

Suzanne Webb

Ana John

Theresa Langhans

Denise Sizemore

Terry Bush

Sven-Erik Sander

Hilary Loupee et al

Philipp Weirauch

Terry Bush

Daniel Ellis

April Young

Debbie Bush

Lynda Traves

Steven Smith

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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. Contact Wendy Kazas to learn what’s needed.

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
Rock Bldg Leasing Mgr
Safety Officer

Patrick Davis & Committee
Joanne Sworthout
Denise Sizemore,
Lori Connel
Steve Norman
Steve Norman
Lori Connel & Albie Longueira
Patrick Davis
Patrick Davis
Juliet Hitchcock
Spencer Ennis

Instructors (Alphabetical by class)

Bead weaving:
Casting:
Etching
Jewelry 101 &
Cold Connections
Lapidary

Lost Wax Carving
Mineral ID
Silver Fabrication (Adv.)
Silver Fabrication (Beg.)
Slab saw
Tumbling
Wire Art

Karen Boldi & Juliet Hitchcock
Spencer Ennis
Irene Comstock
Robyn Howard
“
Julie Hilsabeck
Barbara Hartman
Tim Steeper
Tom Calhoun/Webb Varum
Jill Atkins
Spencer Ennis
Patrick Davis
Janet & Albie Longueira
Kelly Preston