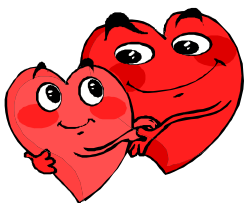




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February 2009



General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

7:00 p.m.

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February's Program:

"My Favorite Rock"





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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

Meeting, Tues. Feb. 3
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

"Thank You" to Dan Chapman for stepping up and taking on the Vice President job. We are trying something new this year so he will need your help. Please, if you volunteered to plan a program for a certain month, don't let Dan down. This is going to take cooperation from all.

Gary and I are still in Arizona enjoying the birds, rocks and weather. We will be back for the March meeting.

See you then.

February's Program

"Thank You" to Terry Bartels for coordinating the program for our February meeting. The following information is Terry's write up about the program:

February's program will be "My Favorite Rock", featuring Club members who will "show & tell" about a favorite "rock" in their collection. The "rock" might be a rock, mineral, gemstone or fossil; it can be a natural specimen or be made into something (e.g. a cabochon, a faceted gemstone, a carving, whatever). Everyone is invited to participate, so bring in that special "rock" and tell us what it is, where and/or how you got it and why it's one of your most favorite things!



February, 2009 Calendar

February 2	Ground Hog Day
February 3	NCG&MS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
February 3	NCG&MS General Meeting 7:00 pm
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 16	President's Day
February 20	Newsletter Items Due
February 22	Washington's Birthday
February 25	Ash Wednesday



Feb 05 – Diane Riley
Feb 06 – James Logan
Feb 09 – Ida Waterhouse
Feb 10 – Melba Sagaser
Feb 18 – Bob Emerson
Feb 25 – Tip Ruth



Sunshine Update

Ida Waterhouse had surgery and is in the process of selling her house and moving to live in Michigan with her sister. We will miss seeing her at our meetings. Keep in touch, Ida.

Good news! Duane DeWitt is recovering from his stroke very well. Tony Kampitch visits with Duane often and reports that Duane is home now, walking, talking and gaining strength. Keep up the good work, Duane. We hope to see you soon.

I'm sorry to report that long time member and past President, Diane Riley, had a stroke and is paralyzed on her left side. I talked to her on Monday, January 26, and found out that Diane was still in Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley but is waiting to be transferred to a facility in Roseville for rehabilitation that may take several months to complete. We wish her all the best and want Diane to know we are thinking about her. I hope to have more information for you by the February meeting.

2009 Membership Due



Reminder: If your dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from the club roster and mailing list..



2009 Member Dues are due by January 1st, and must be paid no later than March 1st to remain a member in good standing and be listed in the 2009 Membership Roster.

- ⇒ Individual membership is \$20.00 per year
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Thanks Dan!

A big "THANK YOU" to Dan Chaplin for two things. First, for stepping into the Vice President position and coordinating our programs for each month and secondly, for an interesting program in January on "Florescent Minerals".

Dan built has built his own florescent light that he uses on collecting trips to shine on rocks and minerals. The light uses both short and long wave lengths to change the rocks and minerals from what looks like a somewhat ordinary looking specimen, to reflecting magnificent colors including red, pink, deep blue, green and lavender when under the lights. The same rocks can change colors depending on the wave length used when the florescent light beams on them. We were able to see many of the wonderful specimens in his collection and view the beautiful changes that take place under his lights.

Dan collects most of his florescent rocks at night using his various lights and gave us some tips on using the lights safely. The lights can burn your eyes and even give you a sunburn if not used with the correct eye protection and clothing.

Dan also is adding to his collection through purchases made on e-bay and attending shows. He said that some of the best florescent rocks come from Greenland but many can also be found more locally at sites such as Franklin, Nevada.





Three Rings by Rudy Thompson



Three rings and we are not referring to a circus, although it seemed like that at times. With Christmas approaching and a granddaughter wanting a new ring and two great granddaughters hoping for rings, it was time to get busy. For granddaughter Krista, there was a Holley Blue agate ready for setting in a ring. This ring would not be made using my usual lost wax method, but rather by making use of silver sheet, wire and bezel work which involves silver soldering. Normally this would be done at my garage work station but it's cold out there. I have converted a former guest bedroom into a place for use as a combination office, lapidary, wax and jewelry workplace---a sort of all purpose indoor workshop but with no provision for torch usage as in silver soldering. So to keep from setting the place on fire, a safe work spot had to be "jury rigged". Also, the torch I planned to use was a new acquisition. The end result of all this is that I upgraded the work facility, learned a few things and Krista was happy to receive a new ring for Christmas.

Two Rhodochrosite stones were waiting to be set in rings for Hailee and Courtney, my twin great granddaughters. The lost wax process would be used for these. With the wax work done and invested and the wax burnout started in my electric furnace, all is going according to plan. However, there is something called Murphy's Law which says that if anything can go wrong it probably will. From time to time the furnace was checked and then suddenly it was discovered that Murphy's Law had kicked in---the furnace was getting cold. An element or something had burned out. Not yet hot enough for casting, it was decided to put the investment flasks on a kitchen range burner with a clay flower pot over them to contain the heat and let the element turned on high get red hot to finish the burnout. This worked after a fashion and the rings were cast. It only took a couple of hours to get the stainless range top around that burner looking presentable again.

I had obtained some casting silver plus several other unidentified metals from fellow Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society member, Cliff Swenson. One of the unidentified metals was in the form of pellets for casting and looked like gold. It wasn't gold but was of some unknown alloy that had the appearance of gold and this was the metal that I had decided to use for the rings I was casting. Likely because of the wax burnout problem, the casting came out with heavy oxidation on which Sparex pickle had no effect. Final cleaning and finishing was a little more difficult than usual but the end result I thought was quite good.


This is the first writing I have done on the new computer setup that my son Gary has recently provided for me, so all this has been a real learning experience! There is a bit of nostalgia felt when activating this computer. What first shows up on the computer screen is a picture of me helping my two great granddaughters, Hailee and Courtney, look for beach agates in a small stream flowing across the sand on a beach near Newport, Oregon. Many years ago as a child living in this vicinity, I enjoyed looking for agates on these same beaches.

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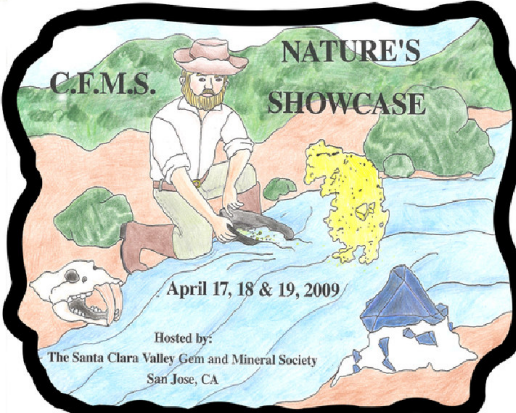
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NOTES from John

By John Martin, AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee

Southern Inyo Wilderness Proposals

The following is reprinted from Newsbytes, Issue 363, BLM California: Wilderness Hearing Brings Out the Boos for New Proposal (Inyo Register, 12/20/08) "Forty people from Bishop to Keeler, and even Southern California and Utah, signed up Tuesday evening to weigh in on five new wilderness designations proposed for Southern Inyo...No one came forward at the extended Board of Supervisors session in Lone Pine to voice support for the wilderness proposals...Discussion was in reference to a proposal from the California Wilderness Coalition to Senator Dianne Feinstein to add five new wilderness designations to areas of Southern Inyo Co....Most speakers expressed concerns about the struggling mining industry, and how the wilderness proposals, if passed into law, could drive the industry out of the county." Some proposals involve lands managed by BLM. www.inyoregister.com/content/view/120553/1/.

Off-Highway Vehicle Travel & BLM Lands in Riverside County

If collecting in Riverside Co., don't drive cross-country or drive on private property. There are no BLM-designated open OHV areas in the county where riding off existing routes is permitted. Agencies within Riverside Co. are working toward identifying an open OHV area. Meanwhile, info on BLM OHV areas in California is available on the BLM-California website. No recreational OHV opportunities are in Coachella Valley given that nearly all BLM lands in the valley are small and scattered parcels lacking legal access. Also, OHV riders easily enter adjacent private lands where riding is not legal. "Billboards over Coachella Valley freeways...will serve as reminders that off-road riding in the open desert is against the law...Desert bighorn sheep, migratory birds, fringe-toed lizards and milk vetch are some critical animal and plant species being affected by riders who trespass on public protected land. Trespassing and public safety also are concerns...BLM technically has about 70 miles of dirt roads sprinkled across the Coachella Valley...But the trails are not conducive to traditional off-road riders who trailer their vehicles, bring the whole family, set up a camp for day and grill outside." (Reprinted from: Newsbytes, Issue 362 - BLM California) For More Information see the link below:

www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/ohv_riding_opportunity.html

Rockhounding in Red Rock Canyon

In younger days, I spent many a weekend at Red Rock Canyon for primitive camping and rock collecting, with study of the Ricardo Formation for which the canyon is famous. There is volcanic ash; copper minerals; fossils (petrified wood, camel, 3-toed horse, etc.). Opal Canyon has opal in a hard volcanic matrix from which I have yet to extract opal without breaking it. Last Chance Canyon Road passes remains of the Dutch Cleanser Mine.

Red Rock Canyon is now a 27,000-acre state park with Hwy 14 running the western edge. Inside park boundaries, no collecting is allowed. On private property in the park, collecting is allowed with written permission from legal owners (on file at the park office). If collecting is done in park boundaries and you receive a visit from Park Rangers, they will confiscate rocks and you'll be lucky if you do not receive a ticket or worse. (See the CFMS website under fieldtrips.) Opal Canyon is now part of the park; that area is closed to collecting. The park seems to expand year after year.

It's been 25 years since a general management plan was established for the original 9,000-acre park. Now California Parks Service is required to revise the General Management Plan. The new general plan will provide direction for the entire 27,000 acres for the next 20-30 years, and public input is being solicited.

Several groups wish to ban vehicular travel inside park boundaries. There are a lot of dirt roads that make a visit to the park an enjoyable adventure with many geological sights to see. Write to park management to convey your feelings. More can be found on Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Revision web-site: www/park.ca.gov/?page_id=25064. Email or mail comments to RedRock@edaw.com or Russ Dingman California State Parks Tehachapi District, 43779 15th St., W. Lancaster, CA 93534-4754.

Source: CFMS Feb. 2009 newsletter Website: www.cfmsinc.org/

President's Message
By C. J. Quitoriano, CFMS President

Happy New Year! Everybody have a good laugh at my picture last month? Jim and Bud are now on the short list, and I'm hoping Jim has a better pic this month, please? As you could see by the picture, we had a great time at the Clay Mine Road Thanksgiving field trip! This was our first year to spend Thanksgiving on a field trip, and we had a blast! If the kids decide to spend T-day with the other side of the family again, I think we'll do it again. Marion deep-fried two giant turkeys, and everyone chipped in with all the fixin's. The food was terrific and so was the company! We went hounding for petrified wood and travertine. Some people found pieces of wood and lots found large chunks of travertine. I found some wood, but it wasn't petrified, sigh.



I hope everybody is taking advantage of the great field trips Dave, Shep, and Adam are putting together. Should be a great year! Ray and I hope to make a few this year although what we would do with more rocks is beyond me! But we truly enjoyed being with our fellow rockhounds and just hanging out with good friends. The happy hours are pretty good, too!

By the time this comes out, Quartzsite should be well underway; hopefully, everyone will make the trip? If you've never gone, you're missing out. Everyone should try to make it as they have everything imaginable for our hobby. So if you're in need of materials or tools or equipment, Quartzsite is the place to go! Don't forget, they also have the Ye Old Timers auction. I've heard that it can get pretty crazy, and Ray and I are planning to make it this year. Maybe we'll see you there!

That's all for now. Please be safe and have fun!

C. J.

Source: CFMS Feb. 2009 newsletter Website: www.cfmsinc.org/

Earth Science Studies
Camp Paradise at Zzyzx
By Marion F. Roberts



I am writing this on Dec. 26, 2008, so already there could be changes. At this time we have over 40 paid for Camp Paradise, so I suggest those interested in attending act soon! The dates are May 17-23. Also in this newsletter, I am inserting the application for Zzyzx, which will be November 15-23.

Please check the applications carefully to be sure you have the correct one as they go to different people and different addresses. Camp Paradise applications go to Anna Christiansen, whereas Zzyzx applications go to Audrey Harvey. In an attempt to minimize confusion, we've made the applications distinctively different for each camp.

One note on Zzyzx. It always proves to be extremely popular and over-booked. To give everyone an equal chance at getting in, applications are not accepted until March 2, and then on a first-come, first-served basis.

Calls about the camps are coming to me on a regular basis, and I welcome these inquiries and interest in the camps. Please keep them coming!

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2008 CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PHOTOS

PHOTOGRAPHER - JON NORTH



**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009**

Meeting called to order by President Vicki Black at 6:00pm

Members present: Terry Bartels, Vicki and Gary Black, Jeanne and Alan Boone, Dan Chaplin, Julie-Anne Lay, Charles Lindquist, Jonathon North, Kim Moore and Cliff Swenson.

Minutes of December Board Meeting: No Board Meeting in December. No minutes to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Lindquist handed over club accounts to new Treasurer Alan Boone at tonight's meeting. Account balances for the Savings account, Checking account and our CD were announced. The rent is paid through March 2009. A more detailed report will be presented at next Board Meeting.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the NC Fairgrounds returning the deposit and thanking the Show Chairman, Kim Moore, for ensuring the building was thoroughly cleaned after the show. Fliers for the Gem Faire in Roseville (January 23-25th) were received and placed on table to share with the Club Members.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Membership fees are due. The Board discussed what the cut off date should be for membership renewal before members' name should be removed from roster. It was decided that the date of the March Meeting should be the cut off date (March 3, 2009) and a reminder would be indicated on the March Bulletin for those members who had not paid. If payment was not received by this date, the members name would be removed from the membership roster and they would not get any further mailing of the bulletin.

Field Trips: Terry Bartels reported that the 1st Co-Op field trip is on February 7 to Chinese Camp for magnesite and common opal. On March 21 there is a seminar on "What rockhounds need to know about claims" in Pittsburg, CA. Our club Co-Op trip will be to the Monte Cristo Mountains over Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25. Also, May 20-25 is the AFMS Inter-Regional Trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek for obsidian. In January/ February there are many different events occurring in Quartzite, Arizona.

Federation: Jonathon North mailed the 2009 club officer rosters to the AFMS and CFMS. Camp Paradise (May 17-23) applications should be turned soon. Applications available of the CFMS website.

Historian: No Report. President will contact Pat Breedlove to see if she wants to continue as Club Historian.

Librarian: Juana Juvenal has stepped down as Librarian. Position is open

Show Chairman: Craft Fair wanted to exchange dates with the NCGMS Show. This would not have been beneficial for the club as we'd lose vendors to other shows on that weekend. Chairman declined the request to change. The 2009 show dates are locked in and the show is in the planning stage. Due to the financial crisis in the local schools, leading to less money for fieldtrips, the Board decided to keep the show at 2 days for now and not add Friday as a student day.

Program: Tonight's program will be presented by Dan Chaplin on "Fluorescent Minerals".

Old Business: The Board approved renewing Chamber of Commerce membership (and payment of \$100) and also to renew the listing of the club in the Chamber of Commerce publication (at no cost).

New Business: Vice President Position on the Board is vacant. Dan Chaplin proposed to the Board that he would fill the Vice President position if he had commitment from others club members to help find program presenters. He said he would be responsible for three programs and needed members to volunteer to find presenters for the other seven meetings with programs (excluding July and December). This arrangement was acceptable to the Board and Vicki Black, Terry Bartels, Jonathon North & Julie-Anne Lay each volunteered to take a month.

Jonathon North is entering the club website into the CFMS contest.

Jeanne Boone is entering the "Rock Writings" and the article by Rudy Thompson to the CFMS and AFMS competitions.

Meeting adjourned at 6.45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie-Anne Lay
Secretary, NCG&MS

**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009**

Meeting was called to order: 7:00 pm by President, Vicki Black.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 32 members and 0 guests

Sunshine: Mary Tucker: Ida Waterhouse is in the process of moving to Michigan to live with her sister after her spinal surgery. Duane DeWitt is still in Sutter Memorial undergoing rehabilitation. Julie North had shoulder surgery.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to all January birthdays. Remember to put a penny for each year in the scholarship jar and to bring treats to share on your birthday month.

Program: A presentation by Dan Chaplin on "Florescent Minerals".

Raffle: Raffle raised \$40. Big thanks to those who brought items and to Frank Rohleder.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Membership fees are due. Membership renewal needs to be received by March meeting for members to stay on club roster and to continue receiving the bulletin. Members asked to inform Jeanne Boone of any changes in contact information so that she can keep the roster up to date. Welcome new members Raquel, Richard and Lisa Musa.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the NC Fairgrounds returning the deposit and thanking the Show Chairman, Kim Moore, for ensuring the building was thoroughly cleaned after the show. The Gem Faire in Roseville (Jan 23-25) sent fliers for the show which were placed on the table. The club renewed membership in the Chamber of Commerce and renewed the listing in the Chamber's publication.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer will give a detailed report next month.

Federation: Jonathon North reminded members that applications for Camp Paradise (May 17-23) are available online at the CFMS website)

Field Trips: Terry Bartels reported that the first field trip in on February 7, to Chinese Camp for magnesite and common opal. The NCGMS field trip will be to the Monte Cristo Mountains on May 23-25. Also on Memorial Day weekend is an AFMS inter-regional trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek for obsidian. Vicki reminded members to check the table at the front for all the trip and show fliers. Dan Chaplin suggested a field trip to the Mineral Museum at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Librarian: No report. Juana Juvenal has stepped down. Anyone interest in this position contact Vicki Black.

Historian: Anyone interested in being club historian contact Vicki Black.

Show: Dates locked for 2009. The Craft Fair wanted to exchange dates which would not be good for our show so Kim Moore, the show chairman, declined. Reminder to members that's it's not too early to start tumbling rocks for the kids' corner and remember to collect extra rocks for the silent auction.

Picnic: North Star Mine. Anita Wald-Tuttle planning.

New Business: Dan Chaplin offered to fill the vacant Vice President position on the Board if he had commitment from other members to help find presenters for 7 meetings and he would commit to 3 meetings (no presentations in July or December). The following members agreed to find program presenters: Terry Bartels (February & April), Dan Chaplin (March & May), Julie-Anne Lay (June), Jonathon North (October) & Vicki Black (November). Jonathon North suggested an auction for the April meeting and a "Show and Tell" for the September meeting. Contact Dan to coordinate any changes in this schedule and Dan will contact the program provider during the prior month to confirm presentation is planned. A big thanks to Dan for filling the Vice President position.

Cliff Swenson asked if the club could update the list of each member's specialty/ area of interest. This would be a helpful resource for new members.

Frank asked for a volunteer to run the February raffle in his absence and asked for more rock donations for the raffle table. Alex Lay will help with the raffle next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8.45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie-Anne Lay
Secretary, NCG&MS

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 rockhounding.
- 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.



Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site

Feb. 7	Chinese Camp (Jamestown area) - for magnesite and common reddish opal Calaveras Co. G & M Club, Bob Young.
April 4	Calistoga, CA tour petrified wood forest. Fossils for Fun, Debbie Bunn
April 4-12	Topaz Mt. and Dugway for topaz, red beryl and geodes. Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Club, Jim Hutchings
April 10, 11, 12 Easter weekend	Black Butte Reservoir for various jaspers. Mother Lode Mineral Club, Al Troglin
April 17-19	CFMS Show in San Jose – Santa Clara G & M Club
May 23-25 Memorial weekend	Monte Cristo Mts., NV for rhyolite, agate, apache tears and petrified wood. Nevada Co. G & M Club, Vicki Black
May 23-25 Memorial weekend	Davis Creek, Lassen Creek & Adin, CA for obsidian and dolomite. Sutter Buttes G & M Club, Gerry Hill
May 20-25 Memorial weekend	Davis Creek/Lassen Creek for obsidian AFMS Inter-Regional, Dick Pankey
June 6	Virgin Valley for opals, opalized petrified wood. El Dorado Co. M & G Club, Fred Ott
June 13/27 rain date	Babcock Peak for rose quartz & tour of Taylorsville Museum Paradise G & M Club, Mike Eggleston (Alternate date, June 27)
July 4, 5	Buffalo Canyon (Middlegate, NV) for fossils. Fossils for Fun, Hugh Brady
Sept. 5, 6, 7 Labor Day Weekend	To Be Announced. Fossils for Fun, Keith Lindholm
Sept. 19 or 26	Hanksville, UT for petrified wood, fossils and agate. Fossils for Fun, Keith Lindholm
October 3	Empire Mine Tour. Sun City Lincoln Hills G & M Club, Ron Clawson
Nov. TG week	Southern CA – annual Thanksgiving week trips. Mother Lode Mineral Club, Al Troglin

Florence Brady
Co-op Field Trip Chairman

From the Editor: As of press time, a more detailed description of the Field Trips for 2009 wasn't available. I will publish more information such as phone numbers or email address for each contact as soon as it becomes available.

2009 CFMS SHOWS

February 13-22, 2009, Indio, CA

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Hours: 10 am - 10 pm

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February 27 - 28, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club

United Methodist Church

9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior Street)

Hours: Fri. 3p.m. - 9:30p.m.- Sat. 10-5

Julie Marin (818) 886-7190

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Website: <http://www.mgscv.org>

March 7 - 8 2009, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rock Hounds, Inc.

LA Co. Arboretum & Botanical Garden

301 North Baldwin Ave. (1 block South of I-210, Foothill Freeway)

Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days

E-mail: joannaritchey@gmail.com

Website: www.moroks.com

March 7 - 8 2009, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

47th Annual Gem, Mineral, Lapidary & Fossil Show
Seaside Park

Ventura County Fairgrounds

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4

Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 13, 14, 15 2009, Stoddard Wells, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

33rd Annual Tailgate

Held off Stoddard Wells Road in Apple Valley

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Tailgate Map (Google): N34.670650 W117.108983
(760) 243-2330

Website: www.vvgms.org

March 14-15 2009, San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

San Marino Masonic Center

3130 Hunting Drive, San Marino

Hours: Sat. 10 - 6, Sun 10-5

Drew Wilson (626) 298-1534

Email: todrew@sbcglobal.net

March 14-15 2009, Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 N. Broadway, Turlock

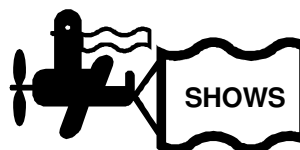
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6, Sun 10-5

Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494

Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com

Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

Show Website: www.turlockgemshow.com



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