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The next meeting will be the annual **Christmas Dinner** on Sunday, December 7, at the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge Hall, as usual. Doors will be open at 4:30 PM; dinner served at 5 PM. If you are able to help set up, please come to the hall at 10 AM. Don't forget to bring utensils & a dish to share, plus canned or dry goods for the local food bank!



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 Veterans Hall in Spreckels 5th & Llano streets; guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is

www.salinasrockandgem.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 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**

JANUARY 2015: Friday the 9th

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Message from the President-Elect

Time for the Holidays! Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Our Annual Auction on Fri Nov 7 brought in over \$600 for our Scholarship Fund. We extend our grateful thanks to all who donated material and those of you who bought the items. A special thank you goes to our terrific Auctioneers, Matt Biewer, Rich Franco and Jim Hamilton. We are also grateful to Rudy Bargas and his family for their generous donation of Rudy's collection to the club.

Susie Harlow and I swapped positions for 2015. The following people were elected to our 2015 Board of Directors:

President	Margaret Chan	Director 2015	Adrienne Pimental
Vice-President	Susan Harlow	Director 2016	Barb Biewer
Treasurer	Pearl Chan	Director 2017	Mike Cole
Asst Treasurer	Joe Weiss	Federation Director	Karin Salomon
Recording Secretary	Janis Rovetti	Bulletin Editor	Rich Saylor
Corresponding Sec.	Matt Biewer	Sunshine	Janis Rovetti

Mike Cole is the newest member of the CVGMS Board of Directors. Our thanks to all the Board members for their willingness to serve in 2015.

Dues are now due! Please pay Jay House at our Holiday Dinner or mail him your check.

Our Holiday Dinner will be at the Pacific Grove Masonic Hall on Sunday Dec 7, 2014. Doors will open at 4:30 pm with dinner served at 5:00 pm. The club provides turkey, ham, beverages and rolls. Members bring their own plates and utensils, and a salad, side dish or desert to share. Please also bring canned or dry goods to donate to the local Food Bank. The club's Christmas fairy also provides gifts for everyone. If you are able to help set up the tables and chairs on Sunday, please go to the Masonic Hall at 10:00 am.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme, I would like to thank everyone for making 2014 such a wonderful year for CVGMS!

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Margaret Chan, 2015 President, Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society

CVGMS Board Meeting: November 14, 2014

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

Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Talma Taormina, Matt and Barb Biewer, Jay House, Karin Salomon, Adrienne Pimentel, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: Matt received a refund check from the fairgrounds for an overpayment in the amount of \$1000. We gave that to Pearl.

Membership: Jay reports 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 attended the CFMS Business meeting in Visalia on Nov. 8, 2014. Karin reports that 32% of collecting areas have been lost in the last 50 years. There is a new drafted law that will need approval called "Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan." This also includes a Land Use Amendment that could be approved independently that could mean that vast amounts of areas could be lost to rock collecting and access.

Scholarship: Talma did a program at Bay View Charter School. She said it went very well. Talma will check the standards for school participation and particular grades.

Old Business: There will be a Biewer workshop this weekend after tonight's meeting which is Nov. 15 and 16 from 10am to... and BYOL.

New Business: The new slate of officers is Margaret Chan as President and Susie Harlow as Vice-President. Our newest 2017 director is Mike Cole. The rest of the officers are the same. Jim Hamilton will head up the monthly meeting snacks and besides himself will delegate to other members to also bring the snacks. It was M/S/P to cut back from \$70 to \$50 for the monthly drawing table. Matt and Barb will buy accordingly in Tucson next year.

November Program: Our annual auction. It's great fun. Let's make lots of money!

December Program: Our annual holiday dinner on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Masonic Hall in PG.

January Program: Possibly a program on the Peru Andes by Ken Earhardt

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is January 9, 2015.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary



CVGMS

Members & their guests are invited

Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday December 7, 2014

Masonic Hall

Central & Lighthouse, Pacific Grove

Meet at 4:30 p.m.

Eat at 5:00 p.m.



CLUB PROVIDES:

Turkey

Ham

Rolls, Coffee, Punch

Gifts for everyone



YOU BRING:

Vegetable,

Salad or Dessert

Dinner ware

Canned goods for food tree

REPORTS ON TURKEY DAY....

Oops! We GOBBLED up the turkey pretty fast, so no turkey photos! The pretty sunrise was all we could get. Have fun this weekend & enjoy the rain.

Andrea & Charles Wilson



Sunrise, Thanksgiving 2014



FROM JAY HOUSE...

Hi Rich

You asked about turkeys, well here are a few.

These guys appeared in my backyard a few days ago. I haven't seen them again, I guess they knew they had better make themselves disappear for a few days.

Jay

From Mike Cole...

What's wrong with this picture? I'm in the kitchen cooking while the girls are out on the deck with gin and tonics knitting.

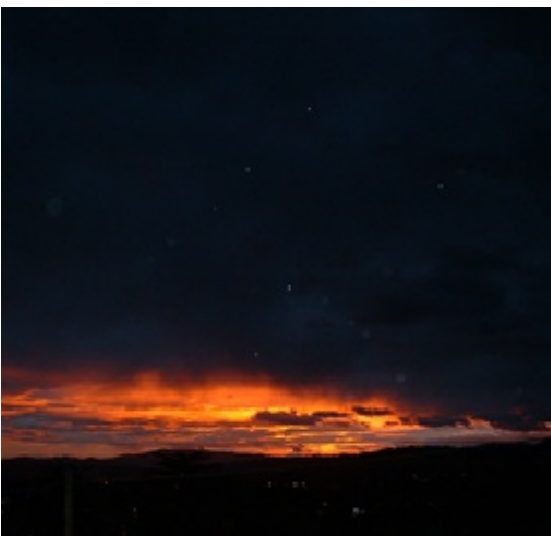
Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike, you seem to be a bit unclear on the concept... Ed.



And speaking of sunrises...

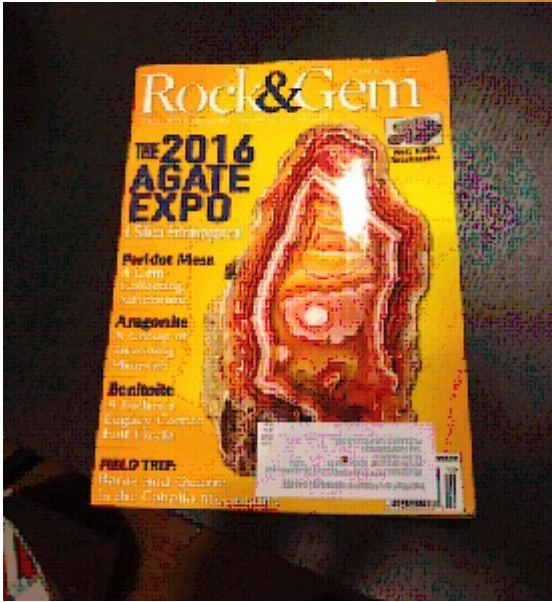
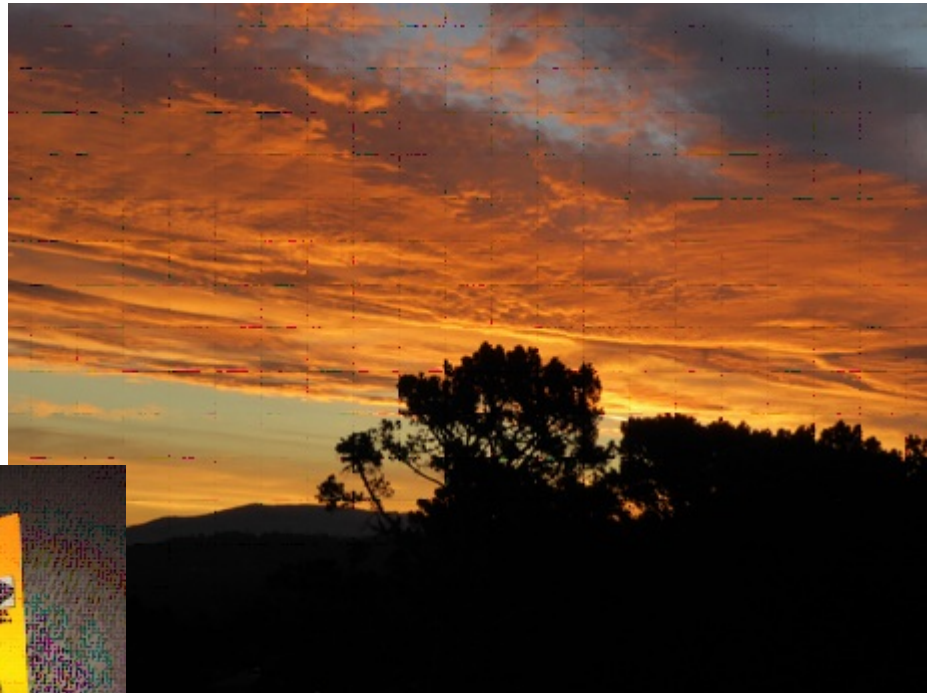
Hi Rich! Today's incredible sunrise amazed me, so here it is! The rain had just started from dark clouds when the sunrise burst through looking like a molten exploding 3-D world; then within a few minutes, it was totally gone behind dull grey clouds. Charles & I have been taking nature pics including many sunrises for 15 years here but never have I seen a sunrise like this one. Your friend, Andrea



Sunrise, Sunday, November 30 2014

Well, might toss my sunrise photo in too, taken from our deck at 7:44 AM in late October...

-Rich



POINTS OF INTEREST

Looks like Prez Susie made the headlines.. Well, featured in an article in Rock & Gem, the October 2014 issue! It's all about her Benitoite collection and her father's pursuit of the little blue crystal. Congrats, Susie!



PEBBLE PUPS

Happy Holidays, Pebble Pups and Jr. Rockhounds, I hope we'll see you and your family at the Holiday Dinner on Dec. 7. Bring a dish to share, your plates, and utensils. -*Talma Taormina*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Jay House, membership chairman

The dues for 2015 are now due. The dues for an individual is \$15 and for a couple the dues is \$20. Children are free until they get to High School age and then their dues is \$1 providing they have an adult sponsor. You may pay your dues at the Christmas Dinner or mail it to Jay House at 22606 Gallant Fox Rd., Monterey, CA 93940

At the November meeting we had 33 members present, and there were 6 guests in attendance.

Some guests left email addresses only; however members' (and guests') email addresses are not published in The Prospector, in order to reduce the possibility of spam, etc. The guests that left their names were:

Jeff & Carolyn Salmon, Shaun Ersoy, and Margaret Rockwell. -Jay

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 Salomon
local CFMS representative, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wiley Well District Field Trip

January 27 - 31, 2015

Hosted by Contra Costa M&GS

The Wiley Well District is southwest of Blythe and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert. Although this has been a productive area for many years, it still offers an amazing variety of material. We will collect at several main sites; 1 or 2 sites each day. This is my eighth field trip to this interesting and productive area. Besides the more noted collecting areas we will be exploring new areas (at least new to me). This trip is open anyone that agrees to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics and the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding.

Directions to campgrounds: Exit Interstate 10 at Wiley Well Rd. which is approximately 10 miles west of Blythe and 31 miles east of Desert Center. Follow Wiley Well Rd. south for 12.5 miles to campsite on west side of road at the Riverside/Imperial Co. line. Watch for ORANGE PAPER PLATES to camp. Roads to campgrounds and collecting sites are typical desert roads. OK for motorhomes and trailers to campgrounds. OK for high clearance vehicles to most

collecting areas. This is a dry camping area: no services, no hook-ups. This is the Mule Mtn. LTVA.

Collecting Trips: All trips will leave at 8:30 AM, SHARP, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day's trip.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 AM-- Hauser Beds for geodes, sizes of lemons to cantaloupes.
Digging tools -- shovels, picks, gads, etc.
PM-- Explore the Corn Field for corn colored, crystal lined amygdules.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 AM-- Potato Patch for egg-size geodes. Digging tools -- shovels,
picks, gads, etc.
PM-- Explore new site --The Big Windy for agate, geodes and nodules.
Thursday, Jan. 29 AM -- Straw Bed for geodes, sizes of lemons to cantaloupes.
Digging tools -- shovels, picks, gads, etc.
PM -- South of Camp on Milpitas Wash Rd. for psilomelane.
Friday, Jan. 30 Petrified wood and fossils.

Plan on a regular and a soup potluck, the first on Tuesday evening, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good geodes and good material. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Please notify me by 1/9/15 if you plan to attend; call if you have questions or need more information: I will be at the YOTMC camp in Quartzsite from 1/11 to 1/26 (cell phone: 925-726-5914).

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The Mineralogical Society of Southern California proudly presents the 50th Pacific Micromount Conference

January 30 and 31, 2015 at the San Bernardino County Museum

2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30: 3:00-6:00 PM On-site REGISTRATION, greeting friends and microscope time, SALES TABLES open

6:00-7:00 Famous POTLUCK BUFFET Dinner

7:00-8:00 PM Georges Favreau: "The Thallium, Arsenic and Silver Minerals of Jas Roux in the French Alps---a Getchell-like Assemblage"

CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND MEMBER PHOTOS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31: 8:00-9:00 AM Doors Open, On-site REGISTRATION.

Setting up scopes, filling "GIVE-AWAY" and SALES TABLES, and greeting friends.

10:00 AM Welcome, Introductions and Special Announcements.

10:15 AM – Joe Marty: "**Minerals of the Blue Lizard Mine and other Western Localities**"

NOON LUNCH. Subway sandwiches served at Museum. (No cost)

1:30 PM VERBAL AUCTION, followed by silent auction of member donated materials.

3:15 PM – Paul Adams: "Some Other Mineral Localities in Inyo County, CA"

6:00 PM BUFFET DINNER Served at Museum.

7:00 PM CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND MEMBER PHOTOS

SUNDAY, February 1: Field Trip to a site to be determined.

Friday night Potluck –Please bring an hors d’oeuvre, salad, hot dish, dessert, etc.

Saturday lunch – Subway sandwiches (No cost to attendees.)

Saturday night Buffet dinner is \$5.00. Advance dinner reservations necessary. (See Registration form.)

Registration Fee is \$15.00 before Conference, 20.00 at door.

Conference Guidelines

Now is a very good time to make your advance registration for the 2015 Pacific Micromount Conference.

Registration: Please provide the names and home towns of all members of your party. We like to have a name-tag waiting for everyone. In addition to Conference registration, you will need to make a reservation if you plan to attend the delicious Saturday evening buffet dinner.

Robert Housley, 210 S. Catalina Ave. #3, Pasadena CA 91106 Phone 626-449-6454

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

This month, **only California and next-door states Oregon & Arizona 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*

December 2014

12-14—RIALTO, CALIFORNIA: Show and sale; OrangeBelt Gem & Mineral Society, 105 S. Palm Ave.; open field across the street from Rialto City Hall; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3; free admission; fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, jade, rough rock, polished stones, crystals, opals, crafts, Spinning Wheel, tailgate; contact Ken Gard, 205 W. Benedict, #8, San Bernardino, CA 92408, Workshop (909) 381-0089 or Jessica (909) 887-5507; e-mail: kengard@roadrunner.com; Web site: obmsrocks.yolasite.com

15-16—PAYSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club, Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center; Hwy. 87 at Mile Marker 251; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 12) free; gems, minerals, specimen rocks, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry and findings, slabs or rough material, gold prospecting equipment, dealer displays, club displays, Educational Corner, fluorescent display, sand painting, beading, Spinning Wheel, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, PO Box 884, Pine, AZ 85544, (928) 970-0857; e-mail: margieaberry@gmail.com

22-23—APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Apache Junction High School; 2525 S. Ironwood Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children (12 and under) free; dealers, jewelry, gems, opals, beads, rocks, specimens, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, silent auction, hourly door prizes, grand raffle, gem-tree making for all ages, wheel-of-rocks, egg-carton rock collections; contact Kelly Iverson, (480) 325-2705; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

29-30—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society, Wrangler Event Center; 251 S. Tegner St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; more than 40

dealers, rocks, gems, beads, minerals, jewelry, fossils, lapidary tools, kids' room, door prizes; contact Beth Myerson, (480) 540-2318; e-mail: myerbd@gmail.com

**NOTE: JANUARY & FEBRUARY ARE THE MONTHS FOR QUARTZSITE & TUCSON.
PLEASE CONTACT THEIR WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR THESE EVENTS.**

January 2015

16-18—GLOBE, ARIZONA: 58th Annual Show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Gila County Fairgrounds; 3 miles northeast of junction U.S. 60; Fri. 9-5; adults \$3, students and children free; more than 40 specimen display cases, children's fossil and mineral specimen dig, fossil program; contact Jodi Brewster, (623) 810-9780; Web site: gilagem.com

17-18—YACHATS, OREGON: Annual show; Yachats Chamber of Commerce, Yachats Commons; 4th and Hwy. 101; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; free admission; gemstones, fossils, minerals, jewelry; contact Donna Hirschman, PO Box 550, Yachats, OR 97498, (541) 270-3777; e-mail: iamhrsch@yahoo.com; Web site: www.yachatsagatefestival.com

17-18—EXETER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Veteran's Memorial Bldg.; 324 N. Kaweah/Hwy. 65; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; showcases, dealers, demonstrations, children's activities, near Sequoia National Park; contact Bill Bingaman, PO Box 265, Three Rivers, CA 93271, (559) 741-6381; e-mail: Bandgbing@aol.com; Web site: Tulegem.com

February 2015

13-22—INDIO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival; 82-503 Hwy. 111; Daily 10-10; adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6, children (under 5) free; indoor dealers, 108 showcases, jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, geodes, jewelry repair, lapidary demonstrations, geode cutting; contact Bert Grisham, 1029 N. 8th St., Banning, CA 92220, (951) 849-1674; e-mail: bert67@verizon.net

21-22—ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Antioch Lapidary Club, Contra Costa County Fairground; 1201 W. 10th St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under), Scouts in uniform, and active military with ID free; jewelry, gems, findings, supplies, slabs, auction, grab bags, exhibits, hands-on projects for kids; contact Brenda Miguel, 115 Hillside Ln., Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 301-6957; e-mail: Brenda.miguel@yahoo.com; Web site: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 2015-March 2015

21-22—MESA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Skyline High School; 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children (12 and under) free; dealers, jewelry, gems, cabochons, beads, opals, rocks, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, hourly door prizes, silent auction, gem tree making, raffle, kids' egg-carton rock collections, Wheel-of-Rocks; contact Kelly Iverson, (480) 325-2705; Web site: www.ajrockclub.com

28-1—VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall; 900 Fairgrounds Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (under 12) free with adult; "Spring Bling": jewelry, beads, necklaces, turquoise, jade, minerals, fossils, crystals, demonstrators, Kids' Corner activities; contact Dan Wolke, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA 94590, (707) 334-2950; e-mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.vjgems.org

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

AND LASTLY, FROM THE EDITOR...

Relevant articles, stories about trips, photos and any other material I can publish (meaning no copyrighted material) are always welcome. Please send whatever you have to saylor@redshift.com.