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The next meeting will be Friday, August 14th, 7 PM; the program will be Bingo Night, with rocks....

THE CARMEL VALLEY PROSPECTOR * NEWSLETTER OF THE CARMEL VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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CLUB INFORMATION:

ANNUAL DUES: Adults (21 & over) \$15, Couples \$20, Juniors (high school) \$1, and Pebble Pups (grade school or younger)- Free

INITIATION FEE: \$10 plus \$5 each additional family member (includes "stinkin' name badges!")

MEMBER OF: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS & AFMS)

CLUB MINERAL: Gold **CLUB COLORS:** Green & Gold **CLUB GEMSTONE:** Botryoidal Jade

SOCIETY PURPOSE: The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of mineralogy and geology, to encourage the collecting of specimens and the practice of the lapidary arts, to promote responsible field excursions to mineral locations, and to further the education of all. **And remember, please...Tread Lightly!**

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Rich Saylor, editor & publisher. Contributions, which are ALWAYS welcome, & (nice!) comments may be sent to

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Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society general meetings: **2nd** Friday, 7:00 PM; guests & visitors are welcome.

Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM, before the General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS:

The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is www.SCGMS.org for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian.

The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at the North Minster Presbyterian Church 315 Alvin Drive, Salinas. Guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is

www.salinastrockandgem.com. Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G**

Show: March 14 & 15, 2015, Veterans Hall, Spreckels. (2nd weekend in March). Modest admission charge, lots of FREE parking.

2015 CVGMS Monthly calendar (MONTHLY MEETING DATES): PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED, especially June (auction) and December (Christmas Dinner).

January: Friday the 9th

February: **Friday the 13th**. The Newark show will be on Mar. 6~8. **See page 9.** Carpooling is suggested.

March: Friday the 13th.

April: Friday the 10th

May: Friday the 8th

June: **Sunday the 7th: Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey**

July: Friday the 10th

August: Friday the 14th

Sept.: Friday the 11th (General Meeting) **55th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT& SUN, the 26th & 27th**

October: Friday the 9th

November: Friday the 13th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**

December: Sunday, Dec.6th: **ANNUAL XMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2016 OFFICERS**

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Message from the President- August



Hello CVGMS Members,

Summer is almost over. Full speed ahead for our annual CVGMS Gem Show on Sat & Sun Sept 26 and 27, 2015. Thanks to the Biewers, we will have new slant front cases for the show. We would like to sell the older slant front cases to our members for a \$25 donation. Please contact the Biewers if you are interested. The old cases are stored at the Fairgrounds and will be available for pickup at the Fairgrounds on Wed. Sept 23 when we are doing the initial setup of all the tables and display cases or Fri-Sun, Sept 25-27, 2015 when we are at the Fairgrounds. All cases must be picked up at the end of the Show on Sunday, so we will have room to store the new cases.

We will have the sign-up board for displays at the show at our August and September meetings. Please specify Federation or slant-front case. And of course, volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at our next meetings as well. The Gem Show is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to make it happen! *Please* volunteer to work at the Gem Show. I will be going on vacation at the end of August and will be missing the September meeting. If you can't make it to our next two meetings, but would like to volunteer to work or set up a display, please contact Barb Biewer,

659-4156.

Be sure to pick up flyers and prepaid tickets to our show at our meetings. It's really important to get our flyers out to the public. Please note that our web address is now www.cvgms.rocks. The flyer for the show is also available there.

CVGMS will be putting on the August Science Saturday at the PG Museum of Natural History on Saturday Aug 29, 2015. We will be focusing on Fossils this year. Talma Taormina will bring sign-up sheets for this event at our August meeting.

Thank you to Rich Saylor for his silversmithing demo last month. He really does wonderful work and offered very practical advice on where to get supplies.

Our August Program on Fri Aug 14, 2015 will be Bingo Night focusing on Rocks. Our first Bingo night was so much fun that we thought we would do it again. The adults had as much fun as the kids did.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our August Meeting on Aug 14, 2015.

Margaret Chan, *CVGMS President*

CVGMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: July 10, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Margaret Chan. Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Matt & Barb Biewer, Jay House, Mike Cole, Talma Taormina and Rich Saylor. Janis Rovetti not being present, Pearl Chan acted as Secretary.

Correspondence: We received a mailer from Diggin's Productions announcing a new Gem & Mineral show In Hanford, CA Sept 12 & 13, 2015. It is not affiliated with any gem club. However, Gem Clubs are invited to have a booth to promote their club for free. More info at www.digginsproductions.com.

Membership Report: No new members for the month. We reviewed the Membership roll to update the Roster for 2015.

Treasurer's Report: We received some checks from dealers for our Sept Show. Expenses were submitted by Pearl Chan for the June Picnic and Talma Taormina for the Rock Bingo games. MSP to pay the bills.

Sunshine Report: No news

Federation Report: Karin Solomon was absent. No Federation report was received

Scholarship: Talma submitted the 2014-2015 school presentation report. Four presentations were made to a total of 123 students. These numbers were lower than previous years because teachers needed additional time to become familiar with the new Common Core Standards. Hopefully, these numbers will improve next year.

CVGMS will put on the Science Saturday at the PG Natural History Museum on Sat. Aug 29. 2015 featuring Fossils. Talma will bring the sign-up sheets to our September Meeting.

Old Business: The new web address for the club is www.cvgms.rocks.

New Business: Show Time! Sign-up sheets for volunteers and the sign-up board for displays at our September Show will be brought to our meetings from now thru September.

Since we now have new slant front cases for the show, we will be selling the old cases for \$25 per case. The old cases can be picked up at the Monterey Fairgrounds beginning on Wed. Sept 23, 2015 when we start setting up for the Show and must be picked up no later the end of the show on Sun Sept 27, 2015

August Program: Bingo Night featuring Rocks.

The September Program will be a demonstration on how to set up and take down the new slant front cases, with help being offered on how to set up your own displays at our September show.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Friday August 14, 2015.

Pearl Chan, Acting Recording Secretary

MEMBER'S PROJECTS

...from Mike Cole-



Rich,

I Had this beautiful chunk of emerald green chrysoprase (from my mom & dad's stash). The cool part is that I did not melt any of the bezels as I used a tripod and heated from underneath

My first set.

-Mike

48th Annual Gem Show

Earth's Treasures - Rocks - Minerals
Exhibits - Demo's - Equipment

NIPOMO HIGH SCHOOL

525 N. Thompson Ave. Nipomo, CA.

AUGUST 7th - 9th 2015

10AM - 5PM - Friday & Saturday

10AM - 4PM Sunday

ONE-OF-A-KIND Stones, Jewelry &
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56th Annual

GEM SHOW



Sept 26 - 27, 2015
Monterey Fairgrounds

Gems, Minerals, Fossils
Jewelry, Rocks, Equipment
Demonstrations
Silent Auction
Snackbar
Exhibits
Dealers

Sat. 10 to 6

Sun. 10 to 5

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Admission \$4.00

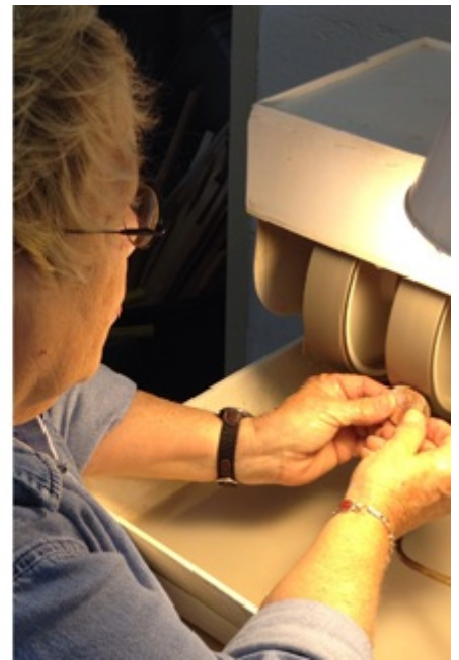
Children with Adult are FREE

\$1.00 off with a coupon



PROJECTS...

Biewer's Workshop....Fun for even a novice like me! I brought my slab of crazy lace agate to the Biewers hoping to make my first pendant. Matt showed me how to use a template to find the best shape to highlight the most interesting patterns of banding and colors. He then cut the basic shapes I had outlined (I'll learn to use a saw another time!) and showed me the basics of using the polishing wheels (important to keep water under the wheel in use!). I ended up with an oval, a triangle and a free form triangle with one piece of the slab left uncut. It is a great feeling of accomplishment having created my first pendant! Thank you Biewers for being so generous with your time and facilities! -Susie Harlow



MEMBER'S TRIPS

Jay H. & Talma & grandsons went to Utah, Canada & Lake Superior & points East to collect everything from trilobites, geodes, amethyst, prairie agates from The Badlands of South Dakota, pipestone from a dealer in Pipestone National Monument in Minnesota, where various native American tribes held peace conferences. and such. The total trip took 6300 miles! Nebraska was mostly cornfields... look for some photos in August! -Jay

PEBBLE PUPS

Hi Pebble Pups and Jr. Rock Hounds,

We had a very positive response to "Mineral Bingo" several months ago. So, this month we will be playing "Rock Bingo". It's not only a chance to win prizes, but also an opportunity to learn more about our hobby.

Because of the Bingo Game we won't have a formal Pebble Pup Specimen this month. But please plan to attend. It's not the same when we have a small turnout. We need you there.

Also, we'll be doing sign-ups for Science Saturday - Fossils at the Museum (see below) and sign-ups for display cases and volunteer opportunities at our show in September.

**Talma Taormina
Scholarship Chair**

NIPOMO 2015

by Rich Saylor



Long drive, beautiful weather, lotsa stuff, everyone very friendly, what more is there to say? Sadly, traditional (and reasonably priced!) "Santa Maria BBQ" was in evening only but we had to go back home, so missed it. At least one booth had nice BBQ sandwiches, though the water was way overpriced at \$2. Picky, picky.

And... a HUGE number of outdoor sales booths, I don't recall that many previously but maybe my recollection is faulty.



The Welcoming Committee...



Wire Wrapping



A Carving Demo...



The Usual Suspects AND a new friend...

UPCOMING CLUB EVENT AT THE MUSEUM:

SCIENCE SATURDAY - CVGMS is putting on the "Science Saturday - Fossils" at the Museum this month.

Date: Saturday, August 29 Time: 10:30 - 3:30 (set-up at 10:00)

We will have 5 or 6 stations that need to be covered by club volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Volunteers can sign up for a half-day or a whole-day shift. Students who want Community Service Credit should bring their forms with them to the event. The Museum has provided lunch in the past, so I'm assuming they are again this year. - Talma

EDITOR'S NOTES....

ABOUT THE CLUB WEBSITE... We now have a new one, thanks to the Francos! It is **"CVGMS.ROCKS"**. And again, for those of you who do NOT have email capability, but might be willing to consider having one (also available thru your smartphone, if you have or are getting one!). If you don't know how to go about it, ask either myself or even better, any 8 year old....

UPCOMING LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

This month, **only California and nearby events are listed**, due to space limitations. However there are many, many shows throughout the US and Canada, both club/Federation and commercial. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com or cfmsinc.org **PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) SHOWS** aren't listed, but can be found at the above websites. Please **confirm** all show dates, if you plan on attending - Ed

August 2015

14-16-SEASIDE, OREGON: Annual show; Jean Miller, Seaside Convention Center; 415 1st Ave.; Daily 10-6 pm; Free admission; Beads, Fossils, Gems, Minerals, Crystals, Petrified Wood, Sunstones, Turquoise, Jewelry, Opal, Native American Jewelry, Rough & Polished Free Pearls to first 75 ladies through the door daily. For info call Jean Miller 971-219-0323 or e-mail karmicbeadsandgems@yahoo.com; e-mail: karmicbeadsandgems@yahoo.com

22-23-SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Annual show; San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, SF County Fair Building; 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way; Sat. 10-6:00 pm, Sun. 10-5:00 pm; Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Students \$8, Children under 12 w/ adult free; Dealers, displays, demos, kids' activities, mineral & gem identification, silent & live auctions!; contact Ellen Nott; e-mail: ellen_nott@yahoo.com

29-30-ASHLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Scott's Rocks, United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall; 175 North Main Street; Sat. 10-5 pm, Sun. 12-5 pm; Adults \$2, children under 12 free; free rock for each child. Crystals, minerals, gemstone beads, hand crafted gemstone jewelry, fossils, precious opals. Silent auction. Free fossil leaf field trip on Monday, Aug. 31st.; contact Scott Blair, (541) 621-2558; e-mail: scottsrocks@scottsrocks.com; Web site: scottsrocks.com

29-30-CONCORD, CALIFORNIA: Show & sale; Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord; 5298 Clayton Rd., near Ygnacio Valley Rd; Daily 10-5 pm; Adults \$6, Children under 16 free. 25 Dealers: gems, jewelry, fossils, minerals, crystals, jade, meteorites & tektites, fluorescent rocks, lapidary tools & equipment, findings, books; 20 Demos: cabbing, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone setting, stone carving, gold panning, more; 48 Exhibits & Educational Displays; Activities for all ages: youth and Scout

activities, free rock & gem identification, silent auction, fluorescent display room, hourly door prizes, raffle. Contact HarryNichandros, CA, (925) 289-0454; e-mail: show-r@ccmgs.org; Web site: <http://ccmgs.org>

September 2015

12-13-HANFORD, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Diggin'sproductions , Hanford Civic Center; 400 N. Douty St; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-6:00 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children are Free!; Rock, minerals, slabs, fossils. Demonstrations, Jewelry; contact Kathy Corbett, 341 cedar st., Hanford, CA 93230, (559) 904-4795; e-mail: Corbett1@sbcglobal.net; Web site: Digginsproductions.com

19-20-CHICO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society Inc, Sliver Dollar Fair Grounds; 2357 Fair st.; Sat. 9:30 am-5 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-5 pm; Students, Adults + Seniors \$3, Children under 16 Free!; Annual Show: Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society: Chico's Silver Dollar Fair Grounds: 2357 Fair St: Sat. + Sun. 9:30-5: Adults \$3 children (16 & under) free: HOME OF THE WORLDWIDE ROCK TUMBLING COMPETITION! Free shark tooth necklace, first 200 Kids. Dealers Opals, Rough Rock, Crystals, Fossils, Jewelry, Minerals, Wire Wrapping, Flint, Knapping, jewelry making, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, Boy & Girl Scout Badge area, Kids wheel of fortune, grab bags FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Contact John Scott 1288 Glenwood ave. Chico ,CA 95926. (530-343-3491): e-mail jweazel@sbcglobal.net Web site: www.featherriverrocks.org ; contact John Scott, 1288 Glenwood ave., Chico, CA 95926, (530) 343-3491; e-mail: jweazel@sbcglobal.net ; Web site: www.featherriverrocks.org

26-27-SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center; 50 Mark West Springs Road; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$6, Children under 12 Free; Lots of Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffle, Rough Rock Sale, Wire Classes, Fun Kid Stuff; contact Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551; e-mail: jolene4srmgs@gmail.com; Web site: SRMGS.ORG

26-27-DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge; 11233 Woodruff Ave.; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-4 pm; Admission is Free!; 20+ vendors, displays, raffle, demonstrations, and wonderful grab bags.; contact Dale Harwood, 1914 El Segundo Apt. 2, Gardena, CA 90249-1871, (310) 217-0551; e-mail: nancyjbird@verizon.net; Web site: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/delvers/info>

26-27-MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairgrounds Road; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$4.00, Children under 12 are FREE!; We have approx 15 dealers at the show featuring jewelry, cut and uncut gemstones, beads, crystals, rough and polished rocks, mineral specimens, and fossils. This annual event also has over 50 displays featuring the gem, mineral, and fossil collections of guest and member exhibitors. In addition, there will also be demonstrations of jewelry making, sphere making, rock grinding and polishing. A silent auction will run continuously for people to bid on. This is a family event with plenty of great activities for the kids. A full snack bar is always open with drinks, hot dogs, chili, homemade sandwiches, and desserts. This event supports the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society's educational outreach for Monterey schools. ; contact Janis Rovetti, 1047 Roosevelt Street, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 372-1311; e-mail: janis12@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.cvgms.com

26-27-LODI, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club's , Lodi Grape Festival Grounds; 413 E. Lockeford St.; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$6.00, Children 12 and under free with adult; Discount coupons available at: www.stocktonlapidary.com. See Exhibits, Demonstrations, Dealers, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Crystals, Fluorescent Displays, Finished Jewelry, Jewelry Making Supplies and Tools, Gold Panning, Children's Activities, Educational Displays, Rock Identification, Super Raffle, Snack Bar, Gold Panning with Delta Goldiggers, and more! Show contact is Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411, mail c/o SLMC Clubhouse, 3136 E. Anita St., Stockton, CA, 95205 - or e-mail directly to: JeroldKyle@Yahoo.com. Contact Kyle via USPS: 327 Del Mont St., Lodi, CA 95242. ; contact Jerold Kyle

September 2015-October 2015

30-4-JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Hi-Desert Rockhounds, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree; 6225 Sunburst Street; Daily 9 am-6 pm; Admission is Free!; Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree Gem, Mineral and Craft Show. Over 60 Dealers Featuring Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry, Beads, Lapidary supplies & items, Mining equipment, Gemstone rough, Findings, Geodes, Slabs, Meteorites, Dazzling crystals, Carvings, Jewelry boxes, New Age items, Gifts, Collectibles, Books, Tools And so much more!; contact Judy & Roger Thompson, 6225 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760) 902-5340; e-mail: rogerthompson@mac.com; Web site: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

October 2015

3-4-VISTA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum ; 2040 N Santa Fe Ave; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Admission is Free!; contact Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524; e-mail: vistarocksgms@gmail.com; Web site: Vistarocks.com

10-11-ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Inc, Shasta District Fairgrounds; 1890 Briggs Street; Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-4:00 pm; Admission is Free!; Free Family Fun! Demonstrations, gold panning, raffle, kids arena, dealers selling jewelry, beads, minerals, fossils, silent auctions, food and more.; contact Kelly O'Leary, (530) 722-7133; e-mail: shastagemandmineral@gmail.com; Web site: shastagemandmineral.com

11-11-FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum; 123 W. Alvarado St.; Sun. 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Daily -; Free, Free, Free, Free; The Fallbrook Fall Festival of Gems and Minerals will be held on October 11, 2015, by the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society. The event will feature: gem, mineral, and fossil vendors; panning for minerals; geode cracking; gem identification; raffles; and more. Vendors will sell a variety of gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, and related items. The Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society Museum will be open (admission is always free) during the show. Food and drink will be available for purchase. The Fall Festival will take place on W. Alvarado Street (the street will be closed to traffic between Main and Pico Avenues) at Main Avenue, in downtown Fallbrook, California. ; contact Mishell Rose, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028, (760) 728-1130; e-mail: fgms@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.fgms.org

17-18-WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center; 7630 Washington Ave; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is Free; The Whittier Gem and Mineral Society's annual show "Rocks Rock" will be held on October 17th and 18th, 2015, 10 am to 5 pm. The show will be held at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave., Whittier (corner of Mar Vista and Washington Ave). Free admission and parking. There will be vendors featuring minerals, jewelry, gems, and collectables and members demonstrating different aspects of the lapidary hobby. For more information call 626 260-7239.; contact Marcia Goetz

17-18-PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; EL DORADO COUNTY MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, Placerville, CA; Placerville Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$4.00, 12 and under are free; EDCM&G Society's 32nd Annual Rock & Gem Show. This year's theme is agate. Displays, dealers and demonstrations and more. Minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, fossils, geodes, petrified wood, gold, opal, meteorites, lapidary materials, rough rock and equipment. Lot of free activities for the kids. Buy a geode and watch us cut it open for you! Raffle drawings and door prizes. Buy lunch at our popular concession booth.; contact Karen Newlin, 4232 Gailey Circle, Cameron Park, CA 95682, (530) 676-1643; e-mail: k.m.newlin@comcast.net; Web site: www.rockandgemshow.org

24-25-LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Peninsula Gem and Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center; One No. San Antonio; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission \$4.00, Children \$2.00; contact Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384; e-mail: steve_job@sbcbglobal.net; Web site: <http://pggs.org/>

Please confirm all show dates!