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The Carmel Valley **PROSPECTOR!**

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***The next meeting will be Friday, September August 11th, 7 PM;
the program will be about the September Show and
our new Slant Cases! Very exciting!***

Elected Officers & Board of Directors- 2015

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PROGRAM	Board of Directors	
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LIBRARIAN	Richard Franco	402-2106
WEBMASTERS	Richard & Cynthia Franco	402-2106

CLUB INFORMATION:

ANNUAL DUES: Adults (21 & over) \$15, Couples \$20, Juniors (high school) \$1, and Pebble Pups (grade school or younger)- Free

INITIATION FEE: \$10 plus \$5 each additional family member (includes "stinkin' name badges!")

MEMBER OF: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS & AFMS)

CLUB MINERAL: *Gold* **CLUB COLORS:** *Green & Gold* **CLUB GEMSTONE:** *Botryoidal Jade*

SOCIETY PURPOSE: The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of mineralogy and geology, to encourage the collecting of specimens and the practice of the lapidary arts, to promote responsible field excursions to mineral locations, and to further the education of all. **And remember, please...Tread Lightly!**

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Rich Saylor, editor & publisher. Contributions, which are ALWAYS welcome, & (nice!) comments may be sent to

saylor@redshift.com

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society general meetings: **2nd** Friday, 7:00 PM; guests & visitors are welcome.

Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM, before the General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS:

The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is www.SCGMS.org for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian.

The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at the North Minster Presbyterian Church 315 Alvin Drive, Salinas. Guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is

www.salinastrockandgem.com. Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G**

Show: March 14 & 15, 2015, Veterans Hall, Spreckels. (2nd weekend in March). Modest admission charge, lots of FREE parking.

2015 CVGMS Monthly calendar (MONTHLY MEETING DATES): PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED, especially June (auction) and December (Christmas Dinner).

January: Friday the 9th

February: **Friday the 13st.** The Newark show will be on Mar. 6~8. **See page 9.** Carpooling is suggested.

March: Friday the 13th.

April: Friday the 10th

May: Friday the 8th

June: **Sunday the 7th:** Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey

July: Friday the 10th

August: Friday the 14th

Sept.: Friday the 11th (General Meeting) **55th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT& SUN, the 26th & 27th**

October: Friday the 9th

November: Friday the 13th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**

December: Sunday, Dec.6th: **ANNUAL XMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2016 OFFICERS**

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Message from the Vice-President- September

Hello all CVGMS members,

It's Show Time!! I hope you are all putting the finishing touches on your displays! I look forward to this show as we always have the most interesting and beautiful exhibits and great dealers. And we are always so happy to see the 'first timers' and the Pebble Pups who impress me every year with their displays. We will have the display sign-up board and the volunteer sign-up sheets at our Sept. meeting. We also need volunteers to help set up the tables and display cases on Wed. Sept. 23 in the morning. This is our biggest fund raiser and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen so please sign up for set up and/or the show.

Be sure to pick up flyers and prepaid tickets to our show. The flyer is also available on our website www.cvgms.rocks *(More about this from Matt & Barb, later in this issue... Ed.)*

Thanks to the Biewers, we have new slant front cases for the show. We would like to sell the old slant front cases to our members for a \$25 donation so please contact the Biewers if you are interested. The cases will be available to pick up Wed morning Sept 23 during set up and Sept. 25-27 while we are at the Fairgrounds. All cases must be picked up by the end of the show Sun Sept 27 so we have room to store our new slant cases.

A big "Thank You" to Talma for not only a fun 'rock' in Bingo night last month, but for coordinating the very successful "Science Saturday: Fossils at the PG Museum"! And a big thank you to all the volunteers that participated and contributed to the success of that day! It was fun!

Our September Program on Friday, Sept. 11 will be a new slant front case demo by Matt Biewer and a slide show of exhibits from previous shows.

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting this coming Friday at 7:00 pm.

Susie Harlow

Vice President, CVGMS

CVGMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 14, 2015

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

Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Susie Harlow, Matt Biewer, Barb Biewer, Jay House, Karin Salomon, Adrienne Pimentel, Mike Cole, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: We received 2 vendor checks in the mail plus a property tax statement.

Membership: Jay reports no new members.

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

Federation: Karin reported that the CFMS Lodi show was a huge success! The annual CFMS Fall Business meeting in Visalia is 11/14/15. She said that Rock & Gem magazine is looking for articles for the "Lapidary of the Month" feature. Jim B-T is looking for rockhound kids that he can write an article about for Rock & Gem. Contact Jim at jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Camp Paradise has a few openings from 8/30 to 9/4 and from 9/6 to 9/11/15. Apply at cfmsinc.org.

Scholarship: Talma has Science Saturday scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at the PG Museum. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping with this great event!

Old Business: Our website name has changed to cvgms.rocks. We are getting set for our Sept. show with advertising, sign-up sheets, and display case sign-ups.

New Business: We discussed various programs for the upcoming months. If anyone has any suggestions please let the board know what you would like.

August Program: Tonight we are playing Rock Bingo!

September Program: New Slant Front case demo/case displays by Andrea Wilson.

October Program: Perhaps a wire wrap workshop or Jay & Talma's summer trip presentation.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is September 11, 2015.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

SEPTEMBER SHOW...

Presale tickets are available for our upcoming Gem Show in September. Our standard admission is \$4.00. With a discount flyer, (two you can cut out are printed on Page 9!) admission is \$3.00. 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 (half price) and come in packs of five, so members pay \$10 for five tickets.

Members who volunteer and exhibit at the show get free admission. Members who *don't* volunteer and do *not* put in an exhibit can buy presale tickets to get in for a discount. So-*please* remember to sign up to volunteer at the show. Not only will you not have to pay admission, you'll be helping to keep the club going, as this is how we support our club and all its worthy activities, from the snack table to Pebble Pups and our Scholarship Program!

Lastly, here are some other 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 September meeting... buy more than one pack, if you can!

Remember to sign your complimentary tickets, to make them valid!

AND- not least- we need more exhibitors!

Barb says, "remember to sign up for exhibit cases at the September meeting." There are spaces available for both slant front and federation style cases. Guest exhibitors from other clubs are welcome. If you are unable to attend meetings call Barb at (831) 659-4156.

And of course, **many volunteers are needed** for putting on the Show. The sign up sheets will be at the meeting, or call Barb at 659-4156. Volunteers for the Snack Bar- making sandwiches or baked goods, or helping out at the show, may call Martha directly at 372-9215.

Annual display at the Monterey Public Library

The club set up our annual display at the Monterey Public Library on August 4th. Our show theme is the Zoo this year, so we will be featuring the Carved Animal Zoo. The Library has been generous in letting us use the large display case in the lobby entrance our thanks to the Library staff for their support!

"SCIENCE SATURDAY - FOSSILS" at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum

As many of you know, CVGMS sponsored the recent Science Saturday at the Museum. The theme was "Fossils". We had a very successful day, primarily because of our great volunteers:

Karin Solomon, Mary Jane Stephens, Martha & Rich Saylor, Susie Harlow, Barb & Matt Biewer, Roslyn & Jim Hamilton, Nathan, Coleman, & Talma Taormina, Jay House, Mike Cole, Jay Spingarn, Betty Cunningham, Kristin Stephens, and Pearl Chan .The Museum was very appreciative. They had a new system for counting guests. Here's the breakdown:

Adults	279
4 & under	79
5 to 7	111
8 to 10	73
11 to 13	21
14 to 17	4
Total	567

CVGMS gave each child a free spin on the Spinning Wheel. The prizes were fossils. They were also given the opportunity to make a free necklace of either an ammonite, an orthoceras (a pointy shell fossil- Ed.), or a shark tooth. Next year the theme will be Rocks. You can put it on your calendar for the last weekend in August. Thanks again to all our volunteers.

CFMS Report for August '15

Karin Salomon, Federation Director

The recent CFMS state show was a huge success. I heard there were several groups of local rockhounds to make the trip to Lodi and they returned wiser for attending. Annual CFMS Fall business meeting in Visalia is set for November 14th. Rock & Gem magazine is requesting articles for the "Lapidary of the Month" feature. This entails a project you have made with a 500 word description, a photo, name and address, sent to editor@rockngem.com.

Jim B-T is looking for overly enthusiastic rockhounds kids that he can write an article about for Rock&Gem Magazine. Contact jbraceth@roadrunner.com.

EDITOR'S NOTES....

ABOUT THE CLUB WEBSITE... We now have a new one, thanks to the Francos! If you haven't already noticed, It's "**CVGMS.ROCKS**". And again, for those of you who do NOT have email capability, maybe you might be willing to consider having one- a common **FREE** email address is (your name or whatever)@gmail.com. (It's also available for your smartphone, if you have- or are getting- one!). If you don't know how to go about it, ask either myself or even better, any 8 year old.... THEN I can email you The Prospector! WOWEEE!

AND... *how about bringing a friend to one of our next meetings?* Young or old (oops, 'Mature'...) Maybe you can even talk someone into volunteering for the show or one of our events! *Why not???*

TAILGATE IN MARIPOSA FOR FREE! FREE! FREE!

Calling all vendors, swappers & buyers!!! *3rd Annual Mariposa Rockin Tailgate Rock Swap!*

Saturday, October 10th from 10am - 5pm, Mariposa County, CA Fairgrounds parking lot

Buy, Sell and Swap: rocks, gems, minerals, rough, fossils, lapidary supplies, beads, jewelry, tools, equipment

Bring your stuff to sell or swap.....or just come to shop Free to all! This means no vendor fees!

This is an informal tailgate - BYO tables/chairs/etc

Questions? Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club: mgmc@sti.net

This is turning into a very fun fall venue for dealers and buyers alike. Come join us! Stay for the weekend and **visit beautiful Yosemite National Park!**

UPCOMING LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

This month, **only California events are listed**, due to space limitations. However there are many, many shows throughout the US and Canada, both club/Federation and commercial. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com or cfmsinc.org

PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) SHOWS aren't listed, but can be found at the above websites. Please confirm all show dates, if you plan on attending - Ed

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12-13-HANFORD, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Diggin'sproductions , Hanford Civic Center; 400 N. Douty St; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-6:00 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children are Free!; Rock, minerals, slabs, fossils. Demonstrations, Jewelry; contact Kathy Corbett, 341 cedar st., Hanford, CA 93230, (559) 904-4795; e-mail: Corbett1@sbcglobal.net; Web site: Digginsproductions.com

19-20-REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, Red Morton Community Activities Building ; 1400 Roosevelt Ave ; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is \$3.00, Children 12 and under free with adult; Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society annual Harvest of Gems Join us for a weekend of Jewelry, stones, specimens, crystals, gems & More! Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm. Browse the goodies and find reasonable prices

on all sorts of materials. Perhaps you'll find a unique and lovely piece of jewelry to call your own or give as a special gift. If you are looking for beautiful rock specimens to display in your home, this is the place to find it! Also a great place to see what members of the SGMS club have been doing in the lapidary classes by polishing stones and creating unique pieces you'll see on display. Visit the Earth Science room and see stones under a microscope. Start a rock collection for your child and let them polish their own stone of jewelry quality! This is a fun event as well as a learning event for the whole family!

Admission is \$3 and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Free Parking available. Food is great here too! Red Morton Community Activities Building located on 1400 Roosevelt Ave in Redwood City. www.SequoiaGemandMineralsociety.org ; contact Cath Fraser, 443 Lakeview Way, EH, CA 94062, (650) 954-6020; e-mail: catherinef@fraseradv.com; Web site: www.SequoiaGemandMineralsociety.org

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19-20-CHICO, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society Inc, Sliver Dollar Fair Grounds; 2357 Fair st.; Sat. 9:30 am-5 pm, Sun. 9:30 am-5 pm; Students, Adults + Seniors \$3, Children under 16 Free!; Annual Show: Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society: Chico's Silver Dollar Fair Grounds: 2357 Fair St: Sat. + Sun. 9:30-5: Adults \$3 children (16 & under) free: HOME OF THE WORLDWIDE ROCK TUMBLING COMPETITION! Free shark tooth necklace, first 200 Kids. Dealers Opals, Rough Rock, Crystals, Fossils, Jewelry, Minerals, Wire Wrapping, Flint, Knapping, jewelry making, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, Boy & Girl Scout Badge area, Kids wheel of fortune, grab bags FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Contact John Scott 1288 Glenwood ave. Chico ,CA 95926. (530-343-3491): e-mail jweazel@sbcglobal.net Web site: www.featherriverrocks.org ; contact John Scott, 1288 Glenwood ave., Chico, CA 95926, (530) 343-3491; e-mail: jweazel@sbcglobal.net ; Web site: www.featherriverrocks.org

26-27-SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center; 50 Mark West Springs Road; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$6, Children under 12 Free; Lots of Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffle, Rough Rock Sale, Wire Classes, Fun Kid Stuff; contact Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551; e-mail: jolene4srmgs@gmail.com; Web site: SRMGS.ORG

26-27-DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge; 11233 Woodruff Ave.; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-4 pm; Admission is Free!; 20+ vendors, displays, raffle, demonstrations, and wonderful grab bags.; contact Dale Harwood, 1914 El Segundo Apt. 2, Gardena, CA 90249-1871, (310) 217-0551; e-mail: nancyjbird@verizon.net; Web site: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/delvers/info>

26-27-MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds; 2004 Fairgrounds Road; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$4.00, Children under 12 are FREE!; We have approx 15 dealers at the show featuring jewelry, cut and uncut gemstones, beads, crystals, rough and polished rocks, mineral specimens, and fossils. This annual event also has over 50 displays featuring the gem, mineral, and fossil collections of guest and member exhibitors. In addition, there will also be demonstrations of jewelry making, sphere making, rock grinding and polishing. A silent auction will run continuously for people to bid on. This is a family event with plenty of great activities for the kids. A full snack bar is always open with drinks, hot dogs, chili, homemade sandwiches, and desserts. This event supports the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society's educational outreach for Monterey schools. ; contact Janis Rovetti, 1047 Roosevelt Street, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 372-1311; e-mail: janis12@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.cvgms.rocks.

26-27-LODI, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club's , Lodi Grape Festival Grounds; 413 E. Lockeford St.; Sat. 10-5:00 Sun. 10-5:00; Adults \$6.00, Children 12 and under free with adult; Discount coupons available at: www.stocktonlapidary.com. See Exhibits, Demonstrations, Dealers, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Crystals, Fluorescent Displays, Finished Jewelry, Jewelry Making Supplies & Tools, Gold Panning, Children's Activities, Educational Displays, Rock Identification, Super Raffle, Snack Bar, Gold Panning with Delta Goldiggers, & more! Show contact: Jerold Kyle, (209)

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30-4-JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Hi-Desert Rockhounds, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree; 6225 Sunburst Street; Daily 9-6; Free Admission. Over 60 Dealers Featuring Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry, Beads, Lapidary supplies & items, Mining equipment, Gemstone rough, Findings, Geodes, Slabs, Meteorites, Dazzling crystals, Carvings, Jewelry boxes, New Age items, Gifts, Collectibles, Books, Tools & much more!; contact Judy & Roger Thompson, 6225 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (760) 902-5340; e-mail: rogerthompson@mac.com; Web site: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

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3-4-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!; contact Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524; e-mail: vistarocksgms@gmail.com; Web site: Vistarocks.com

10-11-ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Inc, Shasta District Fairgrounds; 1890 Briggs Street; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4 pm; Free Admission!; Family Fun! Demos, gold panning, raffle, kids' arena, dealers- jewelry, beads, minerals, fossils, silent auctions, food. Contact Kelly O'Leary, (530) 722-7133; e-mail: shastagemandmineral@gmail.com; Web site: shastagemandmineral.com

11-FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum; 123 W. Alvarado St.; Sun. 9-4, Free. Gems, minerals & fossil vendors; panning for minerals; geode cracking; gem identification; raffles; more. The museum will be open (free admission) during the show. Food and drink will be available. W. Alvarado Street (the street will be closed to traffic between Main and Pico Avenues) at Main Avenue, in downtown Fallbrook; contact Mishell Rose, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028, (760) 728-1130; e-mail: fgms@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.fgms.org

17-18-WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; "Rocks Rock!"; Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center; 7630 Washington Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission & parking. Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave., Whittier (corner of Mar Vista and Washington Ave).. Minerals, jewelry, gems, & collectibles; members demonstrating different aspects of the lapidary hobby. Info: 626 260-7239.; contact Marcia Goetz

17-18-PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 32nd Annual Rock & Gem Show; EL DORADO COUNTY MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, Placerville, CA; Placerville Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4.00, 12 & under free; This year's theme is agate. Displays, dealers, demos & more. Minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, fossils, geodes, petrified wood, gold, opal, meteorites, lapidary materials, rough rock & equipment. Free kids' activities Buy a geode & we'll cut it open for you! Raffle drawings & door prizes. Buy lunch at our popular concession booth.; contact Karen Newlin, 4232 Gailey Circle, Cameron Park, CA 95682, (530) 676-1643; e-mail: k.m.newlin@comcast.net; Web site: www.rockandgemshow.org

24-25-LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Peninsula Gem and Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center; One No. San Antonio; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4.00, Children \$2.00; contact Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384; e-mail: steve_job@sbcbglobal.net; Web site: <http://pggs.org/>

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3-4-VISTA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum ; 2040 N Santa Fe Ave; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission! contact Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524; e-mail: vistarocksgms@gmail.com; Web site: Vistarocks.com

10-11-GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds; McCourtney Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun.10-5; Adults/Seniors \$2.00, Students with teacher, Free, Children under 12 - Free. Showcase exhibits, Demos, Childrens' Corner Activities, Showcase Exhibits, Demonstrators, Young Rock Hounds' Corner, Fluorescent Display, Silent Auction, Raffle drawing every half hour, Grand Raffle Drawing at Show Closing, Gigantic Cave Bear Skeleton Display - Something for Everyone!; contact Anita Wald-Tuttle, 6 Rockwood Drive #6, Grass Valley, CA 95945-5607, (530) 277-6195; e-mail:

17-WEST HILLS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church; 22700 Sherman Way; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Admission is Free; Our 2015 show features Dealers, Displays, a Country Store, Silent Auctions, Games, Food, Rocks, Fossils, and Demonstrations. There will be free Hourly Drawings, and a Prize Raffle that is held during our show. The Two Raffle Grand Prizes are \$50.00 each, with many other prizes. Tickets for the Prize Raffle can be purchased at the show, ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Our Future Rockhounds of America will man the games table and have Collection Starter Kits available. They will also have a crafts table where visitors can make projects for a small fee. FOOD- There is a great menu for our Show Kitchen. Sandwiches and other food items, plus Cookies, Pies, Drinks and more. DISPLAYS- Members Cases, display of our FRA youth's projects and collections. RAFFLE- Two \$50.00 GRAND PRIZES. Plus more prizes: Winner does not have to be present to win. Hourly Prizes all Day too! COUNTRY STORE- Pre-Loved items, Lapidary Journal, Jewelry, Gem Magazines, videos, books, kitchen ware, glass ware, knick-knacks, etc. Goodies at good prices. ; contact Mary Beth Pio, 20652 Lassen St, Space 27, Chatsworth, CA 91311; e-mail: show@rockchippers.org ; Web site: www.rockchippers.org

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7-8-RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds; 520 South Richmond Rd; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-5 pm; Admission is Free!; There will be a field trip to the famous Rainbow Ledge agate mining claim on Sunday at 9am. The group will caravan from the fairgrounds to the collecting area. High-clearance vehicles are required, however, limited seating will be available for those without high-clearance vehicles. Be sure to bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes, sun screen, digging tools and buckets for collected material. ; contact John DeRosa, P.O. Box 1481, Ridgecrest, CA 93556, (760) 375-7905; e-mail: jfrocks@dslextrême.com

7-8-OXNARD, CALIFORNIA: 45th Annual show, themed "Pyrite"; Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center; 800 Hobson Way; Oxnard. Free Admission, parking & hourly door prizes. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Approx 70 displays; Na'l Park Service Paleontologist Junior Ranch Program (Ages 5-12); School age activities; Scout & school teacher resources; select group of dealers with gems, minerals, fossils, beads, findings, Idaho opals, silver craft, finished jewelry, tools, lapidary supplies & books; live demos of lapidary techniques, glass-bead making, wire wrapping & rock polishing. Silent auction. Jo Martinez, (805)447-4153, email: ogmspublicity@gmail.com website: http://www.oxnardgem.com/html/gem_show.html;

7-8-ANAHEIM , CALIFORNIA: Annual show; American Opal Society , The Phoenix Club/Anaheim Event Center; 1340 S. Sanderson Ave ; Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm , Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm ; Adults/ Seniors/Students \$3.00, Children under 15 FREE!; Seminars & demos , Kids' Activity Area, Huge Drawing , Lots of Dealers from Australia & US ; contact Veronica Purpura, PO Box 4875, Garden Grove , CA 92842-4875, (714) 501-9959; e-mail: angeldragonflight@yahoo.com; Web site: info@opalsociety.org/ <http://opalsociety.org>

7-8-SAN DIEGO, CA Annual show; San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Al Bar Shrine Center; 5440 Kerney Mesa Blvd; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun.10-4, Free Admission, Dealers, Gemstones, Minerals, Beads, Jewelry Demonstrations- Wire Wrapping, Faceting, Lost Wax Casting, Silver Chain Making, Intarsia, Sphere Making; info about upcoming free or low cost Field Trips, see display cases of mineral specimens, members' lapidary & jewelry work . Free Gemstone Identification, more. The Junior Booth

& Club Booths feature "bargain basement" prices on books, rocks, equipment & slabs.; contact Bob Hancock, (619) 889-6886

21-22-APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA: Annual show, "ROCKS OF THE WEST"; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Victor Valley Museum; 11873 Apple Valley Rd X Bear Valley Rd.; Free parking, free admission . Ugly rock contest. grab bags, display cases. Vendors. Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3; Contact Cyndy Mandell, 14625 Cashew St., Hesperia, CA 92345, (760) 508-1080; e-mail: cynmandell@me.com; Web site: vvgmc.org; Ed Skidmore, Victorville, CA 92395, (760) 243-2330; e-mail: vp-shws@vvgmc.org;

Be sure to verify all dates!

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