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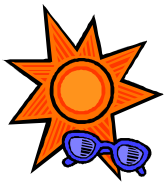


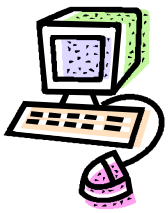
General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley



August Program

"Using Internet Resources to Locate Minerals and Mines."

Presented by:

Dan Chaplin

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society holds two meetings every month with certain exceptions. The membership is informed of exceptions during meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting:
First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Building
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

Tues., August 4

General Membership Meeting:
First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
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Membership Dues: Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are $20.00 for singles and $25.00 for families. For more information or an application, contact Membership Chairman Jeanne Boone at (530) 268-8857. *Deduct $5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email*

NCG&MS is a non-profit organization that has these objectives:

- to promote the study of mineralogy, geology and fossils.
- to encourage the collection of minerals and gems.
- to foster the study and practice of the lapidary arts.
- to provide field trips to mineral localities.
- to promote good fellowship, education and recreation.

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President's Message
by Vicki Black

What a great picnic! The weather was fairly cool and the food was plentiful .The turnout was small but the thirty of us that were there had a good time.

It was so good to see Diane Riley. She is recouping slowly but is able to move some of her fingers and lift her arm a little bit. We all hope she keeps making progress on getting full use back of that arm.

Thanks Anita for making the arrangements for the beautiful picnic site.

August Program
by Dan Chaplin

The meeting topic will be "Using Internet Resources to Locate Minerals and Mines". In this presentation, I will reveal my approach to finding mineral resources relying on www.mindat.org, which is an internet mineral database. This is a very powerful internet tool which can be used to identify minerals and their occurrences, and mines and the minerals that are located there. With the GPS coordinates it provides, mapping tools and GPS receivers can then be used to find these resources in the field. No guarantees that these mines are open or accessible, but at least you know where they are.

August Calendar

August 4	Board Meeting 6:00 pm
August 4	General Meeting 7:00 pm
August 15	Co-op Meeting , Cameron Park
August 20	Newsletter Items Due

August Birthstone: Peridot
Flower: gladiola & poppy

August Birthday's

Aug 05 -- Cindy Dvoracek
Aug 06 – Raquel Musa
Aug 06 – Mary Fredlund
Aug 08 – Kim Moore
Aug 24 – Charles Lindquist
Aug 26 – Leslie Van Why
Aug 30 – Tony Rully
Aug 31 – Jan Longacre

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Presents

Earth's Treasures 2009

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10 & 11
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

42 Annual Show
Exhibits of Rocks, Minerals, Carved and Faceted Stones and More

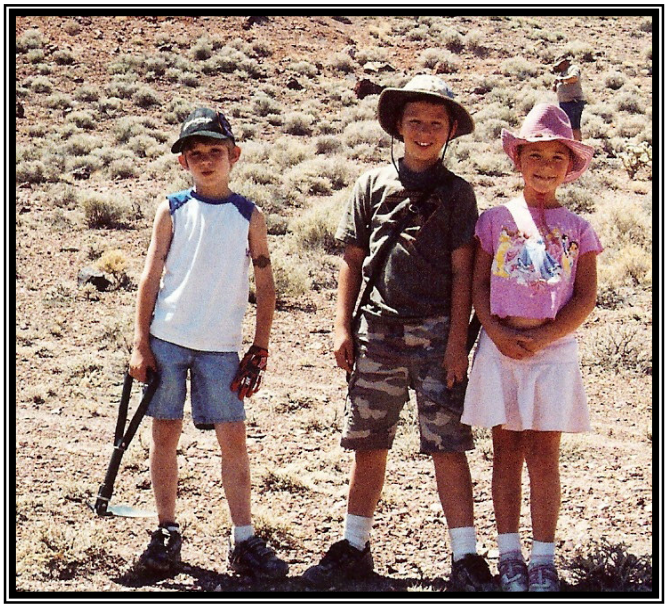
Special Fossil Exhibits

Mineral Identification
Half Hour Prizes
Mineral & Fossil Sales
Lapidary Equipment Sales

Children's Games
Silent Auctions
Jewelry Sales
Demonstrations

Raffles and door prizes
Admission $2.00 **Children Free**

Plenty of Free Parking
The Nevada County Fairgrounds - Main Exhibit Hall
11228 McCourtney Road . Grass Valley
Show Chairman: Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Dealer Chairman: Joyce Emerson (503) 559-2595



Nevada County Junior Rock Hounds

Our Junior Rock Hound program is off to a great start this year. The picture includes three of our Junior Rock Hounds of Nevada County. This was taken in the Monte Cristo Area of Nevada. They were hunting for green, blue and bullseye Rhyolite. Also, we collected Apache Tears and Petrified Wood. In the picture is Sam Wren, Jared Van Why and Jayden Van Why (from left to right).

Article & Photo by: Jennifer Wren

Rhyolite photo: http://en.wikipedia.org/

AFMS/NFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
JULY 30, 31 AUGUST 1,2 2009
30,000 SQ FEET OF GEMS, JEWELRY, FOSSILS, & MINERALS
SEE THE MOON ROCK FROM NASA
DINOSAURS * YOGO SAPPHIRES * CAVE BEAR
WHERE: HOLIDAY INN TRADE CENTER
5500 MIDLAND ROAD
BILLINGS, MONTANA
HOURS: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY - 10AM-6PM
SUNDAY - 10AM-5PM
Tickets: $5.00 Ea.
2 Day Pass $8.00
4 Day Pass $15.00
Children under 12 free with adult
Shop @ more than 35 Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Lapidary Dealers
Demonstrations, Educational Displays
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A full week of Field Trips after the show
For more information: email Doug True @ dtruefossils@yahoo.com Call (406) 670-0506
WWW. AMFED.ORG and Click on AFMS/NFMS Convention & Show

TREASURE TROVE OF GEMS
GEM, JEWELRY & MINERAL SHOW
August 22 - 23, 2009
SAT 10 AM - 6 PM SUN 10 AM - 5 PM
Over 20 World Class Dealers and Exhibitors
FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
Kids Activities - Gold Panning
Demonstrations - Displays
Earth Science Presentations
ORANGEVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
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Drawing 4:00 PM, Sunday
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www.TreasureTroveOfGems.com
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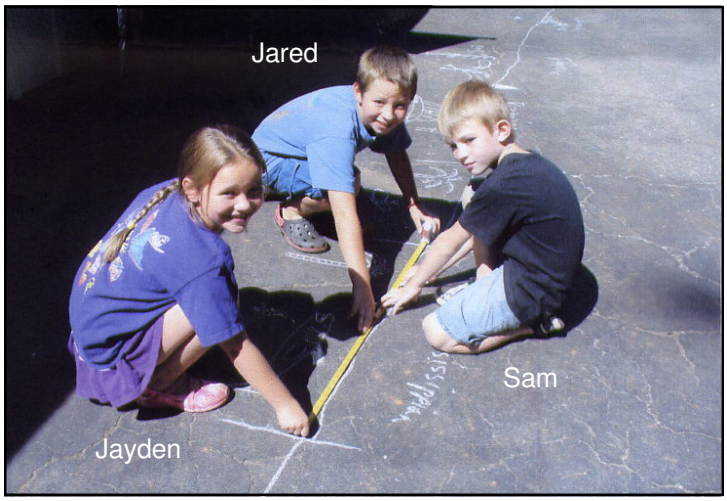
Fossil Badges
by Jared Van Why*

Today we worked on getting our fossil badges. Jayden, Sam and me made some fossil casts. We used plaster of paris . We left them to dry and then we looked at some fossils in my Grandma's garden. She told us about how living things become fossils.. Then we went out on the driveway and made a time line with chalk. It started in the Cambrian and ended in the time humans started. We measured 1 inch per 1 million years. It was 45 feet long. We drew animals and plants for the different periods of time. Now our fossils casts were dry so we painted them. We all had a different fossil to paint. We learned about collections and the best way to keep records on your collections. I already have a collection of fossils started because I have been on several fieldtrips. Me, Jayden and Sam completed 4 of the things we needed to do so we will get our Fossil Badge. I had a terrific time with my grandma.

*Jared is Vicki Black's grandson. Thank you very much for the great article, Jared and the pictures, Vicki.



AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION
What's Happening with ALAA
by Richard Pankey President, ALAA

The Omnibus Public Lands Bill passed the House and the Senate, was signed by the President, and is now the law. However, the exact effect on the public, on rockhounds, on our rights to access our Public Lands is still not known. And it will not be determined until each BLM District office, each Forest Service District office, and each of other affected governmental agencies interprets these laws, and incorporates them into their specific Management Plans. This is where we can still have a say. This is where we can still have a voice and have affect on the implementation. How? By becoming involved in the process. By talking with the managers of our Public Lands; by participating in meetings called for public input; by providing our ideas and wishes with letters, e-mails and telephone calls. By being involved in the process.

How do we, how do YOU get started? All of us live less than 100 miles from a BLM, FS or other agency office. Better yet go to the office that manages the land where your favorite collecting site is. The first step is to get acquainted with the office and the personnel. Get signed up to receive notices of public meetings and/or get on their general mailing list. Next, get involved: attend meetings, learn how that office implements current laws and how they propose to implement the Omnibus Laws, provide comments, and get others involved with your efforts. More on this topic in future articles.

Source: CFMS Aug. 2009 Newsletter
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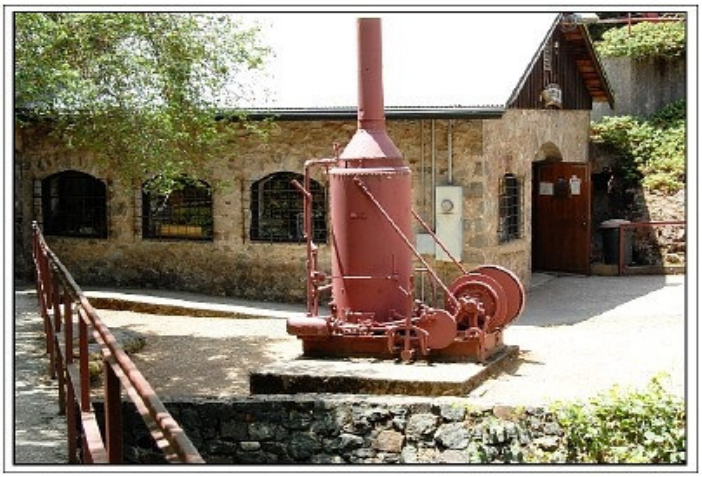

Photos by Bill Budd

Rockclub Picnic
Northstar Mine Powerhouse Museum
July 11, 2009

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WELCOME TO
GLENN JONES PARK
PICNIC
MINING MUSEUM
DEDICATED AUG 25 1993

CO-OP MEMBER & OTHER FIELD TRIPS FOR 2009

Contact your club's field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed.)

- All non-CFMS members must have proof of personal liability insurance (renters or homeowners policy). These trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock-hounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site

July30 – Aug. 2	AFMS/NFMS Show & Convention in Billings, Montana. During the week following the show, field trips in Montana. Contact: Doug True
Sept. 19 or 26	Hanksville, UT for petrified wood, fossils and agate. Fossils for Fun, Keith Lindholm, by phone or email
Oct. 3	Empire Mine Tour. Sun City Lincoln Hills G & M Club, Ron Clawson, by phone or email
Oct. 10 - 12	Fernley, NV for agate, jasper-agate, opalite, rhyolite, calcite, Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Club, Gerry Hill
Nov. TG week	Southern CA – annual Thanksgiving week trips. Mother Lode Mineral Club, Al Troglin by phone or email

Sources: Florence Brady, Co-op Field Chairman & CFMS website:
Website: www.cfmsinc.org/

Fossils For Fun Society Invites You To

The 9th Annual Tailgate Gemboree

September 12 & 13, 2009

Saturday and Sunday

9 to 5

Join us at the Kennedy Mine in Jackson for

-Free Admission ($2 parking)

-Fossil and Rock Exhibits & Dealers

-Teacher Specials on Fossils

-Saturday Evening Potluck and Live Auction

-Kennedy Mine Tours Available

Sierra REI Outdoor School - GPS Basics (Class)

Join an REI Outdoor School instructor as they lead you through the basics of GPS navigation. Learn how to use your pocket-sized navigator to pinpoint your location, mark waypoints, plot courses, and create routes. Learn about using online maps and transferring route and waypoint information to the GPS. As the Instructor reviews the features to consider when choosing a receiver, they will introduce you to some of the fun and practical applications of using a GPS unit in your outdoor activities. At the end of the session, you will get hands-on experience outdoors with a GPS. If you own a GPS unit, please bring it to the class. Some demo GPS units will also be available.

* Advance class sign-up is required. Call or visit any Sierra area REI to sign up.

- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Cost: Member: $20, Non-Member: $40

Meet at the location or REI store listed below. Directions to locations other than REI stores can be found by clicking on the link below:

- July 29th Roseville REI
- August 5th Folsom REI
- August 18th Sacramento REI
- August 27th Fresno REI
- September 10th Stockton REI
- September 15th Sacramento REI

WHAT TO BRING: Your GPS, however, GPS units will be available for participants to use.

Source: email forwarded by Florence Brady Co-op Field Chair

2009 CFMS SHOWS

August 7-9 2009, Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
St Joseph's Church
298 S. Thompson Ave.
Hours: 9-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-388
Email: Rocks4u@prodigy.net
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 14, 15 & 16 2009, Tehachapi, CA
Techachapi Gem & Mineral Society
St Malachy Catholic Church
407 West E. Street
Hours: Fri. &: Sat. 8-7:30; Sun. 8-5:30
Chuck Overall (661) 821-4650
Email: Luckydog5433@aol.com

August 22-23 2009, Orangevale, CA
Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Ave.
Hours: Fri. &: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Website: www.treasuretroveofgems.com

September 4-7 2009, Fort Bragg, CA
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Cr. of Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri. to Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-4
Don McDonell / (707) 964-3116

September 12-13 2009, Vista, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Sante Fe Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8464
Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073
Lois Harr (560) 724-0395

September 19-20 2009, Redwood City, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities Bldg.
1400 Roosevelt Ave.
Hours: 10-5 daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
Email: coorden@comcast.net
Website: www.sgms.driftmine.com/home.htm

Source: CFMS Website: www.cfmsinc.org/

September 19-20 2009, Paso Robles, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Ave.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Richard Smith (805) 467-2966
E-mail:jonme2@wildblue.net

September 19-20 2009, Stockton, CA
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
(209) 946-0113
E-mail:footsey1@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 26-27 2009, Carmel, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgounds
Hours: Sat.10 - 6; Sun. 10-5
Website: www.cvgms.org

September 26-27 2009, Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Women's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat.10 - 6; Sun. 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
E-mail: nancyjbird@verison.net

September 26-27 2009, Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Sky Paxton (831) 262-2492
E-mail: sky@familystones.net
Janis Rovetti (831) 657-1933
E-mail: Janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org