

The Carmel Valley **PROSPECTOR!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi Everyone,

I just got back from the beautiful red and white sandstone-ribboned bluffs of northwestern New Mexico where I visited my granddaughters. We spent time at El Morro National Monument, home of "Inscription Rock" , sandstone inscribed first with petroglyphs from the Zuni Indians and Puebloan culture in the 1200s and before, followed by the Spaniards in the 1500s inscribing their names and then in the 1800s, names of the Americans including two officers who introduced camels as the "pack animal" of choice. Fascinating history inscribed on the face of El Morro which is a mesa also known as a "cuesta" which is a rock formation that gently slopes upward and then abruptly drops off. I will try to put a program together for a future meeting. It is beautiful country at an elevation of 7,800 ft plus and we slept about 10 miles from the continental divide and slept among elk.

I would like to give a heartfelt and very big "Thank you!" to my board who carried on again last month as I dealt with another family emergency. I understand the program went very well. And "Thank You" to all of you who contribute so much to the success of our gem club both through terrific administration and enthusiastic participation! It is an honor and pleasure to be a part of this club!

Ed Clifton will be presenting our September 14 program with a follow-up "walk and talk" at Pt. Lobos on Saturday Sept. 15 where he is a volunteer docent. He will give us more details about the walk and those that joined us last year will tell you that the Pt. Lobos experience with Ed was absolutely wonderful and just brought to life the things he presented to us the night before in his program. Besides being a lifelong geologist working for the USGS among other things, he was one of the original "aquanaughts" that spent 60 days at the bottom of the ocean doing research and is a volunteer guide at the aquarium. I'm looking forward to his presentation.

OUR BIG SHOW is this month!! It is always a great success and the credit goes to all of you who work so hard to prepare, set up, make sandwiches, volunteer time and create beautiful and creative exhibits! This meeting will be our last chance to fill exhibit sign ups and sign up to work in the various areas of set up, kids area activities, food prep and snack bar, entrance/greeting table etc. We will have the sign up sheets at the meeting.....thank you in advance for contributing your time and enthusiasm!

Our October 12 meeting will be another hands on activity.....possible Christmas presents?

I look forward to seeing you all September 14 at the Pacific Grove Museum!

Susie Harlow, Pres. CVGMS

P.S. A REALLY BIG "THANK YOU" to all who helped out at SCIENCE SATURDAY at the PG Museum August 25. It was a fun day, a great set-up and a great success! Thank you to Matt and Barb - Fossil Necklaces ; Pearl - the Fossil Table ; Talma, Coleman & Nathan - Prize Wheel ; Jay - rock polishing ; Martha - Fossil Pit ; Bill Schmidt - Fossil Pit ; Betty & Allison, Annie & Makaira - Clay Fossil Imprints ; Nancy & Judy - Fossil imprints with crayons; Diana & Emil - Scavenger Hunt and Front Door Greeters - Mary Jane & Lori, Susie & Betty. Thanks so much!!

-Susie

And,

"Thank you" to all of the volunteers who helped out with "Science Saturday: Fossils". The PG Museum really appreciated our help and are looking forward to working with us again next year on "Dinosaurs".

I received a nice "Thank You" from Allison Watson, the Community Outreach Program Manager. She said they recorded 465 visitors that day. We gave out approximately 100 free spins on our spinning wheel and 100 free fossil necklaces. We also made \$78 for the museum on additional spins and/or necklaces.

Not only did we do something nice for the community, but it's a way for us to show the museum our appreciation for their hospitality every month when we hold our meetings there.

*Thanks again,
Talma*

Board Minutes - Aug 10, 2012

Attending: Margaret, Pearl, Karin, Adrienne, Matt and Barb, Jay, and Talma. Susie Harlow was absent; VP Margaret Chan presided.

Correspondence: We received a Show announcement for Paso Robles and a Property Tax bill for use of the Fairgrounds for the Gem show.

Treasurer's Report: the Board approved paying all bills, including rental of the Fairgrounds for the Gem Show.

Scholarship: Schools are back in sessions on the Peninsula. Talma is getting requests from schools for programs. The Museum will have a Science Saturday program on Saturday, August 25, 2012. We need CVGMS volunteers.

Sunshine: Dorinda Bubbenmoyer's Father, Bob Derr, has died. A memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Aug 11, 2012 at Mission Mortuary.

Old Business: Talma has the sign-up sheet for the PG Museum Science Saturday on 8/25/12.

New Business: Gem Show: Barb has the sign-up board for display cases at the Gem Show. Margaret Chan will not be able to attend the September meeting. Barb Biewer has the Show sign-up sheets. The Show Contract has been signed and paid for. Janis will work on the show insurance.

Tonight's Program will be Dick Frissen on stone carving. The September program will be Ed Clifton on the Geology of Point Lobos. The October program will be a repeat of the wire-wrapping workshop.

Margaret Chan, Acting Secretary

We still need Volunteers for the Gem Show!! Please sign up with Barb Biewer. If you can't attend the September meeting to sign up, please call or email Barb with the day and times you can help. Help is needed at the Fairgrounds on Wed 9/26 to help clean and set up tables and display cases, starting at 9:00 am.

***Fri 9/28/12:** Finish setup, help dealers move in. Exhibitors can come in the afternoon to set up their display cases.*

***Sat. and Sun. 9/29 and 9/30:** Help is needed in all areas, Front Desk, Snack Bar-serving and Snack Bar Cashier, Kids activities: Spinning Wheel, grab bags, treasure hunt, etc. Geode cutting, demos.*

***Calling all Pebble Pups:** We would really appreciate the help of the Pebble Pups for the Kids activities.*

I'm now heading off to Colorado Springs, so I'll miss the September meeting. I will be back in time to work at the Show on Sat and Sun. See you all then. -Margaret

Bob Lee, longtime Life Member and past president of CVGMS, passed away in late August. We offer the club's sincere condolences to his wife, Arlene, and family. Bob's obituary was posted in the September 6 edition of the Monterey Herald.

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.

Pebble Pups and Jr. Rock Hounds

We had a good turnout last month, about 15 of you were there. I hope you're able to make it this month, also. This month's Presentation will be on onyx. The link for printing out your information sheet and activity sheet will be sent to you in an email. You don't need to do the activity page before the September meeting. Just bring it with you in October so you can get your FREE Drawing Table Ticket.

Talma Taormina (Scholarship Chair)

STONE CARVING CLASS, AUGUST 11/12:

*A report on the Saturday class,
by Martha Saylor*

Mr. Dick Friesen, who gave a program on stone carving Friday evening, the 10th, taught a stone jewelry carving class to members of the club on a beautiful sunny Saturday in Carmel Valley. 6 Freedom work stations provided by Mr. Friesen were set up on the Biewer's dining table. The kitchen served as wash and rinse, and refreshment support. Barbara provided brownies, chips and lunch meat. Saturday's class consisted of Mary Jane Stephens, Joseph & Beverly, Karen Solomon, Gail from Salinas, and Martha Saylor. Matt worked at a separate table as did Andrea, Dick's wife.

We were given a 4 page handout, explaining the process, sketch of spatter protectors and lists of resources for grinding, sanding, and polishing equipment. He provided each of us a precut and partially polished blanks of



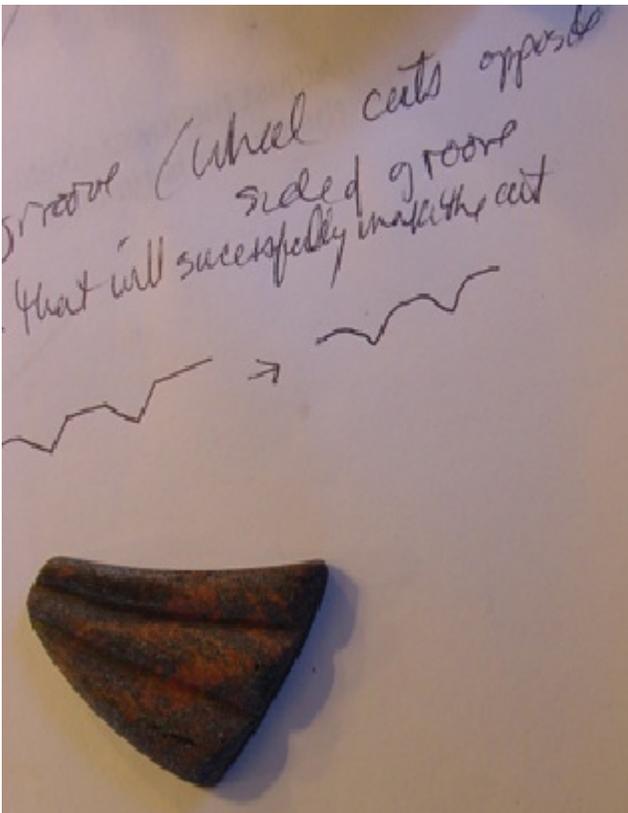
Dick Friesen and the Saturday class



Matt, set up for carving

mahogany obsidian with two curved lines already drawn. Its shape was sort of a swayed fan. We all did the same training exercise, and the results all came out different. During the class, he passed around samples of his work for us to see.

He explained the drip setting and placement, 1 drip per second, spatter shields' adjustments, speed variations. Then he had us do our first cuts and advised us on how our piece was doing. We advanced thru 3 sets of cutting grind wheels with water drip, by lunch time. We cleaned up the drip portion of the machine and took it off the Freedom base. After lunch we did the fine sanding dry, and dry polishing using rubber or felt wheels and diamond compounds with liquid extender. The diamond compounds



Mahogany obsidian, with notes on carving



Polishing wheels & compounds

were 325, 600, and 1200 for the fine sanding, then 3000, 8000, and 50000 for polishing. We had to wash and rinse the piece and our fingers between each set of flat and knife edge wheels. After each set of 3 grades of sanding he had us wait to proceed, to hear further instructions on the next stage, or safety issues, or

mounting techniques for the finished projects.

Our group- Saturday's- was done by about 3pm.

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BLM Withdraws Clear Creek Mineral Entry

The Bureau of Land Management has withdrawn about 29,000 acres of public land in Central California from mineral entry to minimize human health risks from airborne asbestos fibers associated with mining activities.

The withdrawal is in the portion of Clear Creek Management Area designated as the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in southern San Benito County and western Fresno County.

The BLM ordered the temporary closure of the public lands in the Clear Creek Serpentine ACEC on May 1, 2008, in response to a human health risk assessment by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The assessment concluded disturbance to the soils in the ACEC releases asbestos into the air, creating a significant health risk to the users, and the concentration of asbestos in the breathing zone is directly related to the degree that an activity disturbs the soil and creates dust.

“Public Land Order 7795, approved on August 1, 2012, withdraws 28,953 acres, more or less, of public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws to minimize impacts to human health and the environment from asbestos emissions from mining operations in the Clear Creek Management Area’s Serpentine ACEC,” said Rick Cooper, BLM Hollister Field Office manager.

The area was temporarily withdrawn in 2010 while various studies and analyses were made to support a final decision. This withdrawal extends the temporary withdrawal to 20 years.

For more information, contact Realty Specialist Christine Sloand, Bureau of Land Management Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, Calif. 95023. Telephone (831) 630-5022 or e-mail christine_sloand@blm.gov.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES by Jay House, Membership Chairman

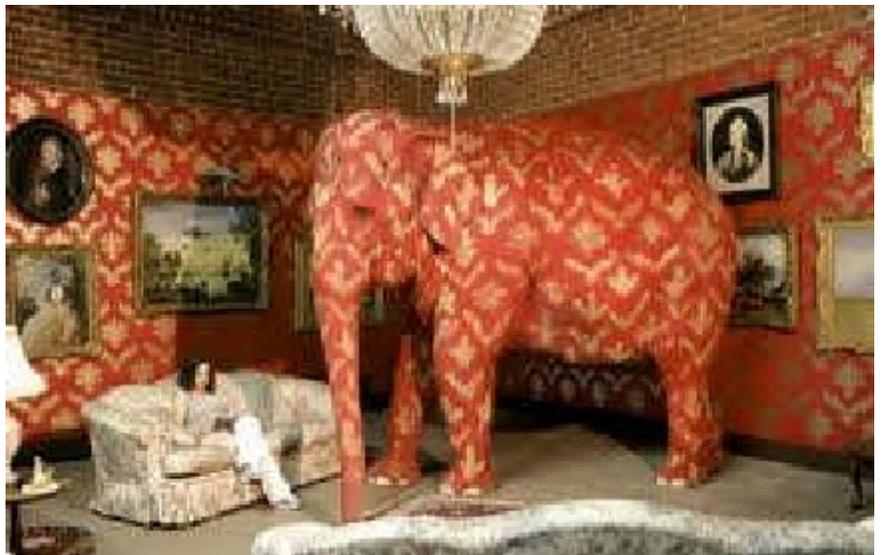
Please welcome new members Mahir & Lisa Agha, and their 2 pebble pups, Kaden & Jasmine, who joined this past April. *(Ed.: if any CVGMS member would like to add new member’s contact information to their address book please email Jay at JayRockHouse@aol.com. for the information. Members only, though-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

The Elephant in the Living Room

This article was written by Terry Vasseur, editor of The Agatizer, newsletter of the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society (SoCal), and originally published in the September 2012 issue. The article was brought to my attention by Martin Dougherty of the Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society, whom I wish to thank. Reprinted by kind permission of the author. The Agatizer can be seen in full by going to the club website, <http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap/>, and scrolling down (on the left side) to “Agatizer”. -Ed.

“Elephant in the room” is an English metaphorical idiom for an obvious truth that is being ignored or goes unaddressed. The idiomatic expression also applies to an obvious problem or risk no one wants to discuss. –From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Bob Jones wrote about it in his column in the July Rock & Gem Magazine, the graying and shrinking of the hobby. He said, “There are young people going on field trips, buying minerals, equipment, and cutting materials, but they are way out- numbered by older folks.” He went on to express his fears for the future of our hobby. With that in mind, I went to the CFMS Show in Riverside. The Editor’s



Breakfast, held at the Marriott Hotel, seemed lightly attended. Afterwards, I went to the final day of the show at the Municipal Auditorium a few blocks away. Historic downtown Riverside is a fascinating venue for a once-a-year get together with our fellow club members from organizations across the state. I wish more SoCal members could have come. A CFMS show is a combination of a family reunion, a celebration of accomplishments, a gem & mineral show, and a biannual business meeting. I didn't go to either the Federation Director's Meeting or the Banquet, so I cannot comment on what transpired there, but I can tell you what I saw and heard at the show. Attendance seemed OK for a normal club show, but maybe a little lite for a CFMS event. Several vendors I talked to complained about having lackluster sales over the previous two days. They weren't too optimistic about the final day either. I turned around to survey the room and saw a lot of people that looked like me, gray and retired. When I first got into lapidary and everything was new to me, I used to buy a lot of stuff at these shows. Now that I have just about everything I want or need, I mostly just browse the bazaar. I suspect that is something I have in common with my fellow seasoned club members, which may partially account for the lack of sales seen by some of the vendors. The biggest contributor to the alleged slow business, had to be the weak economy. The Inland Empire, including Riverside and in particular San Bernardino, has been hit very hard by the housing collapse. That may have limited the numbers of the walk-in-public which is always the major source of income for any show. Without them, you are sunk. I think all of our clubs have felt the pinch to some degree over the last three and a half years. Economies come and go, but the real problem besetting us, has to be the declining membership in our clubs and in particular, the inability to attract and hold younger people. As Bob Jones said, "as the number of young folks tails off, so does the energy." This is the elephant in the living room! Everyone is aware of it, but no one seems to want to talk about it. It's nothing new. The problem has been with us at least since I joined a club in the mid '90's. By the late '90's, the membership in the now defunct Northrop Club had dwindled to less than a couple dozen semi-active members, mostly seniors. We were able to pull off a show only because we had our shop, storage space, meeting room, and show hall, all in the same building and we still depended on our vendors to help us set it up and take it down! Vendors have been carrying much of the load for many of our clubs now for some time. They facilitate small clubs in putting on a show as well as making a big show successful. I see a lot of small club shows that are almost entirely made up of vendors. Declining displays and demonstrations by club members are replaced with more vendors. It makes sense to use your space for vendors if the main priority is to make money for the club, but it doesn't necessarily do much to promote the club to potential new members. Don't get me wrong, vendors are an important part of the hobby. We couldn't do it without them. I'm just saying our dependence on them may be masking our most threatening problem to our future. Back in the 50's around the beginning of the hobby, clubs swelled with new members, young and old. It was just a matter of harvesting an enthusiastic public interested in family recreation and exploring the great outdoors. It was a time of optimism and improving livelihoods. Many of these people were tradesmen that worked with their hands. They brought skills to the hobby that gave us many of the machines and techniques we use today that define lapidary. Some of the most ambitious lapidary craft pieces I have ever seen were made by artisans in that period (the 50's & 60's). Most of those people were self taught, adapting the skills they had to their hobby. Contrast that to today and you find fewer families joining our clubs. More often potential members come in as singles, generally near or in retirement. Today, most Americans labor as office workers. They come to us without the basic skills to self-start in lapidary or metals fabrication. They want to learn how to make jewelry and cut stones. Unfortunately, many of our clubs are no longer equipped to respond. It requires pricey equipment, a safe place to work with adequate liability insurance, and qualified, patient teachers. Mineral collecting is another part of the hobby in decline. Bob Jones attributed it to fewer specimens coming on the market due to less underground mining and the Federal Government's increasing appetite for closing off access to BLM lands. Once upon a time, self collecting was the fuel for the growing mineral collecting hobby. Collectors kept the best specimens for themselves and sold the rest to the beginners. As the hobby grew, mine owners recognized the value of the secondary minerals found in their mines and instead of tossing them out, they brought them to shows like Tucson. That got the high end collecting going and a movement away from lapidary & mineral clubs by serious collectors who formed their own mineral societies. Like Bob Jones, I'm afraid something has to change soon or the rock & gem, lapidary clubs may go the way of the dinosaurs. We need to recognize that there aren't very many "ready made" club members to harvest anymore. We need to redouble our efforts and find a way to attract the next generations of rock hounds. If it was simply up to two eleven year old neighbor boys, they would join our club in a heartbeat. They are very interested in the natural world and especially the yard rocks lying around our home; what is this, what is that, and where did you get these? Unfortunately for us and the boys, their parents don't share their interests. They are too busy and overwhelmed with the daily grind to join a rock club. One piece of good news is, making jewelry as a hobby today is more popular than ever, particularly with women. Unfortunately, they mostly seem to be doing it outside of the environs of our lapidary & mineral clubs. And

where do they go? One example is the Metal Arts Society of Southern California (MASSC). Two years ago, I went to one of their weekend events where several of their members demonstrated various metal working techniques. It was very well attended, young & old and served as an excellent tool for recruitment. Others go wherever they can find classes, sometimes paying several hundred dollars for a single weekend. Many women buy stones made overseas for their jewelry. Maybe if they could learn how to cut their own stones in a lapidary club, they might discover they could make higher quality, natural stones than what they buy. A few years ago a loosely organized group of young rock collectors, calling themselves the "Die Hards," came on the scene around the beginning of the LA-Rocks discussion group on Yahoo. With their youthful energy they shook up and re-vitalized field tripping in the Mojave Desert. They were avid collectors, hostile towards the straightjackets of our conventional clubs (meetings, dues, social blather, boring business, etc.). They just wanted to go on field trips and collect rocks & minerals. They posted detailed summaries of their trips, inspiring many of us, including myself, to get out there and experience where all this stuff comes from. But eventually, they petered out. After all, once you have gathered a big pile of rocks, then what? Without the structure of a club, there are few opportunities to display your collection or engage with others in lapidary arts. It was a very instructive and interesting period for this observer to watch, the power of youth which is exactly what we need now. Sometimes, when something that once functioned well, no longer seems to be working; it might be time to go back to basics. Get your field trips going, start some classes, bring in good guest speakers, contribute to your newsletter, put a display case in your show, give competition a try at the next CFMS show, create something to show to your fellow members, make a presentation for your club, volunteer, and don't forget to invest in the future. Bring in the Scouts for a geology lesson or go on the road and give a presentation at a school or a neighboring club. No doubt, there are lots of reasons for the graying of the hobby. It is a tough problem that every club is struggling with. What works and what doesn't needs to be shared. I don't think we can ignore it much longer.

STUFF FOR SALE...

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".

FROM KARIN S.- Rock Shop Sale:

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.

REPRINTED FROM THE "HY GRADER - Volume 53, Number 9", newsletter of the Tualatin Valley club in Oregon:
GIANT ROCK SALE : 35 year personal collection, over 150 named varieties plus much more. All rough rocks from 6 different states, AZ. – CA. – NV. – OR. – UT. – WA and more. \$0.50 to \$1.00 per pound ; obsidian – blue and rainbow. 35 year personal collection, \$2.00 per pound. SPECIAL DEAL: you fill a bucket, 5 gal. \$25.00 / 4 gal. \$20.00 / 3gal. \$15.00 / 2gal. \$10.00 . September – 7 to 9th ; September -14 to 16th, 9 am to 5 pm, each day. (or call for an appointment, 503-631-3128) , please bring your own containers .

Also from the Tualatin Valley Hy Grader...

Rock & equipment sale: Clackamette Mineral & Gem member is liquidating her entire collection. Date: September 14, 15 & 16 (Fri/Sat/Sun), 2012; 9 am to 5 pm each day. 5421 SE 136th ave. Portland, OR 97236. Rough rocks (good quality sunset agate and much more), thundereggs (geodes), mineral specimens, pyrites, metal polisher, hand tools for jewelry making, acetylene torch w/extra tips, engraving equipment, gem carving equipment, and much more! Many Discounts!! Contact Lee at 503-761-1902, cell 585-743-7428.

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.

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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: scotticrocks@scotticrocks.com; Web site:

www.scotticrocks.com/scotticrocks-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.driftmine.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: 1jeweledrose@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: joenmar1@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

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2-4—BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: 36th annual show & sale; Braggin Rock & High Desert Helpers; High Desert Park; 19001 Jacie Ln.; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrators, minerals, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, crystals, tools, equipment, books, lapidary supplies, gold panning, cabbing, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone carving, gem setting, raffle, rock identification; contact Don Ingalls, PO Box 212, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-0212, (623) 374-0202; e-mail: riverdiva@gmail.com

3—TUCSON, ARIZONA: 11th annual silent auction; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; clubhouse; 3118 N. Dale; Sat. 9-2; free admission; contact Danny Hamsen, 8160 E. Broadway, Apt. 12, Tucson, AZ 85710, (520) 721-8452; e-mail: drrock2000@gmail.com; Web site: www.lapidaryclub.org

3-4—CONCORD, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society; Centre Concord; 5298 Clayton Rd., near Ygnacio Valley Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (under 16) free with adult; 24 dealers, 26 demonstrators, 60 exhibits, fluorescent room, minerals, gems, jewelry, fossils, crystals, tools, equipment, books, lapidary supplies, gold panning, cabbing, beading, wire-wrapping, faceting, stone carving, gem setting, youth and Scout activities, silent auction, prizes, raffle, rock identification; contact Harry Nichandros, PO Box 4667, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, (925) 289-0454; e-mail: show-rg@ccmgs.org; Web site: ccmgs.org

3-4—LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds; 2551 W. Ave. H; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, displays, Dino Show; contact Cheri George, PO Box 900279, Palmdale, CA 93590, (562) 243-8470; e-mail: pgmc@antelcom.net; Web site: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

3-4—PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Retail show; Sharon Szymanski and Val Latham; El Zaribah Shriner's Auditorium; 552 N. 40th St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, fine and costume jewelry, fossils, minerals, rough slabs, cabachons, crystals, copper, beads, lapidary equipment and supplies, wirewrappers; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 215-9101; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

3-4—SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: 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 identification, more than 12, more than 40 exhibits, demonstrators, faceting, lost wax casting, silver chain making, sphere making, wire wrapping, Junior's booth, club sales, slabs, books, magazines, door prizes, field trip information; contact Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886; e-mail: rhbobhancock@cs.com; Web site: www.sdmg.org

10-11—LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: 43rd annual show and sale, ; Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society; Aquatic Center; 100 Park Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; displays, minerals, fossils, handcrafted jewelry and gemstones, jewelry crafting demonstrations, dealers, hobby supplies, finished jewelry, Christmas decorations; contact Harry Kilb, 3411 Tomahawk Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406, (928) 855-1630; e-mail: hmkilb@frontier.com; Web site: www.lakehavasugms.org

10-11—SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: 76th annual show; Sacramento Mineral Society; Scottish Rite Temple; 6151 H St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; crystals, fossils, beads, gemstones, meteorites, jade, gold, prize drawings, auctions, demonstrations, exhibits, kids' area, \$1-off coupon on Web site; contact Stanley Henneman, (916) 363-5011; e-mail: lakota27@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.sacramentomineralsociety.org

17-18—LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Livermore Valley Lithophiles; The 'BARN'; 3131 Pacific Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (12 and under) free; contact William Beiriger, PO Box 626, Livermore, CA 94551-0626, (925) 443-5769; e-mail: info@lithophiles.com; Web site: www.lithophiles.com

24-25—MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Annual 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, exhibitors, on-site jewelry repair; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

24-25—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Show, "San Francisco Crystal Fair"; Pacific Crystal Guild; Fort Mason Center; 99 Marina Blvd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$6, children (under 12) free; 30 dealers, minerals, gems, crystals, beads, metaphysical healing tools; contact Jerry Tomlinson, PO Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, (415) 383-7837; e-mail: jerry@crystalfair.com; Web site: www.crystalfair.com