

ROCK WRITINGS

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President's Message by Jan Longacre

Hi all , Well today wouldn't be a good day for outside and rock hunting. I'm so sorry we lost another member Alan Boone. Our condolences to Jeanne. Hope everyone who got to go to Quartzite had a great time and good weather. See you all at the meeting.



Jan

I'm A New Member

I see you at the meetings
but you never say "Hello"
You're busy all the time you're there,
With those you already know.
I sit amongst the people; Yet I'm a lonesome guy;
The "New Members" are as strange as I,
and the "Old Timers" pass me by.
But darn it, you people asked me in,
And you talked of fellowship;
You could just step across the room,
But you never make the trip.
Why can't you nod and say "Hello"
Or stop to shake my hand,
Then go sit among your friends?
Now that I'd understand.
I'll be at the next meeting,
Perhaps a nice evening to spend;
Do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your Friend.

*From Canaveral Moonstone
via Cobb-L-Stones, 9/94*

**Deadline for the March 2010
Newsletter is February 16, 2010**

February Program

Have you been to Quartzsite lately or ever? After you see the DVD we will be presenting at the next General Membership Meeting, you just might want to head on down that way next year.

The title is "The Greatest DVD on...Quartzsite" and it is divided into three parts. You will see why a million RVers head for Quartzsite every year. They don't just go for the rock and jewelry sales, the Arizona desert is also an interesting place to explore and fieldtrips you can attend, and much more. Well, you will get the idea once you see the program.



In January, everyone wondered when Federation Director, Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Jon North would finish and sit down! Well, he had a lot to say.

Photo by Rudy Thompson

Last Month's Program

We had a very informative lecture and slide show on "Yuba Blue" presented by Ralph Mullican. Yuba Blue is a metamorphosed basalt that comes in colors ranging from almost black, dark blue, dark green and red. It is great for carving and polishing. Mostly it is used for large pieces of work and landscaping. Mr. Mullican's business, Smartville Rock, is located in... you guessed it, Smartville.

February Calendar of Events

- February 2 Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- February 2 General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.
- February 14 Valentines Day
- February 15 Presidents Day
- February 16 Newsletter Items Due



February Birthdays

05 – Diane Riley
 10 – Melba Sagaser
 18 – Bob Emerson
 25 – Tip Ruth

February's Birthstone is Amethyst

Amethyst is a member of the quartz family. It is identified by its purple color, that ranges in many shades. Amethyst is considered a gemstone, however it is not usually of great value because of its widespread availability. Amethyst is found in abundance in Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Africa, Italy, Germany, Russia, and in the United States. Maine and Colorado are the primary locations Amethyst can be found in the United States. It can be found in a few locations within California, but most is inaccessible.



Amethyst has a hardness of 7 and has a crystal system that is trigonal, with no cleavage. It is found in a variety of crystal sizes ranging from druse to long prismatic crystals. Also quite common are clusters of crystals, often popular among collectors. Amethyst crystals can be found in stalactites and stalagmites in some parts of the world; these make excellent specimens in the form of Amethyst Cathedrals. The most common method of cutting amethyst is by faceting. A brilliant round cut usually brings out the color best, although other cuts can also give great results.

The name "amethyst" comes from a Greek word that is defined by Webster's dictionary as "remedy against drunkenness" It was believed to ward off the effects of alcohol, possibly because of the wine-like color. Ancient Greeks decorated goblets and other expensive pieces with them. Often worn for protection from contagious disease, the Amethyst was also thought to bring tranquility to the wearer's life.

Purple is a regal color and has been a favorite gemstone for royalty.

So, those of you that have a birthday in February, be sure to wear your birthstone so the rest of us can envy you and your royal purple stone.

By Jonathan North

Membership Roster Update

New Member:

Removed for Privacy of new member



Sunshine Update



Bill Budd is contending with chemo. We wish the best for you Bill...You were looking pretty good at the January meeting, keep it up!

Mary Tucker is our Sunshine reporter. Mary would like any news you would like to share with our members reported to her by calling (530) 265-8320 or you can also contact Jonathan North, editor at (916) 768-0137.

NOTICE: In accordance with Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society By-Laws, members are notified about membership renewal in the November and December Newsletters. No further notification is to be provided because it is the member's responsibility to renew.

In Memoriam of Alan Boone



Alan "Buz" R. Boone fought a courageous five-month battle with pancreatic cancer and died Jan. 9 at age 67 in his Grass Valley home surrounded by family.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the United Methodist Church of Grass Valley, 236 S. Church St., Grass Valley. A celebration of life will follow in the church hall.

Mr. Boone was born to John W. Boone and Helen R. Boone in Rochester, N.Y., on March 5, 1942. He and his family moved to Saratoga from New York in 1960. After attending Oregon State University and later graduating from San Jose State University in 1965, Mr. Boone spent the next 40 years working in the wind tunnels at the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View. He retired in January 2005. This was a job he truly loved.

Mr. Boone and his wife of 46 years, Jeanne, raised three children in San Jose before moving to Grass Valley and building a retirement home in May 2002. During retirement, Mr. Boone loved to travel, play card games with his friends and use his tractor to clear his lot. Becoming a skilled woodworker, he also enjoyed making furniture for his home. He volunteered to be the treasurer of both the Buck Mountain Road Association and the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society. He also was a member of Nevada County Newcomers and the Welcome Club of Nevada County.

Mr. Boone loved spending time with his family and many friends. He leaves behind his wife, Jeanne; two sons, Dennis Boone and wife Susan of Lake Stevens, Wash., and John Boone of San Antonio, Texas; daughter, Melinda Hindenes and husband Gary of Chandler, Ariz., and three granddaughters Marissa, Melanie and Maya; sisters Nancy Vermette and husband Dennis of Nordegg, Alberta, Canada, Carol Olmstead and husband Bob, of Placerville; sister-in-law, Linda Isherwood and husband Phil of Bonny Doon; and many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and his two doggie children, Woody and Penny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John W. Boone and Helen R. Boone.

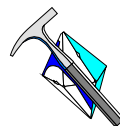
We will miss you with all our heart!

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Foothills, 11270 Rough & Ready Highway, Grass Valley, CA, 95945 or Animalsave, P.O. Box 817, Grass Valley, CA, 95945.

The Union, Friday, January 15, 2010



CO-OP MEMBER & OTHER FIELD TRIPS



Field trips listed in this column usually only contain basic information. For further information and revisions, contact club's field trip leader. The CO-OP website also has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed.) CO-OP 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. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site, contact field trip leader for any further insurance requirements.



CFMS Field Trips South trip to Ant Hill, Bakersfield, Ca. When: On February 27, Saturday at 9am. Material: 15 million year old fossils of shark teeth, whale teeth, seal teeth, porpoise teeth, whale bone, etc from Middle Miocene Marine beds. For more information go to www.cfmsinc.org and click on "Field Trips".

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Land Claims Seminar

By Dick Pankey, Field Trips -North Committee

Plans are finalized for the Land Claims Seminar next April. Since our last seminar in March 2009 I had been looking for someone to take the lead and plan this next seminar. As of November I hadn't found anyone. On the MLMS Thanksgiving field trip I talked to several of their members; they had a suitable meeting hall, they are centrally located and best of all they seemed interested in hosting a seminar. When I got home I contacted **Bud McMillin**. He said he was interested in helping and would present it to their board the next night. While he was doing that I contacted potential speakers and they said yes. Bud got back to me the following day – the MLMS Board said yes, the hall was available, and **Marion Roberts** would do lunch. We had ourselves a "Land Claims Seminar"!!! This whole process took only 4 days (due to some very fortuitous timing and a lot of people who said "yes"). All of this was accomplished in time to meet the deadline to get the seminar announcement in the January CFMS Newsletter.

The purpose of the seminar is to encourage CFMS societies to file and share claims and to provide them with the information to do so. At the conclusion of our seminar in March of 2009, Gregg Wilkerson from the BLM, recommended that filing and maintaining claims on our rockhounding sites is a good way to establish and preserve our right for access and use. Some CFMS societies already have done this and it is recommended that more societies do it.

Current legislative activity makes it imperative that we establish and file our claims now. The new "Hard Rock Mining and Reclamation Act" was introduced in the House and Senate last July. The proposed "Desert Conservation and Recreation Act" is making its way through the legislative process. We need to act **NOW!!**

The agenda for this seminar will include:

- Why and who should file claims.
- The experiences of current CFMS societies that have claims.
- Liability and insurance issues.
- Use of claims to have and maintain access to rockhounding areas.
- What your society can do.
- How to stake a claim, establish and file a claim with the county and BLM.

- Claim Filing deadlines, Assessment Work, and Intent to Hold
 - Where and how to get information about claims and claimed land.
- Answers to your questions.

Seminar speakers will include Dick Pankey, Bud McMillin and Gregg Wilkerson, BLM Claim Specialist. Several CFMS societies currently have claims. I would like some of them to attend this seminar and share their experiences with us.

Gregg Wilkerson is a geologist in the Bakersfield Field Office and performs geologic and hydrologic research and investigations for resource management as Program Team Leader and BLM Certified Mineral Examiner. His duties involve mineral appraisals, land exchanges, conveyances, mineral sales and leases, wilderness withdrawals, mining claim occupancy trespass, surface use determinations, CERCLA removal or remediation, water quality remediation, and hazardous abandoned mine closures.

This seminar will be hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Empire, CA, near Modesto. This is an all day seminar and lunch will be served. The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 (payable at registration), which includes registration, coffee and tea, and a lunch of hot dogs with all of the trimmings, potato salad, chips and a beverage. An announcement flier with details, map and directions will be available on the CFMS Web Site - www.cfmsinc.org and on the COOP web site by February. Or e-mail me at dick-pankey@juno.com and I will send you a flier.

This seminar is for societies who have questions about claims, for societies that want to have a claim, and for all rockhounds that are interested in claims. Please reserve your place at this seminar by notifying Bud McMillin at bud.mcmillin@statefarm.com or at 209-527-8000 (work) or 209-524-3494 (home) no later than April 16th. Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, April 24, 2010**, watch for the announcement flier and plan to attend this important, timely and sure to be informative seminar.

Happy  Valentines!

DO YOU CARE??

by Dan Brown – Northern California ALAA Representative

Your Federal government has (and is) rapidly taking away your collecting rights and access to your Public Lands. The US Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Army Corps of Engineers, and your elected Representatives (Congressmen and Senators) are rapidly closing roads to collecting areas, designating Conservation Areas (removal of access roads), designating more Wilderness Areas, and adding more land to National Parks and Monuments. When will they stop? I submit that they will not stop until all Federal lands have been swallowed up. Together BLM & USFS control over 500 Million acres of Public Lands. It is already a Federal Crime to collect artifacts, arrow heads, and vertebrate fossils. The BLM and USFS have imposed restrictions on what and how much can be collected on Public Lands. Each BLM District and National Forest has its own rules and regulations governing the collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils.

I have been a Rockhound for 62+ years and I care about this situation. I want my grandchildren and their children and so on to have the same rights and access that I have enjoyed over the years. If you say or do nothing to protest the actions of your government, then they assume Consent.

How big is this problem? Consider the following recent and present actions of your government.

William Jefferson Clinton set aside the The Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument in Utah by Executive Order thereby closing 1.9 million acres to rock collecting.

HR 1925 and S799 (America's Red Rock Wilderness Bills of 2009) were introduced in the House and Senate. These bills would remove another 9.4 Million acres in Utah from our rock hunting destinations.

The BLM has closed the Clear Creek Management Area in San Benito Co. This 30,000 acre area is a favorite collecting site for many rockhounds. There have been over 500 different mineral species found in this area. Nephrite & Jadeite, Benitoite, Neptunite, Joaquinite, Uvarovite, Chromite, Cinnabar, Agate, Aragonite, Selenite, Ga-

lena, Pyrite, Calcite, and Spessartite Garnet are just a few varieties to be found there.

The USFS re-designation of ML-3 roads in the Shasta –Trinity National Forest to "Highway" status removes the right of OHV's to be used on these roads. Many rockhounds and Seniors use ATV's for access into remote areas of the forest.

Every National Forest in the USA is now reviewing and Revising Travel Management Plans. Our access to collecting sites has been cut-off in many of our National Forests.

Senator Diane Feinstein has introduced Bill S 2921 - The California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2010. This will set aside another 1.6 Million acres from rock collecting. This area has many collecting sites and will be closed-off forever if this bill is passed.

There are many more examples too numerous for me to mention here.

For those of you who care about this situation, there are several things I would suggest you do. First, if you are not a registered voter then Register and Vote.

Find out who your elected Representatives are and what their views are with regard to Land Use and Management of Public Lands.

Email or write your Representatives regarding adverse road and land closures, regulations, and pending Legislation.

Support organizations such as ALAA (American Lands Access Association), PLAC (CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee), the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and Friends of the West by joining one or more of them.

The main purpose of these organizations is to influence Legislation and Public Land Managers such as the BLM and USFS.

Editor's Note: If you are interested in joining ALAA, application forms are available at our General Membership Meetings.



**President's Day
February 15th**



CFMS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Grow the Federation!****By Fred Ott**

And so it continues! Last month, I emphasized the value of growing the Federation by increasing the number of member societies in the CFMS as well as increasing the membership rolls of each society. It seems so obvious, yet there have been those who have been happy with the "status quo", only to find that the society eventually had to disband for lack of an active membership. What a shame!



While there are MANY reasons that some societies are extremely successful, I have found that a society's growth depends primarily upon how well that society is "organized". By this I mean: has the society established a "Best Practice" for each and every facet of the society's activities? Are those "Best Practices" documented and updated periodically? How are such documents maintained?

As an example, here is one typical situation for which a "Best Practice" should be established: When someone inquires about your society, what sort of "response" does your society provide? Are new members formally recognized and welcomed at a General Membership meeting? Are new members

given an introduction to all of your society's activities? Be sure to read Beth Myers' article in this newsletter about "Responding to Inquiries" to see what one successful society does.

As always, the best place to start is "at the beginning". Back in the "old days" we had the typewriter and carbon paper; our society's records and information were typically maintained in "hard copy form" in folders and binders. Today, we have the added advantage of the computer, the Internet, word-processing programs (such as Microsoft Word) and database management systems. By establishing Word documents in an organized way and "backing-up" everything to avoid catastrophe, you'd be well on-your-way to establishing the "organization" and "stability" that every society wants.

My goal in 2010 is communicate many of these "Best Practices" in the CFMS newsletter as well as in individual emails to the Directors of each society, providing "silver bullets" which can be used to grow your society and, as a result, *Grow the Federation*.

Remember: rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

-Fred

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Safety

By Bural LaRue, CFMS Safety Chairman

Are you ready for 2010? As we look forward to a new year of collecting, let's be prepared so we have a safe and fun filled year.

Be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip: properly serviced, fuel, oil, water, air (check the spare tire). If you have a flat 50 plus miles from a service station, a tire plug kit and an air pump can come in handy.

Before you venture out on your trip check the weather conditions. A good GPS or compass and maps are a must. A cell phone is nice, but may not be useable in some areas; let someone know where you are going and your expected return time. It's important to know the terrain you plan to explore. For example, if you collect in the south, you'll need extra water for the desert regions; up north some rain gear could come in handy. Do your homework; be prepared and have a good

trip. I personally carry a survival box in my truck. It contains food, water, first aid supplies, matches, a backpacker stove, shovel, axe and a water purification system. This works not only for the outback but also for an earthquake emergency. I highly recommend that you put one together.

Stay safe out there and have FUN!

-Bural

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Shop Tips

To tumble soft material that is hard to polish, start with the second coarsest grit. Fill the tumbler 3/4 or 7/8 full so the stones will roll and not fall. About 1/4 the normal amount of cerium oxide polishes better than the usual polishes.

From Canaveral Moonstone - 6/08,
via Owyhee Gem, via RockCollector - 6/08

CFMS 2010 SHOWS

February 12-21, 2010, Indio, CA

San Geronimo Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival

Gem & Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 26-27 2010, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Sat. 10-5
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190
Website:
<http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

February 26 - March 7 2010, Imperial, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society
California Midwinter Fair & Fiesta
G&M Bldg
Hours: 2/26-2/28 & 3/6-37 noon-10p.m.; 3/1-3/5 4p.m.-10p.m.
Joe Rodrigues (760) 353-1965

March 5-6-7 2010, Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thorton Avenue, Newark, CA 94560
Hours: Fri & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 6-7 2010, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
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Website: www.Moroks.com

March 6-7 2010, Ventura, CA

ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
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March 12, 13-14 2010, Victorville, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stoddard Wells)
Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15
Hours: 8-5 daily
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323
Club (760) 243-2330
Website: www.vvgmc.org

From CFMS Website Feb 2010



AFMS/CFMS Gem Show 2010





**Gems
Fossils
Jewelry
Supplies
Grab Bags
Kid's Room
Silent Auction
Display Cases
Raffle Prizes
Field Trips
& more**

HIDDEN TREASURES



June 18-20, 2010 Fri-Sun 10am-5pm

**So. CA Univ. of Health Sciences Campus
16200 E Amber Valley Rd., Whittier, CA 90604**

Host: North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chairman: Mike Beaumont (714-510-6037)
Email: diamond.crest@yahoo.com
Website: NetworkingWave.com/AFMS2010/

Going to a show?

Wear your nametag Hat and vest!

**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010**

Meeting called to order by President Jan Longacre at 7:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: 23 members and 4 guests

Sunshine: Alan Boone

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to the January birthdays

Program: "Yuba Blue" presented by Ralph Mullican

Minutes from November Board meeting: approved as printed in the December bulletin

Treasurer's Report: Accounts are all healthy

Correspondence: Show Fliers available to members

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dues are due. Renewal accepted up to 3/1/10 or members will have to reapply for membership.

Juniors: Welcome 2 new junior members Jake Lawson & Trinity Ravira. Juniors received a letter from Jim Brace-Thompson at AFMS to congratulate award achievements, also received Christmas card from AFMS Junior Rockhound Chairman.

Bulletin: Thanks to Lori Woodhall for interesting article on trip to Australia. Request for members, especially juniors to write a short piece for the newsletter.

Field Trips: Jan 24th "Stories in Stone" lecture, Calaveras Co Club.; April 17-18th trip to Fallon, NV for leaf fossils, Fossils for Fun; May 15-16th Majuba Mt, NV for minerals, Vicki Black will lead trip for NCGMS.; Vicki will try and arrange a club trip to the mineral museum at the McKay School of mines in Reno in Feb or March.

Federation: AFMS/CFMS Show is in June.

Show Chairman: In planning stages. Printing generic raffle tickets which can be used for many years. In negotiations with The Union about the possibility of sharing our venue with the Home Show.

Webmaster: Website contract with Fat Cow renewed.

Picnic: No report

Program: Need members to sign up to provide presentations for the 2010 meetings. Contact Dan Chaplin.

Continuing Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie-Anne Lay, Secretary,
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010**

Meeting called to order by President Jan Longacre at 7:00pm

Members present: Terry Bartels, Vicki Black, Dan Chaplin, Snakes Hoffman, Kim Moore, Julie-Anne Lay, Todd Lawson, Jan Longacre, Jonathan North.

Minutes from November Board meeting: Approved as printed in the bulletin

Treasurer's Report: Accounts healthy. Board approved CD rollover, Grass Valley Chamber renewal, and payment of bulletin and website expenses. Todd will add his signature to the bank account. Sales tax for items sold by the club at the show needs to be filed by the end of Jan.- Todd will contact CFMS financial advisor to clarify.

Correspondence: Vicki received a letter from Jim Brace-Thompson from AFMS to congratulate the juniors on earning awards.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Renewals are due, if not received by March 1st members will need to file application again.

Bulletin: No Report

Field Trips: Jan 24th "Stories in stone" lecture, Calaveras Co Club; March 6th Coop meeting & GPS seminar by Dennis Feinberger at Diamond Springs; March 19-21st Petrified Wood Seminar at Sierra College by Walt Wright; April 17-18th Fossils for fun trip to Fallon, NV for leaves in rhyolite; May 15-16th NCGMS trip to Majuba Mtn for minerals; Dan proposed a field trip to see the mineral collection at the McKay School of Mining, Reno, NV possibly Feb or March.

Federation: AFMS/CFMS Show is in June.

Show Chairman: In negotiations with the Union Home Show regarding possibility of combining shows. Board approved the purchase of 5000 generic printed raffle tickets that should last for several shows.

Webmaster: No report

Picnic: No report

Program: Tonight's program "Yuba Blue" presented by Ralph Mullican

Continuing Business: Alan Boone still very sick. Dan Chaplin needs volunteers to provide presentations for 2010 meetings.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie-Anne Lay, Secretary,
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society



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Shop Tip

Some turquoise has a tendency to glaze over during sanding. To prevent this, place your Turquoise cabs in a shallow dish of water for a while before sanding, then use more water when sanding. Keep it very cool.

From Rockhound Rumblings
via Blue Agate News, 10/08 via RockCollector, 11/08



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. February 2, 2010

General Membership Meeting:

First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Building
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

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 Jonathan North (916) 768-0137. *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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February 2010

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

February Program

We will be seeing a DVD

"The Greatest DVD on Quartzsite"

**** Bring a Friend! ****

