

The Carmel Valley **PROSPECTOR!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- JULY:

Hi all.....I am so sorry I missed the picnic! I was prepared to come and an unexpected family issue came up. By the time I actually got to the park....thought I could at least say 'hi' and help clean up...Jay was locking the gate and everyone was gone! I am anxious to hear about it....I'll bet the food was great and I hope you all went home with some new treasures! I look forward to some pics in the Prospector!

My grandkids from Colorado came this past Tues. I took them to Bean Creek Rd. in Scotts Valley and they collected a lot of fossil sand dollars! The site is better suited to very small groups because it is a slippery, sandy slope and the bottom is the road. It would be a great family outing and I have a map for anyone interested.

I showed my grandkids....12 and 14....how to wire wrap using the Francos' technique and they have been wrapping anything I can find for them! My grandson loves bats and believe it or not, he turned an obsidian arrowhead into a bat! Don't know how long the wire wings will hold up but I am amazed at their creativity. My granddaughter has wrapped a large ruby crystal, a triangular ruby zoesite cab, a quartz crystal and a round, polished stone that I was sure she wouldn't be able to do but it turned out great! It looks like a dark blue gumball and she wrapped it so cute! I'll get pictures but will need Cynthia Franco's help to get out of my camera....I know "it's soooo easy" you are all saying, but I can't seem to figure out how to get them to a place where I can find them again! And then get them to Rich for the Prospector!
AARRRGGGGHHHHH

Our next regular meeting will be Friday **July 13, 2012.**

Susie Harlow, President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- AUGUST:

Hi Everyone, first a big thank you to all who carried on last month....I literally had a last minute family crisis.....my Pebble Pup program was in a box and ready to go into the car and the phone rang as I was ready to walk out the door! My Vice President Margaret ran the board meeting and I missed Jimmy's much anticipated program. Just goes to show that YOU are really the ones that make the club work....THANK YOU!!

I'm looking forward to our August program presented by Dick Friesen with follow-up workshops on Saturday and Sunday at the Biewers.

Our September program will be presented by Ed Clifton with a follow-up walk, talk and surprise activity at Pt. Lobos the next day.

The October program will be presented by the Francos doing another wire wrapping activity.....possible Christmas gifts?! After our last wire wrapping session with them, I saw some terrific pieces done by so many of you, even the pebble pups did some pretty amazing wire wraps! Christine showed us the wire wrap mobile she was fashioning.... bring samples of your projects which may spark the imaginations of others!

Wow...our year is almost up! I'm looking forward to enjoying these last few programs with you all!

See you at our next meeting, Friday, August 10, at the museum!

Susie Harlow, President

JUNE PICNIC & AUCTION

There was no board meeting in July. Here are the results of the White Elephant Auction at the June picnic at Whispering Pines Park: the club made about \$160, more or less. *Also, the food was great!*

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: July 13 , 2012

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

Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Matt and Barb Biewer, Karin Salomon, and Janis Rovetti.

Membership: Jay is digging tourmalines and reports there are no new members.

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

Federation Report: The 2012 annual Federation Show is this weekend in Riverside. The show will include an interesting dinosaur presentation.

Scholarship: Talma is likewise digging tourmalines with Nathan in San Diego County.

Correspondence: The Monterey Fairgrounds has asked us to ask our vendors to please use paper bags instead of plastic bags.

Sunshine Report: Sadly Bob Waibel's wife has passed away. We are thinking of you at this difficult time Bob. Anne McConnell has had a knee replacement. Get well soon Anne!

New Business: Matt and Barb Biewer will be attending the Gold Rush Days at the Monterey Library on July 15 from 1 to 3pm. They will have some California mineral specimens and gold to share. The Monterey Library is auctioning off gold coins.

July Program: Jimmy Martinez will do a presentation on his Native American ancestry.

August Program: Dick Friesen will do a presentation on carving stones. Then that same weekend on Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday, Aug. 12, Mr. Friesen will conduct carving classes for our members at the Biewer's house. The cost is \$50 per person.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Friday, August 10, 2012.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

And from President Susie...

I took my two of my grandkids to the fossil sand dollar site on Bean Creek Rd. in Scotts Valley. The pickens are slim at the bottom of the hill and it is a challenge to climb up to where there are still many dollars to find because it is literally a sand dune.

Then the next week, several more grandkids came and I showed them the basics of wire wrapping thinking it would hold their attention for about 15 minutes but they sat at the table for about 2 hours wrapping away! They developed their own techniques and one grandson



...diggin' for sand dollars in the sand bank...

who loves bats, made a bat out of a small arrowhead! I just gave them a drawer of miscellaneous crystals, cabs, sharks teeth, arrowheads and tumbled rocks and they had a blast.

I'm looking forward to another wire wrapping session at a future meeting! *Thanks, Susie*



...it's a wrap...

From Matt Biewer: Presale Tickets for our Gem Show

Free complimentary Gem Show admission for your friends: Presale tickets are available for our upcoming Gem show in September. Our standard admission is \$3.50. With a discount flyer admission is \$2.50. With a Presale ticket admission is free for the bearer. Presale tickets can only be obtained from club members. Members can buy presale tickets and give them to their friends for a free admission to our show. Presale tickets cost members \$2.00 each and come in packs of five, so members pay \$10 for five tickets. We know that all members volunteer at the show and get free admission. Right???? Here are your options.....Buy five or more tickets and give them to your friends. Buy five or more tickets and consider it a donation to the club. Buy five or more tickets and sell some to another member. Remember, proceeds from our show support our scholarship programs. Get your tickets at the August and September meeting. Buy more than one pack. Don't forget to sign your complimentary tickets.

TRIP REPORTS...

From Jim Hamilton:

Hi Rich, on June 19th, Roslyn, Deirdre and I went to the San Diego Zoo with friends, who live down there. It was a treat to visit one of the most famous zoos in the world with its open enclosures for most animals and beautiful foliage. We saw most of the animals, which meant we did a fair bit of walking up and down the trails of the zoo. Roslyn did quite a bit of walking for a soon to be 7-year old, and sometimes enjoyed being towed (pulled) uphill. The only lines were to see the Panda and get on the aerial tram, both of which were worth the wait. We saw a baby Giraffe that was less than two weeks old, and witnessed the strangest gargling behavior by one of the adult Giraffes.



...and in the stretch, it was neck-and-neck...

Last October, we were visiting friends, who live in Scotts Valley about a mile from the sand dollar fossil spot. While our friends live off of Bean Creek and the spot is literally down the street, we had not previously taken the time to go there. We brought a few simple tools from their garage, and walked up the sandy embankment. Most of the sand dollars were too delicate and broke before we could remove them. The fossils that seemed to hold together better were not



easy to get to, and made the fossil hunter exposed to a drop of some consequence, so we left that to Roslyn's older friends. Roslyn wisely opted to employ as much patience as a 6-year old can muster rather than bravado. While not a must for girls, Roslyn felt that a cheerleader's outfit was perfect for fossil hunting in the afternoon sun. We do however recommend kitty cat boots to keep the sand from getting to your feet, pink being the appropriate color. - Jim

FROM TALMA...

PEBBLE PUPS AND JR. ROCK HOUNDS,

I know that Carmel and PG schools will be starting this coming week so I'm hoping those of you in those schools will also be ready to get back into our monthly club meetings. Those in the Monterey district, if you're not out of town, please come to the meeting. It's next FRIDAY, AUGUST 10. It would be helpful if you could email me and let me know if you'll be at the meeting, or not. I hope we'll see you soon.

AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS-

Hi, we'll be putting on a "Fossil Fun Day" for the Pacific Grove Museum's "Science Saturday" on August 25 from 11-3. The Museum will be providing some volunteers, but we also need club members to help out. The new Community Outreach Program Manager, Allison Watson put the schedule on Sign Up Genius. If you click the link below you can see the stations and times that are available... and hopefully, sign up. Pebble Pups and Jr. Rockhounds are encouraged to do this. Those in Middle or High School can get Community Service Credit if you bring your form.

I will also be bringing a printed copy to the meeting on Friday. See you there, *Talma*

FROM KARIN S. *and* NorCal-Rocks@yahoo.com:

There's a new group on face book open to all called "Lapidary Swap Shop" and it's designed for people that have lapidary equipment, rocks, tools, findings, fossils, gems, rough material, minerals, crystals or anything used in the lapidary trade that they don't need and are willing to trade with someone in this group that has something you want or need. Please check it out and if you're interested, feel free to join!

All you need to do is log in to your facebook account and on top type in "lapidary swap shop" and request to join.
and-

Must Watch TV this Fall: Discovery Channel, MythBusters, National Geographic Channel, and the BBC :

The Ernst Quarries - Sharktooth Hill, CA (661) 319-7080 has updated information about television shows featuring Sharktooth Hill this fall. <http://sharktoothhillproperty.com/TV.html>

Shark Week on The Discovery Channel: <http://dsc.discovery.com/tv/shark-week/>

MythBusters "Jawsome" Shark Special - August 13, 2012 <http://dsc.discovery.com/tv/mythbusters/>

"Sharkzilla" Special, constructing the 52' replica Megalodon - August 13, 2012 (after MythBusters) America's Lost Treasures on The National Geographic Channel - August 22, 2012 (Burbank Episode)
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/americas-lost-treasures/episode-guide/>

and-

Big Rock Shop Sale (announcement from June, sorry for the delay):

KLAMATH FALLS, OR: Great Grandpa, Grandpa & Grandma, Dad & Mom did all the hard work; by bringing it all up to the mountain from all over the world. We have so much to learn to do and play with. We have more than our share and would like to share it with fellow rockhounds. More items and buildings not shown. This is by APPOINTMENT ONLY please. Call to make an appointment with Jim Witsoe at 541-205-8857, or e-mail me at: syndigardner@bendbroadband.com. Please leave a detailed message – Name, Company, Phone, Date and Time you would like to visit the Rock-E-Points Rock Shop, located in Klamath Falls, OR. I will return your call so we can set up a date.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES *by Jay House, Membership Chairman*

Please welcome new members Mahir & Lisa Agha, and their 2 pebble pups, Kaden & Jasmine, who joined this past April. (Ed.: if any CVGMS member would like to add new member's contact information to their address book please email Jay at JayRockHouse@aol.com. for the information. Members only, though- please!)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *my sincere thanks to all those who took the time to take trip notes & photos during a very busy summer, and to take the time to send them in to the prospector!*

Our sincerest condolences go out to Bob Waibel, whose wife, Kim, passed away earlier this Summer, and to Dorinda Bubbenmoyer, whose father, Bob Derr, passed away last week; our sincerest condolences go out to their families and friends, as well.

Our Oregon Trip, August-July 2012 by Rich & Martha Saylor

Recently, we took a road trip to Oregon, traveling up 101 and highway 1 to Cave Junction, having stopped over for the night in Eureka before going into Oregon. Our next stop was at Oregon Caves National Monument, near Cave Junction in southern Oregon. The monument is about 20 miles up a valley and then up a very twisty road onto the mountain, fairly high up! No matter, the entire road is forested, and only occasionally does one have a view thru the trees of the winding road, far below! Guests stay at a timbered multistoried lodge, since converted into a hotel. The rooms are quite small, but



Figure 6

Thru the redwoods



Downtown Eureka

barred gates and darted around; even if you stand in their way, they don't run into you.

The tour cost \$6 and took over an hour. It required some agility and a lack of fear of tight/dark spaces and heights. The tours run frequently, and you're questioned about prior cave visits to protect the bats from imported fungal disease from previous cave visits. There were several steel grate treads ladders/stairs. The cave only had one large chamber. There were "soda straw" and some joined stalagmites and stalactites. The outside air temperature was in the low 80's; inside the cave it was in the low 50's, though the exercise kept me from needing all the

adequate, considering that the facility was built the better part of a century ago.

The caves were formed in a "marble mountain", eroded by slightly corrosive soda water. It was discovered by a hunter whose dog was chased by a bear. The hunter used up his matches and had to listen to the running water to find his way out, the dog having found his own way. In the afternoons, a cold draft comes from the cave entry. At sunset, we watched as bats emerged thru the



The lodge at The Oregon Caves

layers I started with. Photos were permitted, the tour was led by a volunteer working on a degree in geology. The striping of the marble was apparent on some of the almost polished stair treads.



The tour starts near the information center which has trails that visit old growth forests, etc. It has an escape route about half way thru, and ends up on the mountain on a trail that switchbacks down to the start. I took an extra loop hike on the side of the mountain and there were many varieties of wild flowers sprinkled in the shade of the trees and rocks. Also, nice views of the coastal mountains, but only a (downward) view of the forest from the hotel. It's worth adding that the hotel has a restaurant and separate breakfast café; prices are about what you'd expect at such a facility, food's acceptable.

At the rhodonite mine with our host, John

We visited one of the rhodonite mines owned by the Roxy Ann Gem group. John Hudick was our gracious host and guide. Starting from Grants Pass, it took easily half a day. It was on the road to the Oregon Caves, and required a hike of about a half mile up the side of a hill, which unfortunately Rich was unable to climb due to his knees. The rock—that is, the “mine”—is part of an outcropping, and it takes wedges, etc. to get a piece off of it. Elspeth and I picked up scraps from prior groups, and John used a sledge hammer to bust off a large chunk. It's a real pretty, fairly bright, pink, crystalline looking rock. Our big chunk oxidized or something, because by the time we got home it looked slightly more pale than at the mine. We packed out as much as we chose to carry. Many thanks, John! Later, I bought an oval shaped piece at the Crystal Rock Museum in Central Point. John had warned us to not store it outside in the weather or it might turn black. A rock shop, Crystal Kaleidoscope, to the north of Cave Junction that had worked and tumbled pieces of it for sale. There was another



The 4th of July in Ashland, Oregon



The annual Rock Show in Sisters, Oregon

rock shop in Cave Junction that we did not visit due to time constraints. On a side road were some black chunks of serpentine that John showed us; we collected a small bagful; they're soft enough for "easy" carving.

The Crystal Rock Museum in Central Point - well worth a visit, featuring a very large collection- is a large air-conditioned building, with many rooms exhibiting everything from arrowheads and large mineral specimens to Native American mortars, etc. Outside in the parking lot was a cluster of petrified wood log pieces and a slab of impression clam fossils. It easily takes at least an hour to see, and costs \$4 each. The lobby is a consignment rock store with specimens displayed. On

one wall is a display of identified by species petrified wood cross section slabs. There are a couple of chairs and benches to sit on. There was scrimshaw in one case. The local club has a workroom in the back that is open to members during certain hours. Of course, there was much more to our trip; a few of the more picturesque photos are included, but due to space limitations the main points covered involve those parts of the trip mostly of interest to rockhounds...we hope. Several days were spent in Ashland, taking in 3 plays during the Shakespeare Festival...

Ashland, for a smallish town, has much to offer; besides the three very nice theaters, there are a lot of very nice cafés and restaurants, with a lot of variety in cuisines. We visited the Sisters (3 mountains) and their eponymous town nearby- pretty touristy but what does one



Not very *nice* rocks....

expect? Mt. Bachelor is in the same range, easily visible from not only Sisters but Bend, as well! We drove across the Eastern Oregon desert, stopping to check out the Lava Tubes Monument, passing by the fairly close fossil beds monument(s) due

...but there were **so** many *gorgeous* peacocks & peahens at Peterson's!



A restored "ghost town" near Fort Rock in the Oregon desert

to time constraints, but following advice found in Oregon Gem Trails (I think) we looked for- and found- agates and an obsidian nodule in a roadside cut. Very handy! We also followed directions to obsidian outcroppings, but the directions and trails (roads) to the site were not completely clear, nevertheless we found a scattered pile of obsidian flakes... nothing big but most likely leavings from other rockhounds' findings. Or so it appeared! Anyway after following highway 395 into Nevada, we stopped over in Reno to check out the local Basque restaurant downtown, leaving very, very stuffed with enough leftovers for another meal at home! So, if you're not hungry, NEVER go to a Basque restaurant! One last overnight at the local Ramada Inn (quite a view from the 8th floor!) And home the next day... nearly 2100 miles and 12 days later! Fun!



An obsidian nodule from a road cut



Finding agate & obsidian at a roadside cut



Finding obsidian, WAY off the beaten path!



Obsidian chips

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, BUT CAN BE FOUND AT THE ABOVE WEBSITES. Please confirm all show dates- Ed.

August 2012

3-5—NIPOMO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Orcutt Mineral Society; Nipomo High School; 525 N. Thompson Ave.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, tailgaters; contact Wes Lingerfelt, PO Box 176, Nipomo, CA 93444, (805) 929-3788; e-mail: Rocks4u@prodigy.net; Web site: www.omsinc.org

3-5—NORTH BEND, OREGON: Annual show; Far West Lapidary & Gem Society; North Bend Community Center; 2222 N. Broadway; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1, students 75 cents, children (under 14) free; contact Don Innes, 54416 Arago-Fishtrap Rd., Myrtle Point, OR 97458, (541) 396-5722; e-mail:

doninnes.innes20@gmail.com

3-5—PRESCOTT, ARIZONA: Annual show; Prescott Gem & Mineral Club; Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Activity Center; 3700 Willow Creek Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, children (12 and under) free; rocks, gems, jewelry, fossils, beads, slabs, cabochons, lapidary tools, raffle, kids' Mineral Mine and spinning wheel, displays, dealers, special "Pebble Pups" display; contact Judy Sullins, PO Box 3923, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, (928) 445-1117; e-mail: sullinsjs@cableone.net; Web site: www.prescottgemmineral.org

4-5—SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: 13th Annual Bead Bazaar; San Diego Bead Society; Scottish Rite Center; 1895 Camino Del Rio S; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; admission \$3 (discount coupon on Web site); demonstrations, semiprecious gems, crystals, lampwork, vintage, European glass and ethnic beads, buttons, kits, art clay silver, finished jewelry, Steampunk, charms, polymer clay, chain; contact Donna Palmer, (858) 578-2273 or (858) 414-1797; Web site: www.sdbeadsociety.org/specialevents/beadbazaar.htm original jewelry from

customer-selected gems, stones, opals and crystals, wire wrap, wire sculpture, stone beads, pearls, stone setting, amber, opal, minerals, fossils, dealers, hourly door prizes, grand prize, children's gifts; contact Van Wimmer Sr., 5273 Bradshaw Rd., Salem, VA 24153, (540) 384-6047; e-mail: vawimmer@verizon.net; Web site:

www.toteshows.com Fairgrounds; 4907 Landus St.; Fri. 10-9, Sat. 10-9, Sun. 10-6; fair admission \$6; contact

Cathy Sahli, PO Box 1383, Port Townsend, WA 98368, (360) 301-4538

11-12—LAKEVIEW, OREGON: Annual show; Tallman Rock Chippers; Lake County Fairgrounds; 1900 N. 4th; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrations, kids' activities, silent auction, field trips; contact LeRoy

17-19—SEASIDE, OREGON: Annual show; Jean Miller; Seaside Convention Center; 415 1st Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils; contact Jean Miller, PO Box 136, 702 E. 5th, Molalla, OR 97038, (503) 829-2680; e-mail: shadow92337@molalla.net; Web site: ogmshows.net

September 2012

1-2—ASHLAND, OREGON: Annual show; Scott's Rocks; Wesley Hall, United Methodist Church; 175 N. Main St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5; adults \$2; dealers, crystals, minerals, fossils, gemstone jewelry, lapidary art, Oligocene leaf fossil field trip; contact Scott Blair, 1009 Talent Ave., Talent, OR 97540, (541) 621-2558; e-mail: scottrocks@scottrocks.com; Web site:

www.scottrocks.com/scotts-blog/item/52-ashland-rocks-gem-mineral-show

1-2—FORESTHILL, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mother Lode Goldhound Association; Memorial Park; 24601 Harrison St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; state and national gold panning championships, metal detecting, raffles, museum tours, youth activities, Foresthill Heritage Celebration; contact Annie Robinson, (530) 367-2891; e-mail: goldworld@wildblue.net; Web site: www.foresthillchamber.org

3-5—CANBY, OREGON: Annual show; Jean Miller; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; off Hwy. 99 E; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6, Mon. 10-4; free admission; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils; contact Jean Miller, PO Box 136, 702 E. 5th, Molalla, OR 97038, (503) 829-2680; e-mail: shadow92337@molalla.net; Web site: ogmshows.com

7-9—FERNDALE, CALIFORNIA: 8th annual Wildcat Gem Fest; Wildcat Gem Society; Humboldt County Fair Grounds; 1250 5th St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, gold, silver, jade, demonstrations, raffles, kids' games, free door prizes, silent auctions; contact Mike Martin, PO Box 189, Miranda, CA 95553, (707) 943-1575; e-mail: micknorma@directv.net

8-9—DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Delvers Gem & Mineral Society; Women's Club of Downey; 9813 Paramount Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; more than 20 dealers, displays, grab bags, raffle, demonstrations; contact Jon Fults, 3914 Mistral Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2138, (714) 846-7548; e-mail: jhfults@verizon.net

8-9—ROSEBURG, OREGON: 42nd annual show; Umpqua Gem Club; Douglas County Fairgrounds; 2110 Frear St., directly off I-5 Exit 123; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; "Rockin' Around Oregon"; contact Eileen Paul, (541) 672-5229; e-mail: beadpatch@cmspan.net

15-16—PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Lucia Rockhounds; Pioneer Park & Museum; 2010 Riverside Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; dealers, exhibits, demonstrations, prize drawings, silent auction, kids' activities; contact Dale Conrad, (805) 226-0719; e-mail: conrad@att.net; Web site:

www.slrockhounds.org

15-16—REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society; Community Activities Bldg.; 1400 Roosevelt Ave.; Daily 10-5, Daily -; adults \$3, children (12 and under) free with adult; contact Mary Lou Froese, 119 Duval Dr., South San Francisco, CA 94080, (650) 755-8753; e-mail: mfroese@sbcglobal.net; Web site: <http://sgms.driftpine.com>

22-23—CHICO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society; Silver Dollar Fair Grounds; 2357 Fair St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students and children (15 and under) free; dealers, opals, rough rock, crystals, fossils, minerals, jewelry, beads, demonstrators, wire wrapping, jewelry making, flint

knapping, cabbing, faceting, kids' games, wheel of fortune, grab bags, door prizes, raffle; contact John Scott, 1288 Glenwood Ave., Chico, CA 95926, (530) 321-6331; e-mail: jweazel@sbcglobal.net; Web site:

www.orovillerocks.com

29-30—MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: 53rd annual show; Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Monterey Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairgrounds Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3.50, children free with adult; more than 50 displays, gems, minerals, fossils, guest and member collections, 15 dealers, jewelry, cut and uncut gemstones, beads, crystals, rough and polished rocks, mineral specimens, fossils, demonstrations, jewelry making, sphere making, rock grinding, polishing, silent auction, children's hands-on activities, spinning wheel, grab bags; contact Janis Rovetti, 1047 Roosevelt St., Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 372-1311; e-mail: janis12@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.cvgms.com

29-30—SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society; Wells Fargo Center for the Arts; 50 Mark West Springs Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children (under 12) free; gems, specimens, crystals, beads, fossils, jewelry, display merchandise, demonstrations, gold prospectors, silent auction, lapidary experts, Wheel of Rock, raffle drawings, door prize; contact Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551; e-mail: coons@sonic.net; Web site: srmgs.org

29-30—STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club; Scottish Rite Masonic Center; 33 W. Alpine Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; contact Dorothy Tonnacliff, (209) 603-4539; e-mail: rockchipseditor@comcast.net; Web site: www.stocktonlapidary.com/show

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3-8—JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Joshua Tree Sportsmans Club; JTSC; 6225 Sunburst Ave.; Thu. 1-7, Fri. 9-7, Sat. 9-7, Sun. 9-7; free admission; dealers, fine jewelry, loose colored gemstones, fashion jewelry, beads, mining equipment, lapidary supplies, discount prices; contact Wayne Hamilton, 6225 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760) 366-2915; e-mail: waylin2000@msn.com; Web site:

www.jtsportsmansclub.com

6-7—LAKESIDE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society; The Lakeside Rodeo Grounds; 12584 Maplevue Rd., off Hwy. 67; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; mineral specimens, slabs, rough rock, beads, jewelry, fossils; contact Bob Murphy, 658 S. Sunshine St., El Cajon, CA 92020, (619) 672-1422; e-mail: accentwithtile@cox.net; Web site:

www.elcajonvalleygemandmineralsociety.com/ourannualshow2011.html

12-14—HILLSBORO, OREGON: Annual show; Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Association; Washington County Fairplex; 873 NE 34th Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; door prizes, raffles, silent auction, demonstration table, kids' corner, more than 35 dealers, beads, crystals, faceting materials and supplies, fossils, findings, jewelry, minerals, rock equipment, rough and polished rocks, tools; contact Rose Jackson c/o TVGC, PO Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116; e-mail: ljeweledrose@gmail.com; Web site: www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org

13-14—SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Cochise Community College; 901 N. Columbo Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; demonstrations, educational displays, fluorescent display, gems, jewelry, raffles; contact Maudie Bailey, PO Box 1596, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 378-6291; e-mail: gmbailey@msn.com; Web site: <http://huachucamineralandgemclub.info>

13-14—TRONA, CALIFORNIA: 71st annual "Gem-O-Rama"; Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society; SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Bldg.; 13337 Main St., corner of Main and Trona Rd.; Sat. 7:30-5, Sun. 7:30-4; free admission; field trips, more than 20 dealers, 50 exhibits, geode cutting and sales, demonstrations, games, gem dig, door prizes; contact Jim or Bonnie Fairchild, 84830 12th St., Trona, CA 93562, (760) 372-5356; Web site: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/

13-14—VISTA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vista Gem & Mineral Society; Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum; 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrators, children's wheel of fortune, raffle; contact Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570 or Lois Harr, (760) 724-0395

20-21—ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA: 59th annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society; Shasta District Fairgrounds; Briggs St., eight miles south of Redding; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; gems, jewelry, fossils, beads, polished stones, equipment, silent auction, demonstrations, gold panning, exhibits; contact Kelly O'Leary, (530) 722-7133; e-mail: kelly13@shasta.com; Web site: shastagemandmineral.com

20-21—LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA: Show; Peninsula Gem & Geology Society; Los Altos Civic Center-Youth Center; One San Antonio Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-5; adults \$3, juniors (12 to 18) \$2, children (under 12) free with adult; contact Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384; e-mail: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.pggs.org

20-21—SEDONA, ARIZONA: Annual show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Red Rock High School; 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children free; more than 40 dealers, jewelry, rough and polished rocks, gems, minerals, states, Kids' Corner, raffles, grand prizes; contact Gayle Macklin, PO Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340, (520) 921-0100; e-mail: gayleis@gmail.com; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.com

20-21—WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Whittier Gem & Mineral Society; Whittier Community Center; 7630 Washington Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, displays, lapidary demonstrations; contact Marcia Goetz, 755 W. Dike St., Glendora, CA 91740, (626) 260-7239; e-mail: joenmarl@verizon.net

26-27—WEST HILLS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Woodland Hills Rock Chippers; First United Methodist Church; 22700 Sherman Way; Fri. 3-9, Sat. 10-5; free admission; dealers, gems, minerals, rocks, fossils, jewelry, displays, demonstrations, silent auction, crafts, Future Rockhounds of America booth, kids' activities, raffles; contact Mary Beth Pio, (818) 349-2943; e-mail: info@rockchippers.org; Web site: www.rockchippers.org

27-28—CANBY, OREGON: Annual show; Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; 694 NE 4th Ave.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; slabs, display cases, dealers, demonstrations, gold panning, raffle, silent auction, junior activities, door prizes, fluorescent show; contact Rick Mauer, (503) 691-6395; e-mail: tallerricardo@juno.com; Web site: www.clackamettegem.org