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

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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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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 Veterans Hall in Spreckels 5th & Llano streets; 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). Admission will be free, lots of FREE parking.

2014 CVGMS Tentative Monthly calendar: PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.

January: Friday the 10th

February: **Friday the 21st** The Newark show will be on Feb. 21, 22 & 23. Carpooling is suggested.

March: Friday the 14th.

April: Friday the 11th

May: Friday the 9th

June: **Sunday the 8th** (planned): Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey

July: Friday the 11th

August: Friday the 8th

Sept.: Friday the 12th (General Meeting) **54th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT.& SUN. the 27th & 28th**

October: Friday the 10th

November: Friday the 14th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**

December: Sunday, Dec. 7: **ANNUAL XMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2015 OFFICERS**

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Message from the Vice President

Hello CVGMS Members,

It's now August and many kids will be heading back to school soon. Our annual September Gem Show at the Monterey Fairgrounds on Sept. 27-28, 2014 is coming soon.

Thank you to Matt Biewer for bringing the Federation and slant front cases to our July meeting, as well as Andrea Wilson for providing the photos showing a variety of displays from previous shows. We hope they inspired you all to sign up and have a case in our 2014 show.

We appreciate everyone who signed up to volunteer to work at our 2014 Gem Show at our July meeting. The sign-up sheets will be back at the August and September meetings. If you can't make it to either of these meetings, but would like to volunteer to help at the show, please email Matt Biewer at mattbiewer@aol.com with the day(s) and time(s) you would be able to help.

We need help in the following areas:

Wed Sept 24 - 9 am to ~ 3 pm Clean up the Fairground, set up all the tables, chairs and display cases

Fri Sept 25 Morning Finish any remaining setup work. Help dealers move in. Afternoon Members can set up their display cases.

Sat and Sun Sept 26 & 27

Front Desk - collecting admission fees

Snack Bar - behind the counter selling food and Snack Bar Cashier. We also need people to donate baked goods for dessert.

Kids Activities – Spinning Wheel, grab bag sales, magnetic sandbox, etc.

Demonstrations and Geode cutting..

Silent Auction

Sunday Sept 27 5 pm to ? Clean up Empty out display cases, take down cases, fold tablecloths. Put away tables and chairs, etc. The more people we have, the faster we get done.

You can also 'float' by telling us the day and time you are available and letting us assign you to where we need help the most.

On Sat August 30 CVGMS will take part in the PG Museum's Science Saturday. The Theme this year is "Dinosaurs". Hours are from 10 am to 3 pm. Please contact Talma or Adrienne if you can help.

Our August presentation will be by Matt Biewer on the Grotto of the Redemption in Iowa. More info in a separate article by Matt.

See you at our meeting on Friday August 8th.

Margaret Chan
CVGMS Vice-President

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: July 11, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Vice-President Margaret Chan.

Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Talma Taormina, Matt Biewer, Jay House, Adrienne Pimentel, Rich Saylor, and Janis Rovetti.

Membership: Jay reports we have no new members this month.

Treasurer's Report: Pearl gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills.

Federation: Karin was not present tonight.

Scholarship: Talma had nothing to report this month.

Sunshine: Barb Biewer accidentally slipped and fractured her fibula while returning from their summer trip around the country. Our thoughts go out to Barb and that she recovers quickly.

New Business: Margaret will be traveling to Colorado and won't be here for the Sept meeting but will be back in time for the show. Hopefully Susie will be back by then. Fortunately, there was a cancellation for a banner in downtown Monterey so Matt told them we wanted the space and we immediately paid for and have it for September. We will be having the "Science Saturday" on Saturday, August 30 at the PG Museum.

July Program: Our annual "show display cases." Please sign up for a case for our upcoming show.

August Program: Matt will give a presentation from the trip they took this summer on "Grotto of the Redemption" by the "Rockhound Priest" in West Bend, Iowa. It is built with semiprecious stones and gems.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is August 8, 2014.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

PRESALE TICKETS FOR OUR GEM SHOW -Matt Biewer

Free complimentary admission for your friends!

Presale tickets are available for our upcoming Gem show in September. Our standard admission is \$4.00. With a discount flyer admission is \$3.00. With a Presale ticket admission is free for the bearer. Presale tickets can only be obtained from club members. Members can buy presale tickets and give them to their friends for a free admission to our show. Presale tickets cost members \$2.00 each (half price) and come in packs of five, so members pay \$10 for five tickets. We know that all members volunteer and exhibit at the show and so get free admission. Right???? But, if you *don't* volunteer and *don't* put in an exhibit then you can buy presale tickets to get in for a discount.

Here are other options.....

Buy five or more tickets and give them to your friends.

Buy five or more tickets and consider it a donation to the club.

Buy five or more tickets and sell some to another member.

Remember, proceeds from our show support our scholarship programs.

Get your tickets at the August and September meetings.

Buy more than one pack.

Don't forget to sign your complimentary tickets!

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55th Annual
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GEM SHOW

Sept 27 - 28, 2014
Monterey Fairgrounds

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



Sat. 10 to 6
Sun. 10 to 5
Kid Stuff

Admission \$4.00 Children with Adult are FREE

\$1.00 off with this coupon



UPCOMING EVENT

SCIENCE SATURDAY - DINOSAURS

PG NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, **AUGUST 30, 11am - 3pm**

As you know we have a wonderful relationship with the PG Museum. They provide a meeting place for CVGMS and we, in return, host a Science Saturday every year. This year the topic is DINOSAURS.

We will be providing the following stations:

- Hands-on Dino Fossils (bone, egg, claws teeth) some are replicas
- Spinning wheel with a variety of dino-related objects to win (1 per customer unless they purchase another spin)
- Dino info/and interactive on project boards:
- PLANT EATER OR MEAT EATER? (activity)
- T-REX - SCAVENGER OR PREDATOR? (activity)
- WHAT KILLED THE DINOS?
- Electronic game about Dinos
- Dino Books to be read at scheduled times

We will also be responsible for having club members at each location. We will set up at 10:30. The first shift will be 11:00-1:00. The 2nd shift will be 1:00-3:00. Clean-up will be after that.

There was a sign-up sheet at the last meeting and many of you have already signed up. But if you would still like to participate and didn't get a chance, the sign-up sheet will be at the August meeting. Even if you want to just come and join another member at a station, or give someone a break, that's fine, too.

If you have questions, call Talma at 375-1477.

AUGUST PROGRAM by Matt Biewer - *with attached photos of the grotto*

The Program in August will be about a shrine located in the middle of Iowa in the town of West Bend. This shrine is made entirely of gem rocks and minerals collected and built by a rockhound priest named Paul Dobberstein. He worked on this project from 1912 until he died in 1954. Some of the information is provided below.

More can be found on the website
www.westbendgrotto.com.

The Grotto of the Redemption

The story of how the Grotto came into being is as moving as are the scenes it portrays. It is generally told as a fact that as a young seminarian, Father Dobberstein became critically ill with pneumonia. As he fought for his life he prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for him for the grace of health. He promised to build a shrine in her honor if he lived.

The illness passed, the student completed his studies and after his ordination he came to West Bend as Pastor in 1898. For over a decade he was stockpiling rocks and precious stones. The actual work of giving permanence to his promise began to take shape in 1912. Most architects and





contractors would hesitate a long time before undertaking a project such as the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend. It is doubtful whether it can or ever will be duplicated. The sheer bulk of the achievement is startling when we consider that two men did most of the manual labor and Father Dobberstein did practically all of the artistic endeavor single-handed. Dobberstein had an invaluable coworker at the Grotto, Matt Szerensce, whom Dobberstein apparently referred to occasionally as "my good right arm". Matt began working with the priest as a young man. Graduating from high school in 1912, Szerensce signed on as full-time grotto collaborator, a career move ultimately resulting in fifty-two years of intense labor.

There are almost a hundred carloads of rocks and stones, the vast bulk of which had to be processed, stored, classified and handled many times before it found its final and proper place in the harmonious structure.

No accounting was made either of the many man-hours of labor involved in building the Grotto or the money expended in gathering the stones and shaping them into a harmonious unit. This is perhaps because Father Dobberstein wanted the cost to be known to God alone. One of the most amazing things about the Grotto at West Bend is the great tenacity of purpose the builder displaying in carrying out his plans. Indeed, it is the largest known accomplishment of its kind anywhere in the world.

Geology of the Grotto rocks

Agate: Tennessee and Louisiana's state mineral and Montana's state gemstone, agate is chalcedony with a banded or irregular, variegated appearance. Many excellent specimens of agate can be found in the Christmas Chapel, Stations of the Cross and the exterior of the museum and rock studio buildings.

Amethyst: South Carolina's state gemstone, amethyst is quartz with clear purple or violet color. A 300-pound amethyst is incorporated into the back wall of the Christmas Chapel. Specimens used within the Grotto are from Brazil and from the Andes mountains in South America..

Azurite & Malachite: malachite and azurite are usually found together in copper mines in the Southwest. Malachite is green and azurite is blue. While both malachite and azurite can be seen throughout the Grotto, a couple of areas where large quantities were used include the 'sky' in the Christmas Chapel and the Sermon on the Mount where gold mosaic tiles were inlaid in copper ore.

Barite & Barite Rose: barite is a fairly soft but heavy mineral in shades of red, brown, gray, yellow and white. The barite rose, Oklahoma's state rock, is shaped like a rose and is found in the US almost exclusively in Oklahoma. The Garden of Gethsemane has some excellent specimens of barite.

Drusy Quartz: drusy crystals are aggregates of small, well-formed crystals that grow on the surface of a rock or along fractures in rocks.



Calcite: dogtooth spar and stalactites and stalagmites are some varieties of calcite that can be found in the grotto. The Snow Capped Mountains and Peaks are dogtooth spar which came primarily from Joplin, MO. A 2200 pound stalagmite originating from the Carlsbad Caverns is near the top of the Sermon on the Mount flanked by petrified wood.

Fluorite: Illinois's state mineral, fluorite is found primarily in Southern Illinois. Fluorite comes in varied colors of violet, blue, white and green and clear. Fluorite crystals form in a cubic system similar to clusters of sugar cubes.

Jasper, Iowa's state rock: jasper is an opaque quartz usually red, yellow or brown, or a mixture of these colors. The pillars in the Stations of the Cross are made from reddish-brown jasper from Michigan.

Petrified Wood: Washington State's state gemstone and Mississippi's state rock, petrified wood is formed over millions of years, as the wood cells of a buried tree, root or plant are replaced with minerals in the surrounding soil. Specimens used within the Grotto came primarily from Montana and North Dakota and can be identified by their coloration of gray, tan and browns. Special dispensation to remove a petrified log from the National Forest in Arizona was granted in the 1950's. Crosscut sections of this log can be found at the top of the 13th Station directly under the cross, and incorporated into the Stable of Bethlehem.

Quartz: Georgia's state gemstone, much of the clear crystalline quartz found in the Grotto came from Mt. Ida, Arkansas (Arkansas's state gemstone is diamond, regrettably not to be found in the Grotto). Most of the rosettes Fr. Dobberstein assembled contain a variety of crystalline quartz- rose quartz, amethyst, smoky or clear quartz.

Rudy Bargas Family Donation

I received a call from Rudy Bargas's daughter, saying that Rudy was having health issues. Rudy is currently in the VA hospital in Palo Alto. See photo of Rudy, at right.

Rudy has been an avid rockhound and member of both the Salinas rock club and CVGMS for many years. He volunteered and worked at both the Salinas and CVGMS shows, manning the Silent Auction tables and helping any way he could. His family has generously decided to donate Rudy's rock collection to CVGMS.

We currently plan to use some of his collection to sell at the Silent Auction at our September Show and at our annual Auction in November. We are extremely grateful to Rudy's contribution to CVGMS over the years and to his family for donating his collection to us. Rudy was always such a kind, helpful, good-hearted gentleman. He did lovely lapidary work and stone carving.

I'd also like to thank Matt Biewer, Jay House, Mike Cole, Jeff Bubbenmoyer and Jim & Roslyn Hamilton for joining me at the Bargas's home to pick up Rudy's collection.



Rudy

-Margaret Chan

PG MUSEUM WEBSITE

The new Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History website is up and running! Please head over to pgmuseum.org and take a look around.

If you click "About" you'll find a link to the CVGMS website.

Regards, Talma.

EASTER SEAL STAMP DRIVE

Please save all your cancelled stamps - leave a 1/4" border around each edge.

The state CFMS, of which our local Carmel Valley club is a member, turns them over to Easter Seals. They in turn sell them to stamp vendors. This is a good, easy, and painless way to make a donation. Doesn't cost anything, and Easter Seals reap the benefits!

Thanks, Karin

local CFMS representative

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PEBBLE PUPS

Hi Pebble Pups and Jr. Rockhounds,

Also, I want to remind you that we are doing the Science Saturday/Dinosaurs at the PG Museum the last Saturday of August. We will need volunteers to help. And it's also an opportunity for Community Service hours. I'll be signing people up at the August meeting.

Talma Taormina

Scholarship Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT *Jay House, Membership Chairman*

At the last meeting we had ONLY 19 members sign in. However we did have 4 guests present. They are:

Enzo Ehrhant a pebble pup, Jeffrey Appling, who joined that Friday, Jay Spingorn, and Roy Luallin.

CLEAR CREEK REOPENING

from the FMS Newsletter–May 2014, by Kim Campbell Erb; forwarded by Karin S.

After a “temporary closure” of 6 years, the Clear Creek Management Area reopened March 15 under a new Resource Management Plan. Under this new plan, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) is allowing limited day-use access to individuals in licensed vehicles on specified routes into the area most prized by rockhounds, which are within what is being called the “Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern” (or “Serpentine ACEC”) for an annual total of 5 days

per year. It could be 5 separate trips, 5 consecutive days, or some combination not exceeding 5 days per year. Each individual (including children) is required to obtain a permit in advance for entry into that area, but there is no fee involved. Currently, each person needs to complete and submit a permit application with the Hollister field office of the BLM, either in person or

via email, at least 48 hours in advance, taking into consideration that the BLM office is only open to process applications during business hours Monday through Friday. More information and a link to the form can be found at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/recreation/clear_creek_recreation.html. That area will be for day-use only, so camping would need to be outside of the ACEC. They are enlarging their camping areas outside the ACEC to accommodate the additional visitors to the ACEC area. If you request an application to visit this area, please be sure to request clear instructions

regarding entry and exit as routes within the ACEC area are limited use and may be blocked to those without permits. No organized group events are allowed at this time, so don't plan a club trip yet! Something else you will need is Clear Creek

Management Area Vehicle Access Pass, which will require payment of a \$5 vehicle fee. This pass is valid for one week and should be available on-site from "iron rangers" (cash or check only) or from the Hollister Field Office from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. For more information, including maps, please contact: Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023, Phone: (831) 630-5000.

All rockhounds who treasure the ability to collect minerals found in the Clear Creek area owe a debt of gratitude to William Spence, who has championed our cause during the BLM's public process to develop the new management plan. Bill - we salute you!

A word of caution: The new management plan incorporates an "adaptive management" approach. In visiting and collecting in the Clear Creek area, we need to know and follow the rules, and respect the local environment. If we do not, we run the risk that the area could be closed to us once again. Perhaps this is something we should consider wherever we collect!

A FIELD/CAMPING TRIP TO JADE COVE

CFMS-CGMC Co Field Trip – Jade Cove- October 17-19th 2014 Fri-Sun

Field trip: Our October field trip will be to Jade Cove, south of Big Sur. We will be looking for Nephrite Jade. It can be found along the shoreline. You can come up for the day or join us camping over night. Deb and I will be there Thursday October 16th to Sunday 19th. Day use free by side of road, camping \$25.00 each day. No electric hookups. 45 campsites half are assigned on a first come, first served basis. You now can reserve your campsite. See contact information above. 8 persons per site. Each site has a picnic table, grill and fire pit. Flush toilet restrooms and water nearby.

Saturday night 6pm there will be a potluck dinner.

Directions: From Ventura head north on Freeway 101, at San Luis Obispo, take Highway 1 north, towards the coast, to Morro Bay, continue on Hwy 1 north approximately 60 miles from Morro Bay to Plaskett Creek campground. Campground is on right side (east). Once at campground, look for a CFMS sign next to the sign by entrance or by Robert's campsite #026. Approximately 235 miles from Thousand Oaks, 3.5 - 4 hour drive time

Meeting: Friday/Saturday 9am-4pm. Sunday afternoon. We will meet at Robert's campsite #026. There will be a short briefing of the sites. We will be going to Jade Cove, Sand Dollar Beach, Willow Creek, Please remember to sign a release form to participate in the field trip. From Plaskett Creek camp to Jade Cove we will then drive south on Hwy 1 half a mile to a long pull out on right side (west) with a entrance to Jade cove. Use the stairs to climb over the fence and walk approximately 150 yards across a grass area to a switch back down to the cove, approximately 100 yards, use sturdy shoes. The bottom of the trail can be washed out so take your time. Walk over the bigger rocks at the basin to the center of the cove where there is a small beach. In the surf and along shore Jade can be found amongst the other rocks. Be careful and aware when collecting close to the surf zone. Willow Creek is 2 miles south of Jade Cove, there is a road down to the shore. Sand Dollar beach is 1/2 mile north of Jade Cove there are steps down to the shore.

Mineral to collect: Nephrite Jade, Serpentine, Actinolite, Soap Stone, Abalone shells.

Tools: Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, eye protection, trowels, hand rake, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, rubber boots or old tennis shoes, layered clothing, towels, change of clothes/shoes in case you get wet. Drinking water, lunch or snacks, camping gear if you plan on spending the night. (The main tools to use are simple garden tools, a hand trowel and hand rake)

CFMS Co Chair south field trips: Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734 rmsorca@roadrunner.com, Adam Dean 909-489-4899

theagatehunter@verizon.net, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club field trips: Chuck Borchart, 805-551-9946, borchartcme@gmail.com

Camping/Hotels: Plaskett Creek and Kirk Creek campgrounds, half the sites are first come first serve if you are not able to reserve a site. I will be at Plaskett Creek camp #026. Kirk Creek Campground is about 6 miles north of Plaskett Creek Campground Jade Cove. If you don't want to camp you can stay at San Simeon there are campgrounds, hotels and B&B's. San Simeon is 30 miles south of Jade Cove/ Plaskett Creek Campground.

California Campfire Permit: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5443507.pdf

Here are the links for camp reservations:

Plaskett Creek Campground: [Http://www.recreation.gov/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70161](http://www.recreation.gov/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70161)

Kirk Creek Campground: <http://www.recreation.gov/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71993>

ATRIP TO NEVADA

by Jay House

Hi, this past June, Talma and I, along with her grandkids, took a couple of trips to the desert. Here are a few photos.



NW Nevada, gas is not available here

These trips are always interesting and I got to see some of northwestern Nevada that I hadn't been to before. The weather in NW NV was a little too warm for me but it cooled off at night so you could sleep.

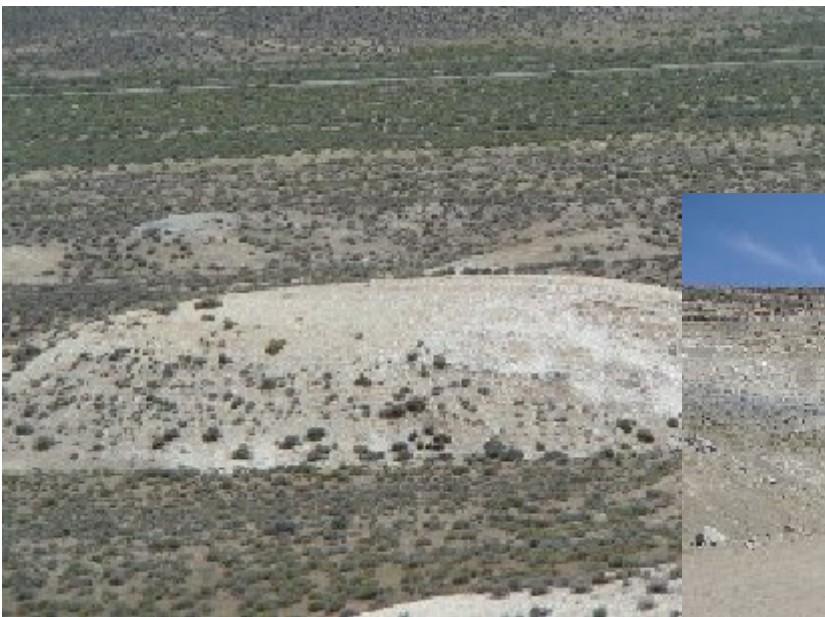
- Jay



San Diego Wild Animal Park



Collecting opalite near Lovelock, NV ...



...and fossil leaves near Middlegate



Tailings at the Royal Peacock Mine



Wild Horses...



... and Donkeys near the Royal Peacock Mine

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

This month, **only California and next-door states- Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Idaho- shows 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) GEMSTONE, JEWELRY, & BEADING SHOWS such as Gemfaire, Crystalfair, Martin Zinn Expositions, and others are generally not listed, since there are so many, but can be found at the above websites. Please **confirm** all show dates, if you plan on attending- *Ed*.

August 2014

8-10—NORTH BEND, OREGON: 52nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show; Far West Lapidary & Gem Society; North Bend Community Center; 2222 N. Broadway; Fri. 10-4, Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, children (under 12) free; silent auctions, door prizes, displays, jewelry, gemstones, rough and polished rocks; contact Don Innes, (541) 396-5722; e-mail: doninnes.innes20@gmail.com

15-17—HERMISTON, OREGON: 2014 NFMS Show and Conference; Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society; Hermiston Conference Center; 415 S. Hwy. 395; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3.50 (\$9 for 3 days), children (under 12) free with adult; "Biggest Little Show in Town": dealers, displays, demonstrations, speakers, silent auction; contact Judi Allison, (541) 720-4950; e-mail: jall@eotnet.net ; Web site: www.hatrockhounds.org

15-17—SEASIDE, OREGON: 18th Annual Clatsop County Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry & Fossil Show; Jean Miller; Seaside Convention Center; 415 First Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free pear strand to first 75 ladies, gems, minerals, beads, fossils, lapidary tools, rough and polished rock, jewelry; contact Jean Miller, (971) 219-0323; Web site: www.ogmshows.com

16-17 TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA. Tehachapi Valley G&MS. St. Malachy's Catholic Church; 407 West E Street. Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5. See <http://www.facebook.com/TehachapiValleyGemandMineralSociety>

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23-24—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: 60th Anniversary Golden Gateway to Gems; San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society; San Francisco County Fair Bldg.; 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$10, seniors and students \$8, children (under 12) free with adult; "All That Glitters": displays, dealers, demonstrations, kids' activities, mineral ID, silent auctions, live auction Sat.; contact Ellen Nott, 4134 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122; e-mail: ellen_nott@yahoo.com ; Web site: www.sfgemshow.org

30-31—ASHLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Scott's Rocks; First United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall; 175 N. Main; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5; adults \$2, children (under 12) free; fossil field trip, free rock for children, door prizes, silent auction; contact Scott Blair, 1009 Talent Ave., Talent, OR 97540, (541) 621-2558; e-mail: scottsrocks@scottsrocks.com ; Web site: www.scottsrocks.com

30-1—CANBY, OREGON: Annual show; Jean Miller; Clakamas County Fairground; 694 NE 4th Ave.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6, Mon. 9-4; free admission; free pear strand to first 75 ladies, gems, minerals, beads, fossils, lapidary tools, rough and polished rock, jewelry; contact Jean Miller, (971) 219-0323; Web site: www.ogmshows.com

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20-21—CHICO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society; Silver Dollar Fair Grounds; 2357 Fair St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, children (16 and under) free; free fossils for kids, dealers, opals, rough rock, crystals, fossils, jewelry, minerals, demonstrations, wire wrapping, jewelry making, flint knapping, Scout merit badge area, raffle, silent auction, door prizes, kids' Wheel of Fortune, grab bags, treasure hunt; contact John Scott, 1288 Glenwood Ave., Chico, CA 95926, (530) 343-3491; e-mail: jweazel@sbcglobal.net ; Web site: www.featherriverrocks.org

27-28—MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Monterey Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairgrounds Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children free with adult; 15 dealers, jewelry, cut and uncut gemstones, beads, crystals, rough and polished rocks, mineral specimens, fossils, more than 50 guest and member gem, mineral, and fossil displays, demonstrations, jewelry making, sphere making, rock grinding, polishing, silent auction, kids' activities; contact Janis Rovetti, 1047 Roosevelt St., Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 372-1311; e-mail: janis12@sbcglobal.net ; Web site: www.cvgms.com

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1-5—JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; The Hi-Desert Rockhounds; Sportsman's Club of Joshua

Tree; 6225 Sunburst St.; Daily 9-6; free admission; rocks, minerals, jewelry, gold panning; contact Roger Thompson, 6225 Sunburst St., Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760) 366-2915 or (760) 902-5340; e-mail: HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com ; Web site: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

4-5—SPRINGFIELD, OREGON: Annual show; Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club; Guy Lee Elementary School; 755 Harlow Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4:30; free admission; contact Mark Denoyer, (541) 337-3433; e-mail: denoyer53531@yahoo.com

10-12—HILLSBORO, OREGON: 34th Annual Portland Regional Rock and Mineral Show; Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Assn.; Washington County Fair Complex; 873 N.E. 34th Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free with adult admission; more than 30 dealer, fossils, rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, kids' corner, games and activities, exhibits, guest speakers, demonstrations, lapidary and wire wrapping, door prizes, silent auction; contact L. Smith, Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Assn., PO Box 5401, Portland, OR 97228; e-mail: Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com ; Web site: www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.org

10-12—BUCKEYE, ARIZONA: Annual show; West Valley Rock & Mineral Club; Helzapoppin Rodeo grounds; 802 N. 1st St., Miller Rd. entrance; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free; contact Larry Tracey, PO Box 1425, Buckeye, AZ 85326, (623) 208-3230; e-mail: larry@youth4youth.org ; Web site: www.westvalleyrockandmineralclub.com

11-12—ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society; Shasta District Fairgrounds; Briggs St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; door prizes, gold panning, raffle, kids' activities, displays, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, fossils; contact Steve Puderbaugh, PO Box 990424, Redding, CA 96099, (530) 604-2951; e-mail: steve@applyaline.com ; Web site: www.shastagemandmineral.com

11-12—SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: 40th Annual Show; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Cochise College; 901 N. Colombo Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; jewelry, mineral specimens, beads, lapidary supplies, raffle, fluorescent display, geode sales and cutting; contact Maudie Bailey, 5035 S. San Carlos Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650, (520) 378-6291 or (520) 249-1541; e-mail: gmbailey@msn.com; Web site: huachucamineralandgemclub.info

11-12—GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society; Nevada County Fairgrounds; 11228 McCourtney Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, students and children free; gem and mineral displays, dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, beads and beading supplies, jewelry, gold-hunting supplies, silent auction, raffle, demonstrations, gold panning table; contact Todd Lawson, PO Box 565, Nevada City, CA 95959; e-mail: webmaster@ncgms.org ; Web site: www.ncgms.org

11-12—VISTA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vista Gem & Mineral Society; Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum; 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; jewelry, minerals, fossils, Kids' wheel, sand dig for tumbled stones, raffle; contact Ray Pearce, 753 Abbywood Dr., Oceanside, CA 92057, (760) 535-5524; e-mail: raysrocks@cox.net

18-19—SEDONA, ARIZONA: Annual show and sale; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Sedona Red Rock High School; 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free; indoors and outdoors, more than 40 dealers, display room, Arizona and unusual rock and mineral exhibits, Kids' Corner, raffle, minerals, agates, gemstones, copper, jewelry, lapidary tools and supplies; contact Bill Schwartz, (928) 821-3900; e-mail: bschwar13@msn.com

18-19—LEWISTON, IDAHO: 48th Annual Show, ; Hells Canyon Gem Club; Nez Perce County Fair Bldg.; 1229 Burrell Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students free with ID card, children (12 and under) free with adult; displays, demonstrations, dealers, rough rock, fine jewelry, Kids' Corner, rock crafts and activities, silent auction door prizes, grand prize drawing ; contact Linn Enger, (208) 746-4957; e-mail: engerocks@yahoo.com

25-26—CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA: 13th Annual Autumn Cayucos Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show; San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club; Cayucos Vets Hall; 10 Cayucos Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; free door prize, free drawing, 13 dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, jade, crystals, meteorites, beads, lapidary and jewelry-making supplies; contact Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603; e-mail: kimnoyes@gmail.com ; Web site: <http://slogem.org/>

25-26—CANBY, OREGON: 50th Annual Show; Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; 694 NE 4th Ave.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; Kids' Corner, silent auction, magazine and rock slab sales, bargain rock, fluorescent show, demonstrations, raffle, door prizes, dealers; contact Beth Heesacker, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116; e-mail: heesacker@coho.net

Be sure to verify all show dates before planning on attending!

AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST-

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Our current Club Display at the entry to the Monterey Public Library! Nice work, guys!



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