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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone!

We wound up the year with a wonderful dinner and now it's time to begin another fun and informative new year!

My goal for 2013 is to have another "hands on" program, a few guest speaker programs and I would love to have more of you put together programs for our monthly meetings. You can build programs around collecting trips, lapidary skills, interesting collections you already have and it would be great to have a program put together by the pebble pups highlighting their trips or collections or putting together a presentation on some type of rock related subject they find fascinating. We have lots of club members willing to help "first timers" with the "how to" of putting together a program and it really is fun!

I would also encourage field trip suggestions so, anyone with ideas or experience with trips that the club could do, please present those ideas to the board so we can enjoy some field trips this year.

Speaking of member participation, our January program will be a collecting trip featuring Talma, her grandsons and Jay as well as specimens from the trip to show.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all Friday January 11, 7 p.m. at the Natural History Museum in Pacific Grove!

Susie Harlow, President
CVGMS

PEBBLE PUPS & Jr. ROCKHOUNDS:

Pebble Pups and Jr. Rockhounds:

This month (the January meeting) we'll be giving a slide show about our summer trip to the tourmaline mine, so the Pebble Pup program will be about tourmalines. Surprise!

I've decided to stop doing the specimen info and worksheets. It seemed that they weren't as helpful as I had thought they might be. Instead I've decided that if any of you want to do some research on the specimen, bring a copy to the next meeting and I'll give you a free coupon for the drawing table.

Talma Taormina, Scholarship Chair

CLUB SPECIALISTS *Rich Saylor*

I've noticed that some other clubs list certain of their members as being "club specialists", such as the following typical categories:

Fossil Preparation, Fused Glass, Opal Cutting, Lapidary, Beading, Wire Wrapping, Cuttle Bone Casting, Tumbling, Faceting, Inlay (Intarsia), Zeolite Minerals, Lost Wax Casting, Sphere Making, Workshop design & construction, Silver Fabrication/Silversmithing, Jade Carving, Mineral Collecting & Identification, and Scrimshaw, to name a few.

Of course, only very large clubs are likely to have such a complete "roll call" of expertise, but nevertheless we are all a resource to each other, one way or another. So, I'd like to have those interesting in assisting others to learn the ins & outs of their particular areas of interest in signing up, if they're willing to share their time & knowledge.

Please let me know if you'd like to participate- either by email (saylor@redshift.com) or by phone, 372-9215.

Cheers, Rich



It is with great sadness that we report- in somewhat delayed fashion- the passing of co-founder, past president and longtime member of the CVGMS, Urcel Holloway, in July 2012; Urcel was 96 at the time of his passing.

A native of Rupert, Idaho, Urcel moved to California with his family in 1919. After graduating as a history major in 1940, Urcel served in the Navy in the Pacific Theatre of WW2, flying submarine-chasing PV-1 Ventura bombers. In 1943, Urcel married his wife, Gale. Following his retirement from the Navy in 1962, Urcel spent the next 32 years as Director of Christian Education at the Naval Postgraduate School. In 1994, Gale and Urcel moved to Kerrville, Texas. In February 2008, Gale, Urcel's wife of nearly 65 years, passed away.

The Holloways have been missed, and will be fondly remembered by all who knew them.

Our thanks to the Holloway's daughter, Patricia, for forwarding the news of the Holloway's passing; we offer our sincere condolences to Patricia and the family.



CFMS Fall Business Meeting report: Visalia - November 10 -11, 2012

9 am - all CFMS local directors and officers gathered at the Holiday Inn, Visalia for the annual fall meeting. Purpose to catch up what has happened since the Directors Meeting July 14, '12 at the CFMS annual show in Riverside in July. Weather during show was hot and humid! No surprise.

2013 show is being held in Ventura, May 31 - June 2. Packets of materials advertising what to do in Ventura during the show was passed out. Three local clubs are working on the '13 show. A field trip on May 28. A new happening: Wine and Cheese evening. Expecting 50 dealers and 70 cases. "California Rocks" is the show theme.

No show bids after 2013. Local directors were encourage to ask their clubs to have shows as it helps to increase their membership, relations with communities, earn money and learn how to put on a better show.

Memoriam of past officers, vets and members - many were remembered.

Treasurers Report that CFMS is running in red and ideas are being brought to table to eliminate the shortfall. Moving CD money to high interest bonds.

Earth Science Camps are successful. More women attend usually than men. A committee usually goes to the camps early and do a lot of work to make the camp an enjoyable experience for all those that attend. Need more RVs in Zzyzx.

Endowment - there was a nickel drive contest and many club members donated quite a bit of money.

Election of new officers held. Decided to eliminate the swinger year note to save money.

Thank you card for the donated cancelled stamps from Carmel (Valley) and Salinas club members.

Insurance - all clubs are being encourage to update the workshop buildings, cargo holders and trailers figures.

Junior activities - Jim B-T talked about the badge program and he plans to add more every 4 years. As each badge is earned different levels are achieved. At 20 badges you become a "rock star". Diamond Dan's newsletter is very informative. Google him.

Visual Aids - Slide and videos are available from CFMS Librarian Sharon Rogow. Most are being moved to DVD format. I have a listing of all available and they can be rented for a period of time to be shown at club meetings.

CFMS News Group on Yahoo Groups: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cfmsnews/>

Directors are responsibility to pass on CFMS news to members and the Yahoo Groups will post the monthly newsletter which can be forwarded to local members. It's easy to keep up to date. Sign in for the news.

On Saturday afternoon Fred Ott had an informal meeting to help encourage clubs to grow their membership, participation and community interest. Many localities don't know that there is a local rock club. He encourage all to throw in their ideas. One idea seemed so easy to accomplish - ask a member personally to take on a task, whether it is an office or a less involved job instead of asking the entire club at a meeting. Many squirm in their chairs and won't volunteer but if asked personally, a different answer may be gotten. Orientation binders can be given to new members with information of the club's purpose.

Saturday Evening the officer installation was held. Sunday morning was a recap of introducing new officers to all the CFMS committee members.

I hope I haven't forgotten important information - the meetings was fun, informative and I met many club members that are striving to encourage membership.

Karin Salomon, CFMS Director

PETROGLYPHS VANDALIZED IN SoCal

Petroglyph thefts near Bishop stun federal authorities, Paiutes, Shoshones

Thieves tried to take several petroglyphs but aborted and left them badly scarred. Dozens of other petroglyphs were scarred by hammer strikes and saw cuts. "The individuals who did this were not surgeons, they were smashing and grabbing," U.S. Bureau of Land Management archaeologist Greg Haverstock said last week as he examined the damage. "This was the worst act of vandalism ever seen" on the 750,000 acres of public land managed by the BLM field office in Bishop. The theft required extraordinary effort: Ladders, electric generators and power saws had to be driven into the remote and arid high desert site near Bishop. Thieves gouged holes in the rock and sheared off slabs that were up to 15 feet above ground and 2 feet high and wide. Visitors discovered the theft and reported it to the BLM on

Oct. 31. BLM field office manager Bernadette Lovato delivered the bad news to Paiute-Shoshone tribal leaders in Bishop. "It was the toughest telephone call I ever had to make," Lovato said. "Their culture and spiritual beliefs had been horribly violated. We will do everything in our power to bring those pieces back." The region is known as Volcanic Tableland. It is held sacred by Native Americans whose ancestors adorned hundreds of lava boulders with spiritual renderings: concentric circles, deer, rattlesnakes, bighorn sheep, and hunters with bows and arrows.

For generations, Paiute-Shoshone tribal members and whites have lived side by side but not together in Bishop. But desecration of the site, which Native Americans still use in spiritual ceremonies, has forced reservation officials and U.S. authorities to come together and ask a tough question: Can further vandalism be prevented? "How do we manage fragile resources that have survived as much as 10,000 years but can be destroyed in an instant?" asked archaeologist David Whitley, who in 2000 wrote the nomination that succeeded in getting the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "Do we keep them secret in hopes that no one vandalizes them? Or, do we open them to the public so that visitors can serve as stewards of the resources?" The easy answer is to police the site and others listed under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. But that's not possible given the condition of cash-strapped federal lands agencies, authorities said. Authorities said the petroglyphs aren't worth a great deal on the illicit market, probably \$500 to \$1,500 each. But they are priceless to Native Americans, who regard the

massive tableaux as a window into the souls of their ancestors. The site is one of dozens of such locations managed by the BLM office in Bishop. A small army of volunteers has stepped up surveillance of the area. For archaeologists, the images carved into a half-mile-long volcanic escarpment depict the culture and spiritual notions of the ancient tribes that once populated the sage flats and river valleys of the Eastern Sierra. Paiute tribal historic preservation officer Raymond Andrews observed sacred law by quietly chanting a traditional prayer when he approached the site earlier this month. Standing beneath a panel of geometric renderings believed to have been carved by shamans, Andrews took a slow, deep breath and said, "We still use this sacred place as a kind of church to educate tribal members and children about our historical and spiritual connections. So, our tribal elders are appalled by what happened here."

Federal authorities and Native American leaders plan to mark each defaced petroglyph with a small sign pointing out that, as archaeologist Haverstock put it, "this damage was done by malicious, selfish individuals." The BLM is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves. Damaging or removing the petroglyphs is a felony. First-time offenders can be imprisoned for up to one year and fined as much as \$20,000, authorities said. Second-time offenders can be fined up to \$100,000 and imprisoned up to five years.

From The LA Times Nov 18, 2012 | By Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times, via The Agatizer, Jan. 2013, newsletter of the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Sunshine Report- from Janis R.:

Hi Rich,

I just wanted to ask you to put a sunshine report in the Jan. Prospector for Rod Allison who had knee replacement surgery earlier this month and is recuperating. I brought him one of those great books. It's called The Complete Guide to Rocks and Minerals. I think originally Joe and Joyce bought them at a really good deal somewhere. Then Talma had them and was looking for someone to take over giving them to sick or recuperating members so I have them and still have about 8 left. It's a really nice thick book with tons of info in it. I am not the Sunshine person but I do have these. He was very happy to get one. He actually was at CHOMP when I brought it to him on Christmas day. He had been home maybe 1 or 2 days and fell and was apparently on the floor for 14 hours until a friend of his came the next morning to take him to PT and found him...geez. So he was BACK in the hospital and going to go to Westland Rehab again and then home. Poor guy.

Janis

MEMBERSHIP REPORT....

Jay House

Hi Rich-

At the Christmas dinner we had 36 members present and 9 guests present. Most of them paid their 1913 dues. In the January Prospector you can put in a notice about 2013 dues are due.

Jay

OK, 2013 Dues are Due! - Ed.

AND NOW...

Rich, here's something that might be good to include in the October newsletter. -Jim Brace-Thompson

Would you encourage your club members to submit projects to our Lapidary of the Month contest for *Rock & Gem* magazine? All I need is a clear high-resolution photo of the finished project and 300 to 400 words describing how it was made. The project doesn't have to be complicated, just involve lapidary. I will even allow them to submit by e-mail.

I have nothing to run in the December issue or future issues. This is a sure-fire way to win a Dremel tool kit and personalized plaque. I need to receive something by October 17.

Thanks for anything you can do,
Lynn Varon, Managing Editor, Rock & Gem magazine
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STUFF FOR SALE...

Hi Rich,

Here's a classified ad for this month's prospector.

Used Slab saw for sale, looks like an old Covington. It is a 14" with a good motor. The vice is good and the auto feed is brass so no rust. It is mounted on a wheel around stand but could easily be placed on a bench top. The owner is asking a reasonable \$400. He is motivated to sell so go take a look and make an offer. He just wants to have it moved. Call Kim Pisor @ 831 484-9694

Sky Paxton Cell 831 262 8044 Fax 831 427 7588

NOTE: There's a new Facebook group called "lapidary swap shop ", designed for people that have lapidary equipment, rocks, findings , fossils, gems, rough material, minerals, crystals or anything used in the lapidary trade that they don't need and are willing to trade. Go to facebook and type in "lapidary swap shop".

Messages

Vendor Invitation to Mariposa Gem & Mineral Show

Tue Nov 27, 2012 7:37 pm (PST) . Posted by: "nwest2006"

The Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, in conjunction with the California State Mining & Mineral Museum (yes! it is back open after the robbery), would like to invite vendors to participate in our Mountains of Minerals Gem & Mineral show April 13th & 14th, 2013. We are expanding our show area this year to include both indoor and outdoor booth space and would like new vendors to participate, as well as our much appreciated return vendors. Our show is located at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds in Mariposa, CA, home of the California State Mining & Mineral Museum. We do not charge admission to our show, we offer free parking, and the museum offers free admission during the show. This encourages the public to spend money with our vendors. Our shows typically have very good attendance as we advertise heavily in the area and in the Central Valley (Fresno, Madera, Merced).

The (usually) mild spring weather in the Sierra Nevada foothills brings many local people to community events since it is before "tourist" season. We are 45 minutes from Yosemite National Park. Come join us and sell your jewelry, specimens, tools, slabs, beads, or whatever else you might have, then enjoy a visit up to the park and see the beautiful Yosemite Valley.

If you are interested in reserving booth space, please send us an email with your complete mailing address, a brief description of your products, and if you are interested in an indoor or outdoor booth, and we will send you a vendor packet. MGMC@sti.net

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Photos & text- Rich S.



The Line-Up...The Usual Suspects, of course!



Lots of hungry members & their guests!

This past December 9, the Club's annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Masonic Lodge in Pacific Grove. Of course, the usual excellent meal was prepared by the club's hardworking members; turkey, ham, smashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce were prepared in the kitchen, while the remainder was prepared potluck style by attending members. Everything was SOOOO good! Not to forget those less fortunate, members also contributed to the canned food drive. As well. Pres Susie introduced next year's board members (the usual suspects!) and received



Your Editor needs all the help he can get...



Susie gets Gaveled...again!

a very nice rhodenite and hardwood gavel made by longtime (and hardworking!) Member Matt Biewer. By now, Susie has quite a collection... don't know how many attended the dinner, but it must have been at least 40+! Lastly, a drawing was held to distribute a nice spread of Christmas gifts. Everyone- members & guests alike- got something! Nice get-together, everyone!

P.S.- Your Editor has a nice new mascot, (formerly a Christmas Dinner table decoration!) to help with putting out The Prospector...notice the intense concentration of those beady little eyes...no more typos!

2013 QUARTZSITE SHOW CALENDAR

**DESERT GARDENS ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GEM, MINERAL
& JEWELRY SHOW: Jan. 1st -Feb. 28th 2013**

THE MAIN EVENT: Jan. 7th ~ 27th 2013

TYSON WELLS ROCK & GEM SHOW: Jan. 4th ~ Jan. 13th 2013

46TH ANNUAL Q I. A. POW WOW: Jan. 23th ~ Jan. 27th

QIA GOLD PROSPECTORS ASSN. OF AMERICA: Feb. 14 ~ 17 2013

- See also listings in "Upcoming Events", below

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Only club and Federation shows in California (CA), & selected 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 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- Ed.

January 2013

1-31—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; Mon. 9-dusk, Sun. 9-dusk; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346-2818, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

4-6—MESA, ARIZONA: 41st annual show; Flagg Mineral Foundation; Mesa Community College; SW parking lot, US 60 and Dobson; 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 Lavone Archer, (480) 969-0483; e-mail: elabaso14@cox.net; Web site: www.flaggshow.info

January 2013-February 2013

25-17—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Elliot Glasser; Executive Inn; 333 S. Drachman St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; more than 130 showrooms, buy, sell, trade; contact Elliot Glasser, 6060 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 620-3999; e-mail: EGlasser@cox.net; Web site: USGRC@USGRC.BIZ

31-17—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Eons Expos LLLP; large tent; 22nd St. at Interstate 10; Daily 9-6; free admission; 180 dealers, minerals, fossils, articulated dinosaurs, meteorites, petrified wood, amber, gems, jewelry; contact Christine Perner, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

February 2013

1-28—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; Mon. 9-6, Sun. 9-6; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346-2818, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

2-17—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; The Rock Show; Kino Sports Complex; 2500 E. Ajo Way; Daily 9:30-5:30; free admission; minerals, jewelry, cabs, slabs, beads, lapidary equipment, rough rock, crystals; contact Trym Gibbons, PO Box 246, Cortaro, AZ 85652, (800) 983-0133; e-mail: rockshowtucson@gmail.com

8-10—PORTLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Oregon Agate & Mineral Society; Oregon Museum of Science & Industry; 1945 SE Water Ave.; Fri. 9:30-5:30, Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 9:30-5:30; free admission; contact Craig Prier, (503) 984-7004; e-mail: oamsrockhound@live.com; Web site: www.oregonagate.org

9-10—OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Whidbey Island Gem Club; Oak Harbor Senior Center; 51 SE Jerome St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; member exhibits, demonstrations, dealers, rough and finished rock and gems, slabs, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, spinning wheel; contact Keith Ludemann, (360) 675-1837; e-mail: rock9@whidbey.net

15-17—LINCOLN CITY, OREGON: Annual show; North Lincoln Agate Society; Lincoln City Cultural Center; 540 U.S. 101; Fri. 5-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Laura Joki, Rock Your World LLC, 1423 N.W. Hwy. 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367, (541) 351-8423; e-mail: ljoki@rockyourworldgems.com

15-24—INDIO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society; Riverside County Fairgrounds; 46-350 Arabia St., Gem & Mineral Bldg. 1; Daily 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

16-17—ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Antioch Lapidary Club; CCC Fairgrounds; 1201 W. 10th St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children (12 and under), Scouts in uniform, and active military with I.D. 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; Web site: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

16-17—LINCOLN CITY, OREGON: Annual show; North Lincoln Agate Society; Lincoln City Cultural Center; 540 NE Hwy. 101; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; free admission; free rocks for kids; contact Laura Joki, (541) 351-8423; e-mail: laura@rockyourworldgems.com

16-17—MESA, ARIZONA: 47th annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School; 845 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students with ID \$1, children (12 and under) free; dealers, jewelry, gems, cabs, beads, rocks, specimens, slabs, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies, hourly door prizes, silent auction, grand raffle, gem tree-making activity, Wheel of Rocks; contact Kelly Iverson, (480) 325-2705; www.ajrockclub.com

March 2013

1-3—NEWARK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley; Newark Pavilion; 6430 Thornton Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children free; fluorescent rock display and sales, more than 35 dealers, jewelry, gemstones, beads, fossils, equipment, supplies, live demonstrations, display cases, live auction, door prizes, kids' Spinning Wheel; contact Michael Tice, 3837 Parish Ave., Fremont, CA 94536, (510) 791-2785; e-mail: 4ticetice@comcast.net; Web site: www.mgscv.org

2-3—ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Monrovia Rockhounds; The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens; Ayers Hall, 301 Baldwin Ave.; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-4:30; adults \$8, seniors and students \$6, children \$3; contact Jo Anna Ritchey, 224 Oaks Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016, (626) 359-1624; e-mail: joannaritchey@gmail.com; Web site: www.moroks.com

2-3—FOUNTAIN HILLS (PHOENIX), ARIZONA: Fountain Hills Gem & Mineral Show; O.B. Rocks & Minerals; Fountain Hills Community Center; 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children (under 10) free; dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, metals, beads, kids' activities; contact Rick Obermiller, PO Box 64281, Phoenix, AZ 85082, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: obrocks@gmail.com

2-3—ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON: 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 mineral specimens, silent auction, natural art, games, demonstrations, displays, door prizes; contact Norma McDonald, PO Box 2203, Redmond, WA 98073, (206) 612-3113; e-mail: ekcrc@gmail.com; Web site: www.eastkingco.org

2-3—VENTURA, CALIFORNIA: 51st annual show; Ventura Gem & Mineral Society; Ventura County Fairgrounds; 10 W. Harbor Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; member and guest displays of gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, door prizes, silent auctions, Country Store, dealers, children's activities; contact Krishna Juarez, PO Box 1573, Ventura, CA 93002, (805) 320-1094; e-mail: abaris2007@gmail.com; Web site: www.vgms.org

7-10—DEMING, NEW MEXICO: 48th Annual Rockhound Roundup Gem & Mineral Show and Sale; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; SWNM Fairgrounds; 4200 Raymond Reed; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; jewelry and rock-related items, displays, demonstrations, spinning wheel, geode cutting, guided field trips, children's corner, silent auction, live auction, door prizes, cash raffle; contact Maurice Crawford, 713 W. Spruce St. PMB 726, Deming, NM 88030, (575) 546-0056; e-mail: thedgms@gmail.com; Web site: dgms.bravehost.com

8-10—HILLSBORO, OREGON: Show and sale; Tualatin Valley Gem Club; Washington County FairPlex; 873 NE 34th Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; adults \$1, children (under 12) free; dealers, exhibits, silent auction, demonstrations; contact Mitch Metcalf, (503) 726-9168; e-mail: mitch@myrenoaddress.com

8-10—VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 37th Annual Outdoor Tailgate; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells; Stoddard Wells Rd., 12 miles east of I-15; Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 8-5; free admission; Sat. field trip for Verde Antique marble, dealers, handcrafted and faceted jewelry, slabs, cabs, minerals, fossils, findings, equipment, rough material; contact Brett Ward, (760) 243-2330; Web site: vvgmc.org

9-10—KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON: Annual show; Rock & Arrowhead Club; Klamath County Fairgrounds; 3531 S. 6th St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, children (under 12) free; featuring obsidian; contact Marv Stump, PO Box 1803, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, (541) 882-8341

9-10—SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Pasadena Lapidary Society; San Marino Masonic Center; 3130 Huntington Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; "Rocks Through The Ages", member displays, lapidary demonstrations, dealers, minerals, rough material, jewelry, gems, collectibles; contact Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239

9-10—SPRECKELS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Spreckels Vets Hall; Spreckels Vets Halls; 5th St. and Llano St.; Sat. 10-5; free admission; jewelry, gems, crystals, minerals, fossils, craft supplies, beads, fluorescent display, member displays, hourly door prizes, demonstrations, raffle; contact Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233; e-mail: kcbakes27@yahoo.com; Web site: salinasrockandgem.com

9-10—TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mother Lode Mineral Society; Stanislaus County Fairgrounds; 900 N. Broadway; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children (12 and under) free; rocks, minerals, jewelry, exhibits of dinosaur fossils, shark jaws, jewelry and polished stones, jewelry-making demonstrations, children's activities, bracelet making, soapstone carving, fluorescent display tent; contact Chris Whittier, 3813 Amigo Dr., Modesto, CA 95356, (209) 368-2797; e-mail: webmaster@motherlodemineralsociety.com; Web site: www.turlockgemshow.com

15-16—COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Retail show; Val Latham and Sharon Szymanski; Mingus Union High School; 1801 E. Fir St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, minerals, rocks, copper, beads, fine and costume jewelry, unset gemstones, fossils, cabochons, lapidary machinery and supplies, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Val Latham, 840 W. Charleston Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85140, (602) 350-1756; e-mail: val65@cox.net

15-17—ALBUQUEURQUE, NEW MEXICO: Annual show; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; Albuquerque State Fairgrounds, Expo NM; 300 San Pedro NE, enter from San Pedro at Copper St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, \$1 Fri., children (under 13) free; 45 dealers, exhibits, minerals, fossils, jewelry, crystals, cut stones, displays, books, raffles, silent auction, door prizes, Creative Arts Center; contact Paul Hlava, (505) 265-4178; e-mail: paulhlava@q.com; Web site: www.agmc.info

16-17—LEMOORE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club; Trinity Hall; 470 Champion St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; agate and jasper from around the world, fluorescent mineral display, lapidary rough and supplies, gems, minerals, beads, fossils, jewelry, stone carvings, reference books, rock-cutting demonstrations; contact Chris Wertenberger, PO Box 455, Lemoore, CA 93245-0455, (559) 309-3433

16-17—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: 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, displays, demonstrations, dealers, club group project; contact Susan Gardner, (425) 483-2295; e-mail: sgardner3@mindspring.com; Web site: www.NorthSeattleRockClub.org

16-17—VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: Annual ; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormick Hall; 900 Fairgrounds Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (under 14) free with adult; dealers, beads, crystals, opals, jade, turquoise, meteorites, door prizes, silent auction, wheel of fortune; contact Dan Wolke, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Civic Bldg., Vallejo, CA 94589, (707) 745-1816; e-mail: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net; Web site: vallejogemandmineral.com

16-17—VISTA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Palomar Gem & Mineral Club; Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum; 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; displays, dealers, gems, mineral, fossils, jewelry, door prize, general store, demonstrations, children's activities; contact Diane Hall, 528 Shadywood Dr., Escondido, CA 92026, (760) 741-0433; e-mail: dhall13@cox.net; Web site: www.palomargem.org

22-23—YUMA, ARIZONA: Retail show; Sharon Szymanski; Yuma Civic Center; 1440 Desert Hills Dr.; Fri. 10-5, Fri. 9-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; indoor gem and jewelry show, dealers, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, fine and costume jewelry, beads, copper, unset gemstones, lapidary equipment and supplies, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 215-9101; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

22-24—PORTLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Mt. Hood Rock Club; Kliever National Guard Armory; 10000 NE 33rd Dr.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission, donations accepted; contact L. Smith, (503) 646-1932; e-mail: mhrshowchair@gmail.com

23-24—ANGELS CAMP, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society; Calaveras County Fairgrounds (Frogtown); 101 Frogtown Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children (under 12) free with adult; jewelry, gemstones, beads, fossils, meteorites, rocks, tools, minerals, kids' area, silent auction, raffle, door prizes; contact Anna Christiansen, 245 N. 6th Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361-3124, (209) 847-1173; e-mail: achrist361@sbcglobal.net; Web site: calaverasgemandmineral.org

23-24—PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON: Annual show; City of Port Angeles; Vern Burton Community Center; 308 E. 4th St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; more than 35 dealers, free rock for kids while supplies last, raffle drawings, rough and polished rocks, giant thunder eggs, slabs, carvings, lapidary tools, beads, fused glass, faceted gemstones, faceting rough, crystals, fossils, minerals, beach glass, shells, jewelry, wire wrapping, woodworking, cabochons, equipment; contact Cindy Kochanek, 308 E. 4th St., PO Box 1150, Port Angeles, WA 98362, (360) 417-4550; e-mail: ckochane@cityofpa.us; Web site: www.cityofpa.us

23-24—TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA: 64th annual show and sale; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Ken Miller Recreation Center; 3341 Torrance Blvd., entrance on Madrona Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; door prizes, special guest exhibitors and demonstrators, fluorescent mineral show, petrified forest display, polished stones, slabs, rough rock, Artisans Store featuring handmade jewelry; contact Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851; e-mail: Sudduth3@msn.com; Web site: www.palosverdes.com/sblap

23-25—ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 51st Annual Gem Show; Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society; Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds; 800 All America City Blvd., off Washington; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$6, seniors \$5 (coupon on Web site), children (12 and under) free; two huge buildings, more than 45 dealers, crystals, beads, gemstones, handcrafted jewelry, gold panning, fossils, meteorites, polished stones, opal, world-class mineral specimens, tourmaline, gold, sunstones, special kids' activity area, free gem and mineral identification, demonstrations, silent auctions, more than 35 exhibits, raffle, hourly door prizes, lapidary shop open house; contact Gloria Marie, PO Box 1547, Foresthill, CA 95631, (916) 216-1114; e-mail: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com; Web site: www.rockrollers.com

29-30—COLVILLE, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Panorama Gem & Mineral Club; Ag Trade Center; NE Washington Fairgrounds, 317 W. Astor Ave. (at Washington St.); Fri. 8:30-6, Sat. 9-5; free admission; donations for scholarship fund accepted; contact Bill Allen, (509) 936-5847; e-mail: sago@theofficenet.com

30-31—BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON: Annual show; Mt. Baker Rock & Gem; Bloedel Donovan Community Center; 2214 Electric Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; gold panning, lapidary demonstrations, fluorescent show, rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, club sales, dealers, door prizes, scholarship raffle, silent auction, exhibits, special kids' activities; contact Lori Nettles, (360) 961-7873; e-mail: lorinhardy@yahoo.com; Web site: www.mtbakerrockclub.org

30-31—SWEET HOME, OREGON: 65th Annual Rock & Gem Show; Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society; High School Gym; 1641 Long St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults 50 cents, children (12 and under) free; contact Joe Cota, PO Box 2279, Lebanon, OR 97355, (541) 451-2740

“GEOLOGY OF WINES” TOURS

TOPS A Rock Shop, located in San Juan Bautista just a couple hundred feet from the San Andreas fault, has launched a new FUN tour, the Geology of Wines Tour. Fossil Phil (Stoffer, Ph.D.), retired USGS Geologist, hosts a bus tour of the faults in San Benito County stopping at various award winning wineries where you can either taste the Fruits of the Fault or go for a walking tour with Phil. These tours are scheduled once a month or if you have a group of at least 16 we can schedule a custom tour tailored to your interests and knowledge level.

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EDITOR’S NOTES: *As a reminder, spaces for Camp Zzyzx this coming March 31~ April 7 are pretty full by now, especially rooms for couples, no harm in phoning in a request for a spot “on standby” as there are usually a few cancellations. Please contact either Marion Roberts, at (805) 492-2253, email mvroberts@bigvalley.net, or else Audrey Harvey, at (209) 538-0197. The application form is on the club website, in the November Prospector.*