

# *The Carmel Valley* **PROSPECTOR!**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Although I am sitting here still reeling from a plentiful Thanksgiving feast, I am already looking forward to our annual CVGMS Christmas dinner! I hope you have marked your calendars for Sunday Dec. 11, 4:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge in Pacific Grove. This will be in place of our regular monthly meeting so our next scheduled meeting will be Friday Jan. 13, 2012.

Thank you all who contributed items, auctioneered, prepared refreshments and purchased items! We had a successful auction and finished in record time!

2011 went by way too quickly but it was a good year for the club. We added to our membership (and sadly lost a few), we had some really good programs (remember the program by 'flashlight!') and a really memorable geo tour at Pt. Lobos with Ed Clifton, we had a great show with wonderful exhibits from our club members, pebble pups, some 'first timers' as well as the 'zoo' which was a well received and clever way to display, and we got to expand our skills at the club workshops at the Biewers.

My thanks goes out to all of you! You are the ones that give life to our club and I am really looking forward to an exciting new year! I can't wait to see what adventures lie in wait in 2012 for our club!

I'll see you all at our Christmas dinner Sunday Dec. 11 at 4:30. And remember to bring your own plates, utensils and either a side dish or dessert.

Susie Harlow, CVGMS President

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## **CVGMS BOARD MEETING November 11, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Susie Harlow.

**Present:** Susie Harlow, Pearl Chan, Jay House, Matt and Barb Biewer, Talma Taormina, Cynthia and Richard Franco, Rich Saylor, and Janis Rovetti.

**Membership:** Jay reports that we have 4 new members. A big welcome to Beverly Marynak, Addison Sani, Alan Sani, and Harry Tjahja. We are so happy to have you!

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

**Sunshine Report:** Cynthia and Richard Franco will do the Sunshine report and they will also include a link on the CVGMS website for anyone to post if one of our members is sick or injured.

**Scholarship Report:** Talma and Jay will pass out the new picture release forms. We have two releases, one for a child and one for an adult. Jay will keep them on file.

**Federation Report:** Karin is at a Federation Meeting in Visalia.

**New Business:** We may go on a "GeoZeum" field trip to San Juan Bautista.

GeoZeum is a community education center dedicated to Earth Science and Disaster Preparedness. See and learn about rocks, fossils, fluorescent minerals and maps. Experience hands-on displays that illustrate our regional geology and landscape features in our San Benito County region. The museum presents information for citizens to learn about regional geology, natural history, and the dynamic forces that changes that our landscape and affect our lives.

**November Program:** Our annual auction. Brings lots of rocks and stuff!

**December Program:** Our annual Christmas dinner and installation of new officers. This will be at the Masonic Hall on Sunday, December 11. **January Program:** Susie will be doing a 2011 Tucson slide show along with Matt, Barb, Jay, and Talma.

The meeting was adjourned. The next (regular) meeting is Friday, January 13, 2012.

*Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary*



# CVGMS

Members & their guests are invited

## Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday December 11, 2011

Masonic Hall

Central & Lighthouse, Pacific Grove

Meet at 4:30 p.m.

Eat at 5:00 p.m.



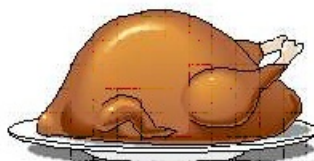
### CLUB PROVIDES:

Turkey, Ham

Potatoes

Rolls, Coffee, Punch

Gifts for everyone



### YOU BRING:

Vegetable,

Salad or Dessert

Dinner ware

Canned goods for food tree



### FROM TALMA:

Hi Pebble Pups!

Remember, we won't be having a December club meeting. Instead, we're having our traditional potluck dinner, December 11, 4:30 PM, Masonic Hall in Pacific Grove, near Caledonia Park. Bring: a side-dish or dessert to share, your own plates, and silverware. The next regular meeting is on January 13; mark your calendars now.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### FROM JAY HOUSE- MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

**2012 DUES ARE DUE.** Dues are \$15 an individual and \$20 for a couple. For those of you that have joined *after* June 1st, your dues are paid for 2012.

-Jay



*Again, many thanks to all who contributed to The Prospector this year...without you guys- as always- there would BE no newsletter! -Rich*



## UPCOMING STUFF...

From Karin:

*Hi All,*

*Registration at MPC - Early Spring classes would be 11/21-22. Go to [MPC.edu](http://MPC.edu) for more information.*

*This is a great chance to learn from a master - Peter Partch. You can take this class in January and come up with some beautiful cabs.*

*ART 86A LAPIDARY I May be taken four times for credit. (LG-P/NP) Transfer: CSU. 5019 MTWTh 6:00pm-9:30pm; PARTCH, PETER AD107 1.5 (01/03-01/26). A \$25.00 materials fee will be collected at the time of registration.*

## A FEW BRIEF NOTES FROM THE EDITOR...

**Workshop report...** Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 12/13, were workshop days at the Biewer's *super-reinforced* workshop in Carmel Valley. As is frequently the case, Jeff Bubbenmoyer brought over extra equipment including a full-sized Titan machine- many thanks, Jeff! I didn't have time to attend the workshop Saturday, but I managed to show up bright & early (for me!) on Sunday to do some silver work. The Sunday part of the weekend was well attended; Jay, the Franco clan, and many others were in attendance... a real mix of beginners, pebble pups and old-timers that made for an interesting morning/afternoon... as for me, my silver-soldering project went well, better than I'd hoped, so at the end of the day I too was a happy camper! Not only that but the Francos brought a large box of fresh







donuts to share...someone also brought a big can of chocolate goodies but I don't know who the guilty person(s) was/were...thanks, guys! And of course eternal thanks to the Biewers for their hard work & sharing their home & workshop with everyone, not to mention the cleanup! What would the club do without Matt & Barb??? -Rich



## CELEBRATIONS & ANNIVERSARIES...

December "Happy Birthday" wishes to Margaret Chan, Richard Franco, Janis Rovetti, & Gisela Canez !!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Rich, This could be nice for next month's Prospector. -Margaret C.

Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2011, From: [brad@greenheart.com](mailto:brad@greenheart.com) Subject: Material for Rock Club Newsletter

Over the last year I've been writing up jewelry bench tips for our rock club newsletter. The idea started as part of the jewelry classes that I teach, and folks seem to enjoy reading them. I thought they might also be of interest to your Carmel Valley club. A couple sample tips are included below. Feel free to use them in your club newsletter. They make fresh content and are handy when you need to fill a little extra space. And if you'd like to receive more jewelry tips each month, just have your editor get in touch. I'm glad to supply these free to fellow rockhounds. The understanding is that the material is for non-profit use, to be given away, and not to be sold. The only thing I ask is an acknowledgement with each publication that says:

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at [Yahoogroups.com/group/BenchTips](http://Yahoogroups.com/group/BenchTips)  
or [Facebook.com/BenchTips](http://Facebook.com/BenchTips)

Best regards, Brad Smith [brad@greenheart.com](mailto:brad@greenheart.com) Santa Monica, CA

## **REMOVING A STONE FROM BEZEL SETTING:**

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry. Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank. If all else fails, you either have to very carefully pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade or drill a small hole in back of the stone and push it out with the point of a scribe.

## **MAKING YOUR OWN MOKUME:**

Ever think about making your own mokume? Here's a link to the detailed steps in the sequence as done by a professional. Look for mokume on <http://www.rchristopher.com/tech>

## **FOREDOM STAND:**

A quick and easy way to suspend a Foredom over your jewelry bench is to use some steel pipe components from your local hardware store. It attaches with a couple screws and costs a little over \$10. I use 1/2 inch galvanized pipe and fittings. To build a stand that attaches to the top of your bench, all you'll need is a flange and a thirty inch length of the pipe. If you prefer a stand that attaches to the side of your bench, you'll need a little longer pipe, three foot, a flange, and a 90 degree "street elle". Finally, make a hook that goes into the top of the pipe to hang the motor from. You can use heavy coat hanger wire or better yet, a 1/8 steel rod from the hardware store.

## **BALL BURRS:**

I use ball burrs quite a bit for carving and for cleaning up bits of solder that need to be removed. Ball burrs seem to be more controllable than other cutting burrs. They're less apt to grab and walk over your piece leaving nasty scars. And I've found that size matters. The large 8-10 millimeter size is a useful size for carving off bulk material while the small half millimeter or less size can be used at high speed for signing your name on the back of the piece.

## **CLEANING STEEL SHOT:**

Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish up your finished silver pieces. Surfaces are shined and hardened by the shot impinging on it. Carbon steel shot can get rusty and even stainless steel can develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove. My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. I'm no chemist, but I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick. While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.

## **DEBURRING A HOLE:**

When you drill a hole, there's usually a burr produced on the underside of the metal. Typically you would then file or sand this smooth, but doing so will put scratches on your piece that will take time to polish off. A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's about three times as large as your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this by hand but if you have many holes to do, put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

*-Thanks for the many tips, Brad!*

*Rich*

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## **CFMS ANNUAL FALL MEETING, Visalia, November 11 & 12, '11**

I represented the Carmel Valley Mineral and Gem Society at the annual fall meeting in Visalia. Friday evening a "Cracker Barrel" type of meeting was held as a sort of "ice breaker" for the many clubs that were represented. Jim Brace-Thompson, CMS president, hosted the evening, his entertaining style helped first timers as well as representatives of the committees ease into asking questions and general networking.

Saturday, early 8 am, Jim held a meeting for first time attendees. 9 am and the fall meeting commenced with



1st timers introducing themselves. The agenda was closely followed and meeting adjourned at 12 noon. There are many committees and each gave a short synopsis of what happened/will happen. 72 local clubs were represented.

One of the main topics was the fact that local federation directors are not disseminating information to their club members. CFMS offers a lot of information to the local level, and many members are completely unaware of the state organization. It is also important for the local directors to attend at least one of the two state meetings a year. There is information on collecting sites, land access, lapidary camps, junior activities, field trips, video and speaker programs, demonstrators, to name a few.

One topic that was brought up: it is important for each local club to compile a Policies and Procedures Manual. Many clubs have these and it helps to keep the club on track. A show manual is another important tool. Apparently there are many problems associated with personality conflicts and other interpersonal relations that detract from Club goals and activities. Each time, part of the problem was identified as the lack of policies and procedures which would have addressed the issues in question in advance.

Again, this year a free space to Camp Paradise will be raffled off. Several clubs are also offering a free space to a lucky member and in return they are to give a show and tell report of what they learned.

I personally have attended Camp Paradise and Zzyzx for about 5 years and have met many capable teachers, networked with other club members and had a rewarding experience learning new techniques. Camp Paradise is held in September and Zzyzx during spring vacation for CSFullerton.

North Bay Field Trips presented both CFMS ([www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)) and AFMS ([amfed.org](http://amfed.org)) Scholarship and Endowment Funds each with a \$375 donation.

The upcoming 2012 CFMS show will be held in Riverside and Ventura -Oxnard will host the 2013 show at the Ventura Fairgrounds. Many of the local clubs passed out flyers for their 2012 shows.

Jim gave a juniors report and he was very happy that 5 juniors installed cases at the annual show in Anderson. There is a junior badge program - please go to [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org) for more information. Click on the newsletter to read Jim's column.

Saturday afternoon CFMS hosted an ALAA and PLAC meeting with a state congress representative and Kim Campbell and Amy giving the latest information. Amy is working on an ADA law suit. Shirley Leeson sold T-Shirts and jackets and passed out Rockhound Activist window stickers. Orange net trash bags is an idea being developed to collect trash on BLM property. Hoping this will help rock hounds be in better graces with state and federal agencies as well as clean up the desert and other landscapes of unwanted garbage.

Both ALAA and PLAC have joined forces with the Blue Ribbon Collation, NAMC and CORVA, California off-road Vehicle Association - [www.corva.org](http://www.corva.org). Joining forces make a more influential statement,

BTW, no collecting on a Wilderness Study Area.

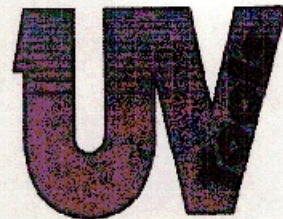
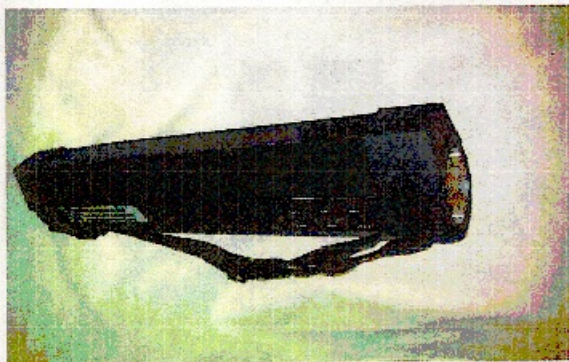
A delicious dinner was served at the evening banquet. Gave rockhounds a chance to dress up a bit !

*Karin L. Salomon, Federation Dir.*

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From Matt Biewer....

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Only club and Federation shows in California (CA) , & nearby shows in Oregon (OR), Nevada (NV) Washington State (WA) & Arizona (AZ) are listed, due to space limitations. For more information & other out-of-state listings,*

*please go to: [rockngem.com/showdates](http://rockngem.com/showdates) or [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)*

*Please confirm all show dates- Ed.*

*COMMERCIAL SHOWS- except at Quartzsite & Tucson- will no longer be listed; those wishing to obtain information on non-club or non-Federation shows are advised to check out the following promoters & websites for the latest info & show dates. There are simply too many of these to list in our limited space!*

*ALL "Crystal Fair" events: contact Jerry Tomlinson, P.O. Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, (415) 383-7837 (415) 383-7837 ; e-mail: [jerry@crystalfair.com](mailto:jerry@crystalfair.com); Web site: [www.crystalfair.com](http://www.crystalfair.com) ALL "Gem Fair" events: contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 (503) 252-8300 ; e-mail: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Web site: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)*

*ALL "Rings & Things BeadTours": contact Dave Robertson, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: [drobertson@rings-things.com](mailto:drobertson@rings-things.com); Website: [www.rings-things.com](http://www.rings-things.com)*

## DECEMBER 2011:

3-4-- BARSTOW, CA: Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society, Barstow Community Center; 841 S. Barstow Road

Hours: 10 ? 5 daily, contact: Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595 email: [vhaines@san.rr.com](mailto:vhaines@san.rr.com) website: [www.mdgms.org](http://www.mdgms.org)

## JANUARY 2012:

1-31—QUARTZSITE, AZ: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; I-10 Exit 17; Sun. 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: [dggemshow@ureach.com](mailto:dggemshow@ureach.com); Web site: [www.desertgardensrvpark.net](http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net)

6-8—MESA, AZ: 40th annual show; Flagg Mineral Foundation; Mesa Community College; US 60 at Dobson, southwest parking lot; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; Peralta Stone maps exhibit, fluorescent display, free children's activities, free samples for children and teachers, more than 100 dealers, crystals, minerals, fossils, club and museum booths; contact Dr. Ray Grant, PO Box 41834, Mesa, AZ 85274, (480) 892-0779; e-mail: [Presmyk@cox.net](mailto:Presmyk@cox.net) ; Web site: [www.AZMinFun.com](http://www.AZMinFun.com)

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY:

21 - 22: EXETER, CA: Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building Highway 65, 324 N Kaweah Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Steve Hayward, (559) 734-3843, cell (559) 967-1084

email: [smhay734@aol.com](mailto:smhay734@aol.com) website: [www.tulegem.org](http://www.tulegem.org)

26-12—TUCSON, AZ: Wholesale and retail show; Eons Expos RLLLP; 22nd St.; at I-10; Thu. 9-6 daily; free admission; minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, crystals, gems, jewelry, meteorites; contact Christine Coyle, 38 Fox Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: [lowellcarhart@yahoo.com](mailto:lowellcarhart@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.22ndstreetshow.com](http://www.22ndstreetshow.com)

27- 28/29\*: REDLANDS, CA: Mineralogical Society of Southern California/Micro-Mineralogists; Pacific Micromount Conference, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Drive Hours: Fri. 4 - 10; Sat. 8 -10 \*Field Trip on Sunday, January 29. Contact: Dr. Robert Housley, (626) 697-4435 email:

[rhousley@its.caltech.edu](mailto:rhousley@its.caltech.edu)

website: [www.mineralsocal.org/micro/index.html](http://www.mineralsocal.org/micro/index.html)

28-11—TUCSON, AZ: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Ramada Ltd.; 665 N. Freeway; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: [mzexpos@gmail.com](mailto:mzexpos@gmail.com); Web site: [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

28-11—TUCSON, AZ: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Quality Inn-Benson Hwy.; 1025 E. Benson Hwy.; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: [mzexpos@gmail.com](mailto:mzexpos@gmail.com); Web site: [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

28-11—TUCSON, AZ: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Hotel Tucson City Center; 475 N. Granada; Sat. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: [mzexpos@gmail.com](mailto:mzexpos@gmail.com); Web site: [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

28-11—TUCSON, AZ: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show; Martin Zinn Expositions; The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace; 1333 N. Oracle Rd.; Thu. 10-6 daily; free admission; more than 400 dealers, free shuttle among locations, Artists' Gallery at the Hotel Tucson City Center; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: [mzexpos@gmail.com](mailto:mzexpos@gmail.com); Web site: [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

28-12—TUCSON, AZ: Annual show; The Rock Show; Kino Sports Complex; 2500 E. Ajo Way; Sat. 9:30-5:30 each day; free admission; rocks, jewelry, minerals, fossils, gemstones; contact Trym Gibbons, PO Box 246, Cortaro, AZ 85652, (800) 983-0133; e-mail: [rockshowtucson@gmail.com](mailto:rockshowtucson@gmail.com)

## **FEBRUARY:**

1-29—QUARTZSITE, AZ: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1064 Kuehn St.; I-10 Exit 17; Wed. 9-6 daily; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon or Sandy, 1064 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: [info@desertgardensrvpark.net](mailto:info@desertgardensrvpark.net); Web site: [www.desertgardensrvpark.net](http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net)

9-12—TUCSON, AZ: Annual show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center; 260 S. Church Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; adults \$10, seniors and active military \$8 on Fri., children (14 and under) free with adult; 2-day tickets \$17; contact Show Chairman, PO Box 42588, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773; e-mail: [tgms@tgms.org](mailto:tgms@tgms.org); Web site: [www.tgms.org](http://www.tgms.org)

10-12—PORTLAND, OR: Annual show; Oregon Agate & Mineral Society; OMSI; 1945 SE Water; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Craig Prier, 4927 SE Haig St., Portland, OR 97206, (503) 984-7004; e-mail: [oamsrockhound@live.com](mailto:oamsrockhound@live.com); Web site: [www.oregonagate.org](http://www.oregonagate.org)

17-26—INDIO, CA: Annual show; San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society; Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival; Gem & Mineral Bldg, Bldg. #1, 46-350 Arabia St.; Fri. 10-10, Sat. 10-10, Sun. 10-10, Mon. 10-10; adults \$8, seniors \$7, students \$6, children (under 5) free; contact Bert Grisham, 1029 N. 8th St., Banning, CA 92220, (951) 849-1674; e-mail: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

18-19—ANTIOCH, CA: Annual show; Antioch Lapidary Club; Contra Costa County Fairgrounds; 1201 W. 10th St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children (under 12), Scouts in uniform, and active military with ID free; jewelry, gems, findings, supplies, auction, grab bags, exhibits, hands-on projects for kids; contact Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957; e-mail: [brenda.miguel@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.miguel@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.antiochlapidaryclub.com](http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com)

24-25—NORTHRIDGE, CA: Annual show; Del Air Rockhounds Club; United Methodist Church; 9650 Reseda Blvd.; Fri. 3-9, Sat. 10-5; free admission; contact Julia Marin, (818) 886-7190; Web site: [www.delairrockhounds.org](http://www.delairrockhounds.org)



## **MARCH:**

**2-4—NEWARK, CA:** Annual show; Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley; Newark Pavilion; 6430 Thornton Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6 (3-day pass), children (under 12) - free with adult; fluorescent rock display and sale, more than 35 dealers, live demonstrations, display cases, jewelry, gemstones, beads, fossils, equipment, supplies, auction, door prizes, kids' Spinning Wheel; contact Cathy Miller, PO Box 2145, Castro Valley, CA 94546, (510) 887-9007; e-mail: [info@mgscv.org](mailto:info@mgscv.org); Web site: [www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

**3-4—VENTURA, CA:** 50th Anniversary Show; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society; Ventura County Fairgrounds; 10 W. Harbor Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; club member and other exhibits, more than 15 dealers, demonstrators, raffles, hourly silent auctions, Country Store, kids' activities; contact Rob Sankovich, 1961 Havenwood Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, (805) 494-7734; e-mail: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net); Web site: [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

**3-4—ARCADIA, CA:** Annual show; Monrovia Rockhounds; County Arboretum and Botanic Garden; Ayres Hall, 301 S. Baldwin Ave.; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-4:30; free admission; more than 15 vendors, gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads, findings, geode cracking, Grab Bags, Treasure Wheel, Dino Dig, Fossil Find, Grand Prize raffle, hourly drawings; contact Jo Anna Ritchey, 224 Oaks Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016, (626) 389-624; e-mail: [joannaritchey@gmail.com](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com); Web site: [www.moroks.com](http://www.moroks.com)

**3-4—ISSAQUAH, WA:** Annual show; East KingCo Rock Club; Pickering Barn; 1730 10th Ave. NW, across from Costco; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, gems, jewelry, minerals, silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, hands-on activities, crafts, games, member display cases; contact Norma McDonald, c/o EKCRC, PO Box 2203, Redmond, WA 98073-2203, (206) 612-3113; e-mail: [eastkingco@gmail.com](mailto:eastkingco@gmail.com); Web site: [www.eastkingco.org](http://www.eastkingco.org)

**3-4—FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ:** 3rd retail show; Rick Obermiller; Fountain Hills Community Center; 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children (under 10) free; 15 dealers, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, beads, metals, kids' gold panning and fossil dig, door prizes, raffles; contact Rick Obermiller, PO Box 64281, Phoenix, AZ 85082-4281, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: [obrocks@gmail.com](mailto:obrocks@gmail.com)

**8-11—VICTORVILLE, CA:** 35th annual tailgate; Victorville Gem & Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells ; Stoddard Wells Rd., 7 miles east of I-15; Thu. 8-dusk, Fri. 8-dusk, Sat. 8-dusk, Sun. 9-4; free admission; more than 60 dealers, crystals, rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, silent auctions; contact Brett Ward, 15056 - B, 7th St., Victorville, CA 92395, (760) 243-2330; e-mail: [info@vvgmc.org](mailto:info@vvgmc.org); Web site: [www.vvgnc.org](http://www.vvgnc.org)

**8-11—DEMING, NM:** 47th annual show and sale; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; SWNM Fairgrounds; Raymond Reed Blvd.; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; more than 100 dealers, displays, geode cutting, gold panning, spinning wheel, silent and live auctions, door prizes, raffle, guided field trip; contact Maurice Crawford, 713 W. Spruce PMB 726, Deming, NM 88031, (575) 546-0056; e-mail: [mauryjudy@yahoo.com](mailto:mauryjudy@yahoo.com); Web site: [dgms.bravehost.com](http://dgms.bravehost.com)

**10-11—SPRECKELS, CA:** Annual show; Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club; Vet's Memorial Hall; 5th St. and Llano St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; beads, minerals, rocks, silent auction, free drawings, member donated raffle prizes, display cases, demonstrators; contact Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233; e-mail: [kcbakes27@yahoo.com](mailto:kcbakes27@yahoo.com); Web site: [salinasrockandgem.com](http://salinasrockandgem.com)

**16-18—BAKERSFIELD, CA:** 11th annual show; Lynne and Lew Helfrich; Kern County Shriners (Noble) Park; 700 South P St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; hourly drawings, jewelry , fossils, meteors, mining, gold panning, rock collecting, arrowhead making, demonstrations, seminars, displays, glow-in-the-dark rocks, Mount Ida quartz crystals. Special hotel rates for visitors; drycamping available. Vendors welcome! Contact Lynne Helfrich, 3006 N. Baker St., Bakersfield, CA 93305, (661) 323-2663; e-mail: [lewsrocks@bak.rr.com](mailto:lewsrocks@bak.rr.com)

**16-18—ALBUQUERQUE, NM:** Annual show; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; New Mexico State Fairgrounds; CAC Bldg., San Pedro Ave. entrance; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3; more than 40 dealers, crystals, jewelry, fossils, rocks, minerals, decorator items, jewelry, books, supplies, beads, mineral ID booth, visits by a well-behaved and socialized wolf, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources educational booth, kids' grab bags, silent auctions, about 20 displays; contact Paul Hlava, PO Box 13718, Albuquerque, NM 87192, (505) 255-5478; e-mail: [paulhlava@q.com](mailto:paulhlava@q.com); Web site: [www.agmc.info](http://www.agmc.info)

**17-18—VALLEJO, CA:** Annual show, "Spring Bling"; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormack Hall; 900 Fairgrounds Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free with adult; gems, jade, turquoise, fire agates, fossils, beads, hourly door prizes, raffle, wheel of fortune, metal detecting, meteorites, rock slabs, silent auction, new dealers; contact Dan Wolke, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA 94510, (707) 745-1816; e-mail: [dncwolke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dncwolke@sbcglobal.net); Web site: [vallejogemandmineral@gmail.com](http://vallejogemandmineral@gmail.com)

**17-18—SEATTLE, WA:** Annual show; North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club; Lake City Community Center; 12531 28th Ave. NE; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; junior activities, demonstrations, club member displays, grab bags, Rockosaurus rides, Rockhound Dinner, dealers, door prizes; contact Susan Gardner, (425) 483-2295; Web site: [www.NorthSeattleRockClub.org](http://www.NorthSeattleRockClub.org)

**24-25—ANGELS CAMP, CA:** Show and sale; Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society; Calaveras County Fairground; 101 Frogtown Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children (12 and under) free with adult; exhibits, demonstrations, kids' activities, silent auction, sales, raffle, door prizes, dealers, fossils, jewelry, meteorites, books, lapidary supplies, slabs, gems, beads; contact Tak Iwata, 18310 Coyote Meadow Rd., Sonora, CA 95370, (209) 928-5579; e-mail: [tak2me@msn.com](mailto:tak2me@msn.com); Web site: [www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

**24-25—YUMA, AZ:** Annual show; Sharon Szymanski, Val Latham; Yuma Civic Center; 1440 Desert Hills Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, fine and costume jewelry, gems, beads, slabs, cabachons, fossils, lapidary supplies and machinery, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 671-6191; e-mail: [goldcanyon2@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcanyon2@yahoo.com)

**24-25—PORT ANGELES, WA:** Annual show; City of Port Angeles; Vern Burton Community Center; 308 E. 4th St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; rough and polished rocks, giant thunder eggs, slabs, carvings, lapidary tools, beads, fused glass, faceted gemstones, facet rough, crystals, fossils, minerals, beach glass, shells, jewelry, wire wrapping, woodworking, cabochons, equipment, raffle drawings, free rocks for kids while supplies last; contact Cindy Kochanek, PO Box 1150, Port Angeles, WA 98362, (360) 417-4550; e-mail: [ckochane@cityofpa.us](mailto:ckochane@cityofpa.us); Web site: [cityofpa.us](http://cityofpa.us)

### **MARCH-APRIL:**

**31-1—LEMOORE, CA:** Annual show; Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club; Trinity Hall; 470 Champion St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; free admission; featuring California jade; contact John Pereira, 335 W. D St., Lemoore, CA 93245, (559) 924-4052

**31-1—TORRANCE, CA:** 63rd annual show, "Nature's Treasures"; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Ken Miller Recreational Center; 3341 Torrance Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; exhibits, demonstrations, children's activities, prize drawings, door prizes, fluorescent mineral exhibit, slabs, rough rock, used equipment; contact Leslie Neff or Larry Hoskinson

**31-1—SWEET HOME, OR:** Show; Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society; Sweet Home High School Activity Gym; 1641 Long St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults 50 cents, children (12 and under) free with adult; contact Joe Cota, PO Box 2279, Lebanon, OR 97355, (541) 451-2740

**31-1—BELLINGHAM, WA:** Annual show; Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club; Bloedel-Donovan Park; 2214 Electric Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; rocks, fossils, gems, jewelry, dealers, door prizes, club sales, ongoing silent auction, scholarship raffle, demonstrations (lapidary, gold panning), kids' activities; contact Daniel Hayes, (360) 312-8380; e-mail: [hayes0406@gmail.com](mailto:hayes0406@gmail.com); Web site: [www.mtbakerrockclub.org](http://www.mtbakerrockclub.org)