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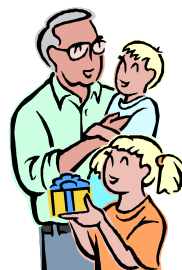
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## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

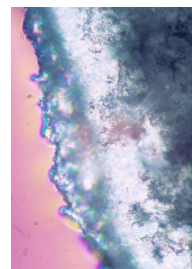
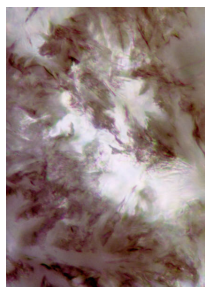
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**June Meeting**

Will be Presented by:  
Tony Charlton

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He will be showing us minerals & crystals under a microscope.





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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. June 3**

**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 Jeanne Boone. \*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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**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2008**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:00 p.m. by President Vicki Black

**Members present:** Vicki & Gary Black, Terry Bartels, Debbie Bartels, Kim Moore, Jon North, Jeanne Boone, Bill Budd, Cliff Swenson, Joyce and Robert Emerson.

**Minutes of April Board Meeting:** The Board Meeting minutes were approved after the correction of the Camp Paradise rate. The fee is \$300 per week, not \$900. Camp Paradise is a rockhound camp where people can learn to develop various aspects of finished rock products like cutting or jewelry making.

**Treasurer's Report:** Account balances were read by Charles Lindquist who stated we were in good shape and all bills were paid to date.

**Correspondence:** There was a nice note from Pete Howell with a dollar for his birthday and to thank the club for the newsletter. He likes to read about the club and all the people, it brightens his day.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Jeanne Boone stated that we had one new membership application, Rich and Cindy Dvoracek. They were unanimously approved. A question was asked of Membership—how does one become a life member? The answer was that the original criteria were that a member had to have been a member for 10 years or longer and to have contributed in an outstanding way to the club. This was to reward a person for dedication. The members were voted in.

**Newsletter:** Nothing to report.

**Hospitality:** Vicki Black asked if Melba Sagaser needed anything for refreshments and she said that her supplies were fine for now.

**Federation:** Jon North: Nothing much to report, just the show in Ventura.

**Field Trips:** Terry Bartels: Terry talked about the Land Status "field trip" he went to April 12<sup>th</sup>. He said he didn't learn as much about actual land status as he thought. He thought they would talk more about claims and such, but the second half about GPS was very interesting. The leaders said that another class about claims and such would be offered at a later date. He told a little about the last field trip he led to Austin Nevada, and had some materials to show. Everyone had a good time and collected plentiful materials. He also told about the trip coming up to Fairview and Fallon areas.

**Historian:** No report.

**Show Chairman:** Kim Moore and Joyce Emerson: The vendor contracts are all sent out (all spots have been filled). We even have a waiting list now for vendors with 5 on the waiting list. This year Joyce is sending out flyers and invitations to all the local schools. We will have a cave bear skeleton and some other exciting new exhibits. Show flyers will now contain pictures, including the new cave-bear exhibit. They are also changing the time of the show to start at 9:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 on Sunday. Cliff is taking care of the demonstrators and that's coming along as well. The show is already on the schedule for Fox News to be advertised. The redesign of the show is in progress and the banners and signs are in good shape. Kim talked to Moe of Miner Moe's Pizza and they will do the setup dinner for approximately 60 people.

**Programs:** Rob Blazina, owner of "Rocklin Gem & Minerals" will do our program tonight; next month not yet determined.

**Old Business:** The picnic is set for July 12<sup>th</sup> at the North Star Mining Museum.

**New Business:** Vicki Black put some papers out for the General Membership to sign up for things they like to do—like tumbling or wax casting, or wire wrapping, or knapping. That way our members can get together with like-interested people and further their hobbies.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Bartels  
Secretary, NCG&MS

**Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society Minutes**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2008**

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 p.m. by President, Vicki Black.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** 37 members and 1 guest: Welcome and introduction of guest.

**Sunshine:** Mary Tucker: Bob Lawton passed away. She gave times and places for the memorial, graveside service and the wake. Bob was noted for leading many field trips with his Baja Beetle Bug. On another note, it was good to see Jon North recovering from his barbeque burns. Cliff Swenson was hale and hearty as well.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to all the May birthdays.

**Program:** Terry Bartels introduced Roseville Rocker Rob Blazina who also owns Rocklin Gem and Minerals. He gave a great presentation about his collection which included many beautiful specimens. He also told us a little about recycling and how and why to do it.

**Adjourned for refreshments and raffle;** Juana Juvenal announced the club library is now open downstairs, including copies of Rock & Gem magazine. She said that the "Rock and Gem Magazine" had been shut down temporarily but was now back to printing. She announced that we have many books, tapes and CD's for members to check out and enjoy.

**Business meeting:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Account balances were reported as well as that all bills are paid to date.

**Correspondence:** There was a letter advertising the Nevada City storytelling event, a few shows coming up and a nice note from Pete Howell. Tickets and an announcement from the Gem Show coming up in Sacramento were placed on the table.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** New members were welcomed (Rich and Cindy Dvoracek). Jeanne Boone announced that she was putting the membership list on the table and would everyone take a look and correct anything that needs to be corrected.

**Bulletin:** Jeanne Boone said that anyone who would like to contribute an article, reminiscence about a favorite rock trip—anything that would be of interest to the rest of the club, please submit it to her and she'll include it in the newsletter. Rudy Thompson just submitted something and it was great.

**Field Trips:** Terry Bartels: Said that our recent trips to Austin and Lovelock were lots of fun. He displayed some of the collected materials and some pictures then invited everyone to take part in the fun part of our hobby—the field trips. He told us the next club trip would be to Fairview—just past Fallon, NV. He showed us what could be collected there as well as providing some maps of the areas. Vicki Black added that the field trips were always fun and you could learn a lot too. Frank Rohleder, who is taking such good care of the raffles each week, told us that he got to go to Snyder's Pow Wow and was very happy with what he saw and purchased.

**Federation:** Jon North: CFMS Show is in Ventura June 27 – 29; Camp Paradise is coming up, offering many classes in jewelry & lapidary, cost is \$300/week, includes meals, camp sites, everything; August 31 through Sept. 6, and Sept. 7 through Sept. 13.

A link to CFMS website can be found on our club website ([www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)). Our website has more updates and is looking good. Jon would appreciate any recommendations for improvement. Links will be added to many other sites, including our show vendors. We'll start adding pictures of field trips and collections as well.

**Show:** Kim Moore gave update on the show, noting all vendor slots have been filled. Joyce has been working hard with the vendors and with publicity. There will be an outstanding exhibit of the Cave Bear this year as well as some other cool new features. There will be a prehistoric rhino skull as well. She asked for volunteers to hand out flyers in the Grass Valley area in all the stores about 3 weeks prior to the show.

**Historian:** Pat said she hadn't had a chance to do add anything since Christmas, but she had the picture albums there for anyone to take a look at.

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**Business:** Terry has something lined up for the next meeting, but it will be announced later. He is trying to get Tony Charlton to do a presentation on Minerals under a microscope. A thank you went out to Melba and crew again for consistently great refreshments.

**New Business:** Vicki mentioned the July club picnic. It will be at the North Star Mining Museum on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00. Cliff mentioned that he has a great catalogue for ordering small saw blades inexpensively. See Cliff if you are interested. Mary Tucker gave a little announcement about a Disaster Preparedness seminar to be held at the Nevada City Elks Lodge on Wed. May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Bartels  
Secretary, NCG&MS



## President's Message by Vicki Black



If you missed last months meeting, you missed a great program. Rob Blazina brought some beautiful and very large crystals. He talked about a new mine that had opened up a large cave that has many giant quartz crystals in it.

This month, Tony Charlton will tell us all about Micro Minerals. These minerals may be small but they are just as beautiful as the big ones.

Gary and I are packing up and heading out to the next field trip. The warm weather and sunshine reminded me that we need to remember a few safety tips. Whenever you are out in the field, take plenty of water and remember sunscreen and a wide brimmed hat. Just these few things will make your time in the outdoors more enjoyable and safe.

Vicki

## A Note & a Dollar

03/09/08

Enclosed is on dollar for my birthday in March. I'm only seventy four but sometimes I feel like a hundred!

I enjoy the newsletter up here in Washington.

Thanks, Pete Howell  
Twisp, Washington



(Thanks, Pete for the birthday dollar!)



## Sunshine Corner



We miss seeing Tony Rully at our meetings. He is still recovering from a fall off ladder that broke his foot. Hurry back Tony! It was good to see Cliff Swenson back last month. He is on his way to recovering from fall at home. Jon North was nursing burns from a exploding propane tank. We were glad to see him at the meeting and hope is he is healing nicely. Our thoughts are with Bill Budd as he undergoes prostate surgery, June 17th.

Do you have information that our Sunshine Lady should know about? She sends out cards to members and their families and provides information for the Sunshine Corner. Call Mary Tucker

The board formally approved Richard and Cindy Dvoracek as new members during the May meeting. Rich is one of our favorite speakers and we always enjoy his visits. Rich and Cindy reside in Garden Valley.

Richard is a geologist and he is the owner of "Strike it Rich Adventures." He gives underground mine tours and teaches mining history, geology, gold panning, and paleontology. He enjoys mineral collecting, fossil collecting, geo-caching and prospecting.

You can check out his website at: [www.strikeitrichadventures.com](http://www.strikeitrichadventures.com)



## July 12th

A "Potluck Picnic" will be held from 2:00 to 6:00 at the North Star Mine Powerhouse Museum at Glen Jones Park. We had a wonderful turnout last year and enjoyed a great potluck in a grassy park set along the river.

This will be our July meeting (none will be held on the first Tuesday) and we would love to see you there!



## Flintknapper's Corner

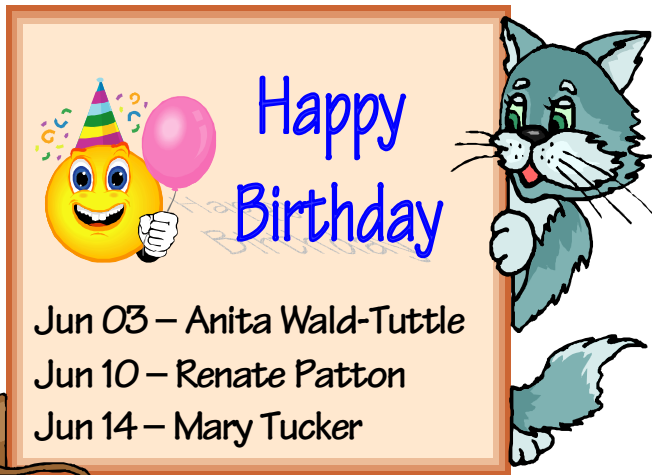
by Cliff Swenson

Boy, was it good to get away from home for the weekend. I stretched it as far as I could. I spent Mother's Day weekend at the "Reno Gem and Mineral Show". Edwina and I had a great time demonstrating and exhibiting our respective hobbies.

Saturday, I was swarmed by kids, boys and girls, waiting to learn how to knap arrowheads. So many in fact, I was too busy to count. Sunday was busy but not quite as much as Saturday. There were more adults this time. One young man I knapped with last year came by to show me the knife he made from a deer antler and the obsidian blade he bought from me. Boy, there is a lot of talented kids out there!

Hey, it was good to see a lot of Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society members at the show!

Cliff



- Jun 03 – Anita Wald-Tuttle
- Jun 10 – Renate Patton
- Jun 14 – Mary Tucker

## June Calendar

- June 3 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- June 3 General Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Fathers Day
- June 20 Newsletter items for July due



Items on display by May speaker Ron Blazina



\*\*\*Members Specialties & Interests

**Lapidary:**

Vivaya Siff  
 Ida Waterhouse  
 Terry Bartels  
 Cliff Swenson  
 Bill Budd  
 Ferne Olson  
 Rudy Thompson  
 Jan Longacre  
 Jon North  
 Rob Woodhall

**Rock Tumblers:**

Ida Waterhouse  
 Don King  
 Terry Bartels  
 Bill Budd  
 Cliff Swenson  
 Jim Brower  
 Vicki Black  
 Rob Woodhall

**Fossils:**

Terry Bartels  
 Vicki Black  
 Lori Woodhall

**Carving:**

Ida Waterhouse  
 Terry Bartels  
 Anita Wald-Tuttle  
 Ferne Olson

**Silver Smithing:**

Ida Waterhouse  
 Ferne Olson  
 Rudy Thompson  
 Jon North

**Mineral ID:**

Dan Chaplin  
 Vinaya Siff  
 Ida Waterhouse

**Wire Wrapping:**

Ida Waterhouse  
 Anita Wald-Tuttle

**Faceters:**

Ida Waterhouse  
 Don King

**Knapping:**

Terry Bartels  
 Cliff Swenson  
 Rob Woodhall

\*\*\*The lists above were compiled at our May meeting. If you have a common interest in these fields or just need to know more about a hobby, check your Membership list and contact them or talk to them at our meeting break. This is a chance to for our members to share their knowledge.



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### Remembering Bob Lawton by Charles Lindquist

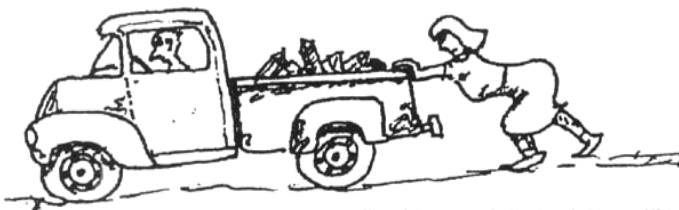
I attended the Memorial Service for Bob Lawton, a nice service officiated by a deacon of the church who know Bob well but mentioned that Bob didn't exactly beat the doors down to get to church.

Friends offered remembrances. Several friends met Bob through his developing land in "You Bet". There are a "Lawton" and "Eowana" streets in that development. (I was not aware of his work as developer). All spoke well of his adherence to his strong beliefs and the listening to other's beliefs. I was usually on the other side of the aisle from him but recall giving him printed material which he was gracious enough to receive (although he may have used the paper to wrap fish).

I had decided that I would offer my bit as a tribute but after three speakers, it was decided to continue with the formal service. But, I would like to offer a thought here. Dore' and I knew Bob and Eowana primarily through NCGMS field trips. As young'ens with two small kids, we traveled, well, not in style. We went on trips in a 1977 Green VW Camper (bought from Hank, for those who remember). A fond remembrance of Bob and his wife, Eowana, was at camp, usually a dry camp somewhere in the desert of Utah or Nevada. They would beckon us over to their motor home and offer us a tasty, COOL drink, a Tom Collins or some such. They sure traveled well!

For 5 1/2 years, Bob took total care of Eowana after her stroke and never complained. For that and everything else he will be remembered always.

Robert "Bob" W. Lawton Jr. died May 4, 2008 in Grass Valley. He was 92 years old and had lived in Grass Valley since 1946. He enjoyed R.V. traveling, rockhounding and lapidary and was a long time member of the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society.



by 'Dug' Dugger via Ft Lewis News 6/01  
via Golden Spike News 7/01

### A Note from Bill Budd

Hi, I'm not sure this constitutes news but last Friday (5/16), the same day I was planning to go on that field trip to NV with Terry Bartels but decided to cancel due to the heat, I spent the night in the ER at the hospital with an acute vertigo attack. It came on while I was watching the 10 PM news which, although depressing as usual, was probably not the cause of the attack. The room was spinning wildly and tended to make me sick. Laying down made it worse so I got up and walked around which lessened the severity, sort of. After over an hour of walking around the house, I decided it wasn't going away so I called 911 who quickly came with a fire truck and an ambulance and about 6 people. There's really no need for a fire truck but during past times when Lois was often transported to the hospital by ambulance the fire truck was always part of the rescue team. I think they get paid by the mile or maybe just want to be where the action is. I wouldn't let them lay me down on the gurney because that made me even more dizzy (and sick) so I just sat up on it. I thought maybe they would run the siren but they said no. Even though the ER was crowded with only one doctor for 6 or 7 people they managed to give me an IV, take 6 vials of blood and do a CT scan of my head. The digitized results of the scan were sent to Australia (it was daytime there) via satellite around 1 or 2 AM with results returned about an hour later. They found no indication of damage to my inner ear. Vertigo is caused by an inner ear problem like an infection or a virus or some trauma to the head. Actually they don't know a whole lot about vertigo even though the ER sees several cases every year. About all they can do is give you some meds that include a strong antihistamine and a valium (?). Anyway, around 3 AM, I found I could lie down without getting dizzy and finally got a little sleep, which wasn't easy with all the activity in the ER, not to mention the blazing bright lights they keep on all night. By 5:30 AM all the tests had been run without finding much of anything and the very busy doctor told me I could go home since I was no longer bothered by the vertigo and he was tired of having me ask when I could go home, not that I saw him that often. They got me a cab and I arrived home by 6:30 AM.

Another non-news item...I'm scheduled for prostate cancer surgery 6/17. I think I'm beginning to fall apart. See you soon, Bill



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## AMFS President's Message by Shirley Leeson

This month I'd like to mention something important. I have been receiving reports from the *Blue Ribbon Coalition* regarding openings for the BLM RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL in many of the western states. I have forwarded them to many individuals and clubs throughout the western regions hoping someone would step up and offer to make themselves available.

What a wonderful surprise when **Glen R. Miller** of the ShastaGem & Mineral Society of Redding, CA offered to apply for the Northwest California BLM Resource Advisory Council. Letters were sent on his behalf from myself and John Wright, our AFMS Conservation and Legislation Chair. Then **Norvie Enns** of the Reno Gem & Mineral Society put in an application for the Northeast California BLM Resource Advisory Council and again John Wright and I sent letters of support for his nomination.

I contacted **Hugh Brady** of Fair Oaks CA, member Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society. Hugh promptly contacted the BLM in Folsom, CA and requested an application for the BLM Resource Advisory Council of Central California. Again, both John Wright our AFMS Conservation and Legislation Chair and I wrote letters of support. There were also letters of support sent by Dick Pankey, CFMS Past President and others from the CFMS in support of the nominations on the above people from California.

I e-mailed our club in Bitterroot, Montana regarding an opening on the BLM Resource Advisory Committee of Western Montana and **Wayne Farley** stepped to the plate and made himself available. Letters from John, myself and Evelyn Cataldo, 2nd VP of Northwest were sent on his behalf. Next, **Evan Day**, member of the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society of Ogden, Utah applied for the BLM Utah Resource Advisory Council. Letters of support were sent by John Wright, Joan Day, executive secretary of the Northwest Federation and myself.

Finally, **Michael Nelson** of the Colorado Springs Mineral Society, Colorado Springs, CO put his application in for BLM Colorado Resource Advisory Council. Unfortunately I was on the road and unable to offer a letter of support, but I did contact John Dow of the Canon City office of the BLM on my return from a three week road trip.

Perhaps this doesn't seem much to many of you, BUT until these men stepped forward, the BLM had no idea who we were. Many of us assume "everyone knows who the rockhounds are" but this just isn't true. We may or may not get these people on the various advisory boards for the BLM, but at least the BLM knows who we are now.

All of the nominations above will have to go to the U.S. Secretary of Interior for confirmation later, but at least we got our foot in the door. Please go to the <amfed.org> website, click on "Rockhound Information" then click on Bureau of Land Management, then for regional information click on the state. Current information on what the BLM is doing in your state will come up. At this time there are no applications being taken for BLM Resource Advisory Council in any of the states. That closed April 14th, 2008, but keep it in mind and check frequently.

Dee and I have just returned from our sixth year at Eastern Federation's Wildacres Workshop in North Carolina. We have taken the Judges Training class there, sponsored by the AFMS since its inception in 2003. The purpose of the course, taught by Jay Bowman, is to have one person from each regional federation who is currently either on the rules committee or a judge or exhibitor and bring them together so that the AFMS will have everyone on the same page when judging at the AFMS level. The program has been enormously successful, BUT except in the Northwest and California Federations, we aren't getting enough people to compete. I hope this changes...

Have you sent your letter supporting "Birthstone Gemstone Stamps" to the U.S. Postal Service yet? Don't let "someone else" do it. We need all of you to support this effort.



More thoughts next month,

Your AFMS President

*Shirley*

Source June, 2008 AFMS Newsletter  
<http://www.amfed.org/news>

**President's Message**  
**by Bural LaRue, CFMS President**

I continue to hear “what does CFMS do for us? Why should we belong to CFMS?”

Sounds to me that some of us are falling down on our jobs. I hope you know what I mean when I say us. It begins with all CFMS officers, Committee persons and Directors who are not consistently telling our clubs and societies about what the Federation does to help. If you are already doing this, keep up the good work; if not, read on and pass along the information. Remember you are the HEART and the VOICE of this great Federation.



We have a great insurance plan overseen by Bud McMillin. Bud is an insurance professional who volunteers his time to help the clubs with insurance issues. He is the point of contact when your club has an insurance issue or question.

Earth Science Studies is overseen by Marion Roberts. He organizes three fun filled weeks of educational activity each year at Zzyzx and Camp Paradise. Over 200 students of all ages participate—you can be one of them. If you haven't been to one of our camps yet, you're overdue. Come join us at Camp Paradise in September.

Another of our great volunteers who never receives enough recognition is Don Ogden. Don chairs the Internet committee and is responsible for that wonderful website we've become accustomed to visiting on a regular basis.

Do you have juniors in your club? Talk to Jim Brace-Thompson about starting a junior program. He will help you with suggestions on how to get started. Be sure to visit the Kids Booth at the show in June. Jim has all sorts of exciting activities lined up.

Concerned about the public lands? We have 5 volunteers who are eager to help—Norvie Enns, Frank Monez, Glen Miller, John Martin and Jim Strain. I can remember Jim leading a field trip into Mexico back when I still had black hair—that was a long time ago.

Looking for a nearby show to visit? Check out the newsletter for the listing compiled by Susan Chaisson-Walblom. Don also lists the shows on the website.

I could go on and on listing the names of all those volunteers who work hard on your behalf. I am but one voice—you Directors are many. I need your help. Take a newsletter to your next meeting. When time comes for your report, read your officers and chairmen's roster to your club. These are the people who work for you. All are volunteers who give their time and talents freely so you can enjoy the fruits of the Federation. I will continue this message in the August newsletter.

Have a great day and a better tomorrow. Remember, have fun.

Source: CFMS June, 2008 Newsletter  
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>



Is it your birthday this month? Members provide the treats for our refreshment break when it's their birthday month. We also put a penny for each year of our age in the birthday cup.



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**June 7-8 2008, La Habra, CA**

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**June 27, 28, 29 2008, Ventura, CA**

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Ventura County Fairgrounds  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Bural LaRue (909) 874-5664  
Email: [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net)

**July 12-13 2008, Culver City, CA**

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Website: [CulverCityRocks.org](http://CulverCityRocks.org)  
Phone: (310) 391-8429  
Email: [maryellenandrick@aol.com](mailto:maryellenandrick@aol.com)

**August 1, 2 & 3 2008, Nipomo, CA**

Orcutt Mineral Society  
St. Joseph Church  
298 S. Thompson Ave.  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 710-1983  
E-mail [Rocks4u@proigy.net](mailto:Rocks4u@proigy.net)  
Webpage: <http://www.omsinc.org>

**August 2 - 3 2008, San Francisco, CA**

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
San Francisco County Fair Bldg  
Ninth Ave. & Lincoln Way  
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5  
Ellen Nott (415) 564-4230  
August 29 - Sept. 1 2008, Fort Bragg, CA  
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society  
Town Hall, Main & Loral  
Hours: Sat. & Sun 10-6; Mon. 10-4  
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116  
E-mail [ejwebb@mcn.org](mailto:ejwebb@mcn.org)

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**September 13-14 2008, Downey, CA**

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4  
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614  
Email : [guynellallen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:guynellallen@sbcglobal.net)

**September 25-28 2008, San Bernardino CA**

Orange Belt Mineral Society, Inc.  
Western Region Little League Ball Park  
6707 Little League Dr.  
Hours: 9 a.m. - Dusk each day  
Emma Rose Couveau (951) 288-6182

**September 27-28 2008, Monterey, CA**

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Sky Paston (831) 417-7477  
Email: [sky@familystones.net](mailto:sky@familystones.net)  
Website: [www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

**September 27-28 2008, Stockton, CA**

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
33 West Alpine Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Nettie Meissner (209) 858-2263  
E-mail:[footsey1@yahoo.com](mailto:footsey1@yahoo.com)





# 2008 FIELD TRIPS



Contact your club's field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://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.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

## SCHEDULE FOR TRIPS

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| June 7-8          | Virgin Valley, Nevada for opal and Oregon for sunstones. El Dorado Gem & Mineral Society, Fred Ott   |
| June 7-8          | Virgin Valley, NV for Precious opal, petrified wood, occasionally other fossils<br>NBFT - Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Dean or Karen Weider   |
| June 7-19         | Fallon, NV; McDermitt, NV; Lake View, OR; Davis Creek, CA for rhyolite, agate, petrified wood, fossils, picture jasper, rainbow obsidian, sunstone and other. Mother Lode Mineral Society, Al Trogin |
| June 14           | Spider Mine west of Red Bluff, CA for rhodonite obtained from this site, is excellent and well worth the easy drive on good roads. NBFT - San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, Heinz Dreier          |
| June 16 - 19      | Virgin Valley for Opal, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Society, Jim Dunlap  |
| June 27-29        | CFMS Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA<br>California Federation of Mineralogical Society   |
| Aug. 17           | Co-op Quarterly Meeting, Sutter Club to host   |
| Aug. 30 - Sept 1  | Austin , NV, El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society, Barbara Terrill  |
| Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 | Cedarville, CA, Fossils for Fun Society, Carole Lockhart   |

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<http://www.ourfieldtrips.org>

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