

The Carmel Valley *PROSPECTOR!*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

Well, thanks to all the club members who worked hard, many great exhibits, all those who greeted our guests at the entrance table, a great kids area created by Talma, silent auction and demos, we had another great show! And thank you Barb for the "Zoo" idea....it was really clever and fun! As always, Martha's kitchen crew, and the early morning sandwich makers, did an outstanding job of providing good food and yummy desserts. Winners were very happy about their raffle winnings....thanks so much to those who contributed items! And thanks to our "Security" team, Matt and Barb, and Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson, who have been "bunking in" and protecting our show for 20 years, and they come all the way from Ventura to do it! We had attendance just under what we had last year which I think could be attributed to the cold, cloudy Saturday and the Salinas Air Show, but those who attended were very well rewarded. And again we had some great Pebble Pup exhibits and a few "first timers" as well as our "regulars" who always put in such impressive, creative, beautiful and interesting displays.

And thanks to all the workers who helped set up the room on Wed before the show and then helped break everything down on Sunday evening. We actually had everything packed in the trailer and the room cleared in record time this year....way to go!

We were very saddened, however, to learn of the passing of Brian McElligott the week before the show. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Katie.

Our October program will be about American Indian artifacts presented by Carla Fairey from the Salinas Valley Rock and Gem club. Our Pebble Pup program with Talma will be about Apache Tears....pebble pups, please remember to bring your folders and worksheets with you so you can get a free raffle ticket!

Our November program will be our annual auction which is always a good opportunity to add specimens to our personal collections (or subtract if you are donating!) and a chance to pick up lapidary equipment.

In December, instead of our regular meeting, we will have our annual Christmas Dinner Sunday December 11th. It's always fun, festive and lots of good food! Looking forward to seeing you Friday Oct. 14, 2011!

Susie Harlow

President, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society

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And, a great big "Thank You" to all the hardworking volunteers who helped with the Snack Bar and sandwich making this year. The Sandwich Crew *extraordinaire* was comprised of Alyce Thompson, Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Barbara Biewer, and Martha Saylor. The helpers with set-up/cleaning were Pearl and Margaret. *Many* helped prior and throughout the weekend; they were Katie McElligott, Mike Cole, Adrienne Pimentel, Margie Perotti, Margaret & Pearl Chan, Liam Cunningham, Bettie Cunningham, Talma Taormina, Anne McConnell, Carolyn Schwartz, Susie Harlow, Suzie Grimes, and Mary Jane Stevens. Rich Saylor helped with the shopping. Baked goods were offered by Janice Rovetti, Barbara Biewer, Margaret and Pearl Chan, and a couple of uncredited donators of cookies who were much appreciated for the oatmeal w/ raisins and chocolate chip cookies. I hope I have remembered all who helped, and offer my apologies to those who may not have been credited, as they deserved to be! *Martha Saylor*

A FEW BRIEF NOTES FROM THE EDITOR...

CELEBRATIONS & ANNIVERSARIES... October "Happy Birthday" wishes to Matt Biewer, Bev Paxton and Susie Harlow! *Susie, you might have to change the lyrics slightly...*

- Janis is away, so meeting notes for September & October will be in next month's Prospector.

Again, *many thanks* to all who contributed to this month's Prospector...without you guys there would BE no newsletter! -Rich

STUFF FOR SALE:

***FROM SKY:** Sky probably still has stuff leftover from his yard Sale; if you have specific needs for stuff, including lapidary equipment give him a call..lapidary equipment incl. diamond blades, etc. rocks & who knows what? Contact Sky Paxton for more details, @ 831-262-8044.*

Lapidary Equipment for sale, Bakersfield CA: (Passed on by Karin S.)

I have a home made 18 " saw for sale. I have not used this equipment in several years and hate to see good equipment go to waste. A great starter saw, has an oak cabinet carriage, tight, as are the bearings, electric feed and good blade... also an extra new blade in box that goes with it. I am asking \$400. Also I have a ton of tumblers. 1) 6 fifteen pound barrel tumbler. 2) 3- fifteen pound barrel tumblers, 1 homemade 50 pound barrel tumbler; extra inserts, 1/2 full barrel 120/220 grit, several grit kits, several Lortone 1 and 2 3 pound barrel tumblers, and a couple of vibratory tumblers, \$350.00. I'll even throw in 50 pounds of tumbling rough, or everything for \$600.00, also four casters, a full 100 pound barrel Kerr satin cast investment, \$40.00. If interested please e-mail me or call (661-323-2663).

(Ed. Note: The spelling & punctuation, etc. in this ad was a bit rough; I did my best to interpret it...however I may have misunderstood something in the ad, so please clarify exactly what's for sale if you email or call the seller. No name was given in the ad.)

From our friends at SCVGMS: EQUIPMENT AND ROCK SALE!!!

Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, 10:00am-6:00pm, at 407 Bluefield Drive, San Jose, CA 95136. Please Contact: Frank Monez III; cell: (703)628-0589, home: (408)578-7067.

Lapidary Equipment: Covington 700 series slab saw, 24 inch diamond blade, excellent Condition. Covington combo unit, very good condition. Diamond saw, grinding stones, buffing disk, extra stones. Richardson Ranch vertical dry disk polisher, 7 " disk, Lortone LV-6X combo unit, 6" diamond trim saw, 6" x 1" grinding stone, 6" x2 1/2" abrasive belt drum, 6" buffing disk, felt faced. Lortone lapidary arbor - 2 sides, (2) 8" grindstones, separate water baths for each side, motor: 1/2 HP Rockwell. Geosonics mt-4sv vibratory tumbler, never used, in original packaging. 2 extra drums, tumbling grits. Gem sparkle tumbler, rotates (2) 4 1/2" diameter drums at once. Extra drum.

Gold Panning: Keene A-52 Hand Sluice, unused?, in original packaging. Homemade hi banker sluice, homemade medium size sluice, Heinz 49er sluice, homemade small sluice, homemade sluice from vinyl gutter, 24 long. Tanaka gas powered pump, older gas powered pump. Assorted picks, hammers, bars, digging and scooping tools for collecting specimens. Many gold pans, assorted metal, plastic, etc. Lots of vinyl and canvas hose for sluicing and panning.

Rocks: Brazilian Agate; 400 lbs? filled 55 gallon drum. Geodes/thunder eggs, obsidian, petrified wood, agates, too much to mention, (or for me to identify).

Previews are available upon request, but no early sales. Thanks!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

29 September 2011

While cutting geodes last weekend I was approached by a member of the Salinas club (Larry) who had an idea for a club meeting/rock swap. Members could meet at a park or any place and bring rocks to swap. This could also turn in to a potluck or picnic. No sales. Just a get together for trading rocks, equipment, etc. Perhaps a little food, BBQ or whatever. Sounds to me like a great idea to run past the board. As a club we need to meet more and have an exchange of information, ideas and some good rock related conversation. I know we have an annual picnic and a holiday dinner but the more we come together as a club the better for all. I hope this can be brought up at the next board meeting or even ask the question in The Prospector and see how members feel. I for one have the extra "stuff" and I'm on the lookout for something new or different. Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Bob Waibel WOODOG328@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

Club member Brian McElligott passed away this past September 7. Brian was born in Easthampton, Massachusetts, to Winifred and William McElligott. He is survived by his wife, Katie; and by three sons, Sean McElligott, Nathan McElligott and Patrick Mallette. Other survivors include a sister, Maureen Quinlan; five grandchildren, three nephews, a niece and two grand-nephews; as well as Trish Lafrenier and many other good friends and family. His passing was both sudden and unexpected; Brian was a young 60 years old!

Besides being an avid rockhound and scrimshander, Brian served as a volunteer docent at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for some ten years! We'll all miss you, Brian!

A memorial "wake" was held for Brian on Sunday, September 25 at the American Legion Post in Prunedale.

The club offers its deepest sympathies to Katie and family.



UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM AT ZZYZX

Hi All - this event is held where CFMS has the annual ZZYZX Earth Science Camp - Karin

See website: <http://www.mineralsocal.org/scfm/>

Everyone interested in minerals is invited to the event listed below, but please notice that because of the onsite lodging possibilities advance registration with prepayment is necessary.

Mineral Locality Symposium, "Minerals of the Mojave Desert", Saturday, October 22, 2011.
Lectures & Field Trip, See page 2 for Registration and Lodging information.

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Field Trips: High clearance vehicles required. Localities: Saturday: Blue Bell Mine or Otto Mtn.

Sunday: Halloran Turquoise District, sponsored by The Southern California Chapter Friends of Mineralogy in conjunction with the Gem & Mineral Council of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Desert Studies Center, field station of the California State University (CSU).

<http://biology.fullerton.edu/dsc/>

Located between Barstow and Las Vegas at Soda Springs in California (60 miles east of Barstow, eight miles southwest of Baker). To reach the Center, take I-15 (the Mojave Freeway) to Zzyzx Road. Drive south on Zzyzx Road four miles to the Center. Zzyzx Road is unpaved for most of its length (about 4 miles from highway to camp), but is graded and should be driven slowly. Ordinary vehicles (non-4WD) are OK, but 4WD required for field trips!

Saturday: Tentative Lecture & Activities Schedule:

9:00 am Registration, 10:00 Welcome -Dr. William Presch, DSC Director.

10:15 Mojave Desert -A Brief Stratigraphic & Structural History.

10:30 The Blue Bell Mine -Dr. Robert Housley

11:15 Soda Lake Salt Production -R. Fulton, followed by walking tour of the salt works.

12:00 lunch break.

1:00 pm Minerals of the Mohawk Mine -Robert Reynolds

1:30 Minerals of Otto Mountain, Baker -Joe Marty

2:00 1,000 Years of Mining History: Halloran Turquoise -Robert Reynolds

2:30 Afternoon Field Trip to Blue Bell Mine or Otto Mountain, silent auction upon return.

6:30 Banquet at the Desert Studies Center

7:30 Evening Keynote Speaker -Dr. Kampf: "California: A Treasure Trove of New Minerals"

Synopsis: More new mineral species have been discovered in California than in any other state. With 14 new species approved in the last few years, the number now stands at 135, greater than the nearest competitor, New Jersey, which has 76. California's geological diversity is responsible for its great mineralogical diversity. While New Jersey's large number of new species is principally from the remarkable Franklin/Sterling Hill deposits, California boasts a large number of deposits with unusual mineralogies. This program will highlight California's top 12 deposits (or types of deposits) for new minerals, with special emphasis on the most active current sources in the Mojave Desert.

Suggested donations for advance registration are \$65, for symposium, meals (L & D Saturday/B Sunday), bunk and showers (bring your own bedding and toiletries); \$50 for symposium, all meals but no bunk; \$10 student rate for

symposium but no meals and no bunk (bring your own food and attend an organized camp with other students on Saturday night). Donations for the Saturday field trip of your choice are \$5, and for the Sunday field trip, \$10. There is no self-contained camping at the Desert Studies Center. Registration is limited. Bring snacks and beverages for field trips.

Options: Motels in Baker, CA- closest town to ZZYX- (Bun Boy, 760-733-4363; Wills Fargo, 760-733-4477)

Motels in Barstow (50 miles west), various.

Advance Registration Deadline: October 7, 2011

You will not be able to register for this symposium at the door!

Registration Form: Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Cell #: _____ Email address: _____

Preferred roommate: _____ Need Ride for Field Trips?: yes no

Have 4WD/High Ground Clearance: yes no How many extra passengers can you take?: _____

COSTS:

Symposium with meals and bunk: Qty: x \$65 = _____ x \$65 = \$ _____

Symposium with meals: Qty: x \$50 = _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

Student (Symposium only): Qty: x \$10 = _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Saturday Field Trips, ***pick only one:***

Otto Mtn.: Qty. x \$5 = _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Blue Bell: Qty. x \$5 = _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Sunday Field Trip:

Halloran Turquoise: Qty. x \$10 = _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

2012 SCFM Dues: Qty: x \$15 = _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Grand Total Due: \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to SCFM and mail to:

Robert Housley
210 S. Catalina Ave. #3
Pasadena CA 91106

Please note: The desert can be warm during the day, but very cool at night- so bring some warm clothing! ALWAYS Carry plenty of drinking water when traveling in the desert!



SOME 52ND ANNUAL SHOW PHOTOS...

Photos by Jim Brace-Thompson

(more photos on CVGMS.com)



Prez Susie digs in...



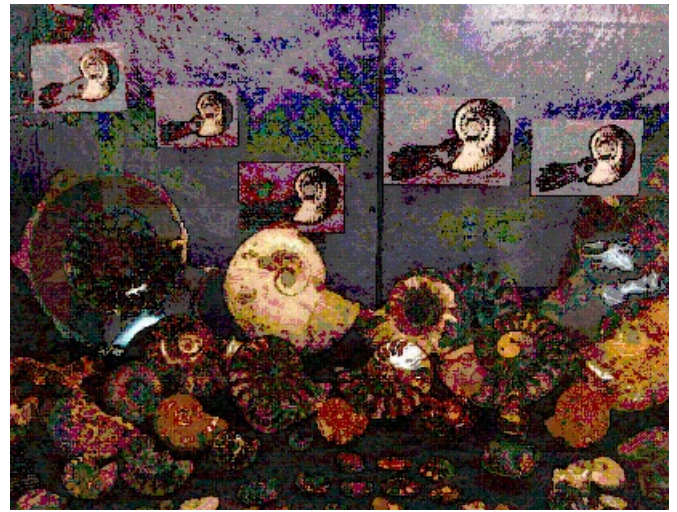
Rhodochrosite Rides Again...



Some of our happy crew...



Gettin' serious...



GOT AMMONITES?



Talma & helper man the Wheel of Fortune...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Only club and Federation shows in California, & nearby shows in Oregon, Nevada & Arizona are listed, due to space limitations. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com/showdates or cfmsinc.org

Please confirm all show dates- Ed.

COMMERCIAL SHOWS 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:

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; Web site: www.crystalfair.com

ALL "Gem Fair" events: contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300 (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

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

OCTOBER 2011:

1-2—OROVILLE, CA: 4th annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society; Oroville's Municipal Auditorium, 1200 Myers St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children 12 and under free; dealers, exhibits, demonstrations, door prizes, silent auction, geode cutting, 3rd Annual World Rock Tumbling Championships; contact Tammy Scism, 675 Mitchell Ave., Apt. G4, Oroville, CA 95965, (530) 693-1304; e-mail: tammyscism@yahoo.com; Web site: www.oroillerocks.com

7-9—BIG SUR, CA: 20th annual show, "Big Sur Jade Festival"; South Coast Community Land Trust, Pacific Valley PTO; Pacific Valley School; Fri. 12-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; contact Kirk Brock, (831) 659-3857; Web site: www.bigsurjedefestival.com

7-9—MOAB, UT: Annual show; Moab Points & Pebbles Rock Club; Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy. 191; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, field trips, spin wheel, door prizes, displays; contact Jerry Hansen, PO Box 186, Moab, UT 84532; e-mail: moabrockclub@live.com; Web site: www.moabrockclub.net

7-9—SEQUIM, WA: Show, "Nature's Treasurers"; Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association; Boys & Girls Club, 400 W. Fir St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-2:30; contact Terry Stockman, PO Box 98, Sequim, WA 98382; e-mail: terlin@wavecable.com; or Foster Thompson; e-mail: fostert@olypen.com

8-9—GRASS VALLEY, CA: 39th annual show; Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Main Exhibit Hall, 11228 McCourtney Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children free; exhibits, rocks, minerals, carved and faceted stones, petrified wood display, mineral ID, dealers, jewelry, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, silent auctions, childrens' games, demonstrations; contact: Kim Moore, (530) 470-0388

8-9—MARYSVILLE, WA: 37th annual show, "Rocktoberfest"; Marysville Rock & Gem Club; Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7th St. and State Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Bill Moser, (425) 238-8222; e-mail: bill-ji@comcast.net; or George Haage, (425) 339-2272; e-mail: haag@frontier.net

8-9—TRONA, CA: 70th annual show, "Gem-O-Rama 2011"; Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Lapidary and Show Bldg., 13337 Main St. (at Trona Rd.); Sat. 7:30-5, Sun. 7:30-4; free admission; more than 20 dealers, 50 exhibits, geode cutting and sales, demonstrations, gem dig, door prizes, field trips; contact Jim or Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356; Web site: www.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

8-9—VISTA, CA: Annual show; Vista Gem & Mineral Society; Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, rough materials, books, handmade beads, carvings, faceted stones, tools, slabs; contact Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570, or Lois Harr, (760) 724-0395

15—MOUNTAIN HOME, ID: Show; Eureka Rock & Gem Club; Senior Citizen Center, 1000 N. 3rd E.; Sat. 9-4; contact Margaret Stallknecht, (208) 740-0937; e-mail: mestallknecht@yahoo.com

15—WEST HILLS, CA: Annual show; Woodland Hills Rock Chippers; First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way; Sat. 10-5; free admission; gems, minerals, rocks, fossils, displays, dealers, silent auctions, demonstrations, hands-on activities; contact Mary Beth Pio, (818) 349-9163; e-mail: info@rockchippers.org; Web site: www.rockchippers.org

15-16—LAKESIDE, CA: Annual show, “Rock and Gem Roundup”; El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; rocks, minerals, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, beads, handcrafted items, demonstrators, displays, kids’ activity area; contact Patrick Smock, 10852 S. Samuel Rd., Hereford, AZ 85615, (619) 719-3444; e-mail: cprpsm@yahoo.com; Web site: www.ecvgms.com

15-16-- ANDERSON, CA: Annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta District Fair Grounds, 1890 Briggs St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; silent auction, door prizes, demonstrations, kids’ activities, geode cutting, dealers, gems, fossils, beads, finished jewelry, equipment; contact: Sara Fenske, 2040 Gentry Way, Red Bluff, CA 96080, (530) 528-2651; e-mail: sarafenske@yahoo.com

15-16—PLACERVILLE, CA: Annual show; El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society; El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children 12 and under free; dealers, displays, minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, fossils, petrified wood, amber, opals, meteorites, geodes, carvings, tools, books, lapidary and jewelry-making demonstrations, amber exhibit and presentations, free rocks and activities for kids; contact Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472; e-mail: info@rockandgemshow.org; Web site: www.rockandgemshow.org

15-16—WHITTIER, CA: Annual show; Whittier Gem & Mineral Society; Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, minerals, jewelry, gems, collectibles, lapidary demonstrations; contact Marcia Goetz, 755 W. Dike St., Glendora, CA 91740, (626) 260-7239; e-mail: joenmarl@verizon.net

15-16-- CAYUCOS, CA: Annual show; San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club, Cayucos Vets Hall, 10 Cayucos Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; lapidary materials, rocks, rough, jade, slabs, fossils, crystals, gemstones, beads, custom wire wrapping and jewelry, lapidary equipment, jewelry-making items, rock carvings, minerals, free raffle; contact: Mike Lyons, (805) 610-0757; e-mail: jadestar@charter.net

15-16-- SEDONA, AZ: Annual show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club, Sedona Red Rock High School, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; more than 40 dealers, Kids’ Corner, guest speakers, slide show presentations, hourly raffles, grand prize; contact: Gayle Macklin, PO Box 21222, Sedona, AZ 86341, (520) 921-0100; e-mail: gayleis@gmail.com; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.org

22-23—BELLEVUE, WA: Show; Bellevue Rock Club; Vasa Park, 3560 W. Lake Sammamish Blvd. SE, I90 Exit 13, 1 mile north; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; contact Bruce Himko, PO Box 1851, Bellevue, WA 98009-1851; e-mail: Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net; Web site: www.bellevuerockclub.org

22-23—CANBY, OR: Show, “Rock & Gem Heaven in 2011”; Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club; Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, demonstrations, raffle, silent auction, Kids’ Korner, door prizes, fluorescent show, displays, slabs; contact Rick Mauer, (503) 691-6395; e-mail: tallerricardo@juno.com; or Bea Settle, (503) 631-3128; e-mail: rockhound@clackamettegem.org

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4-6--BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ: Annual show, Rock-A-Rama; Braggin Rock Club; High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; free admission; gems, rough, slabs, minerals, crystals, jewelry, equipment; contact Don, (623) 374-0202, or Braggin Rock Club, PO Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

4-6-- EUREKA, CA: Show and sale; Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society; Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children \$1; flint knapper, live demonstrations, geode cutting; contact Toni Tyson, 82787 Charlestown Ave., Indio, CA 92201, (707) 502-9574; e-mail: rockchick9233@aol.com

5-- TUCSON, AZ: 10th annual silent auction; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; 3118 N. Dale; Sat. 9-2; free admission; contact Danny Harmsen, (520) 323-9154

5-6-- CONCORD, CA: Annual show; Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society; Centre Concord, Clayton Fair Shopping Center, 5298 Clayton Rd. (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5 (discount on Web site), children under 16 and Scouts in uniform free with adult; fluorescent room displays, 21 vendors, minerals, fossils, gems, crystals, jewelry, books, tools, equipment, lapidary supplies, 60 exhibitors, 12 demonstrators, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone carving, youth activities, silent auction, prizes, raffle, woolly mammoth skull, giant jade, giant cave bear, giant auction; contact Harry Nichandros, P.O. Box 4667, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, (925) 289-0454; e-mail: bob@ccmgs.org; Web site: ccmgs.org

5-6-- LANCASTER, CA: 10th annual show; Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Van Dam Pavilion, 2551 W. Ave. H; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; gemstones, minerals, beads, lapidary, jewelry, display

supplies, dinosaur program with Richard Wade, petrified wood programs with Walton Wright, kids' scavenger hunt, silent auction, demonstrations, raffle; contact Cheri George, 2255 W. Avenue O, Palmdale, CA 93551, (562) 243-8470;

e-mail: lizardwoman3@yahoo.com; Web site: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

5-6-- RIDGECREST, CA: 56th annual show; Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society; Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Mesquite Hall, 520 S. Richmond Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; contact John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905; e-mail:

IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com; Web site: www.indianwells.weebly.com

5-6-- SAN DIEGO, CA: Annual show; San Diego Mineral & Gem Society; Al Bahr Shrine, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free gem I.D., more than 12 dealers, more than 40 exhibits, club sales, slabs, books, magazines, junior booth, door prizes, demonstrators, faceting, lost wax casting, silver chain making, sphere making, wire wrapping; contact Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886; e-mail: RHBOBHANCOCK@cs.com; Web site: www.SDMG.org

11-13-- SACRAMENTO, CA: Annual show; Sacramento Mineral Society; Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; 75th Diamond Jubilee, Siberian Cave Bear exhibit, hourly prize drawings, rock exhibits, fossils, opals, carvings, beads, mineral and rock specimens, custom and wire-wrapped jewelry, meteorites, mystic stones, rock slabs, crystals, findings, nephrite, jadeite, faceted stones, polished rocks, rings, pendants, diamonds, lapidary equipment; contact Terry Rubstello, 8251 Tanowa Court, Sacramento CA, 95828, (916) 682-5330; e-mail: onerockcollector@gmail.com; Web site: www.sacramentomineralsociety.org

12-- VALLEJO, CA: 2nd annual show; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Vallejo Veterans Bldg., 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln.; Sat. 9-5; adults \$1, children under 14 free with adult admission; free raffle prizes; contact Dan Wolke, 255 Essex Way, Benicia, CA 94510, (707) 745-1816; e-mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.iwired.org

12-13-- LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ: 42nd annual show; Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave.; mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, educational geological presentations; contact C. Russell, (928) 846-0927

18-20-- SPRINGFIELD, OR: Show; Springfield Thunderegg Club; Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 S. 32nd St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-4; contact John Randall, PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472, (541) 683-2661, or Bob Smith, (541) 736-0060

19-20-- OXNARD, CA: Annual show; Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society; Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free rock for each child, lapidary demonstrations, glass-bead making, wire wrapping, rock polishing, dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, stone beads, Idaho opals, silver craft, finished jewelry, tools, lapidary supplies, books; contact Norb Kinsler, 6550 Swan St., Ventura, CA 93003, (805) 644-6450; e-mail:

show_info@oxnardgem.com; Web site: www.oxnardgem.com

19-20-- PAYSON, AZ: 14th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center, Bingo Hall, Tonto Apache Reservation; adults \$3, children under 12 free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, education center, spinning wheel, silent auction; contact Margaret Jones, (928) 476-3513 or (928) 970-0857

26-27-- MONTEREY, CA: Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire Inc.; Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

*(Editor's note: this commercial show is listed **only** because it's in Monterey. Other commercial shows are not listed.)*

26-27-- WICKENBURG, AZ: 11th annual show, WOWW Gem Fair; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society; Wickenburg community Center, 160 N. Valentine St.; free admission; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; more than 40 dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheels, raffle; contact Beth, (480) 540-2318 or (928) 684-0380