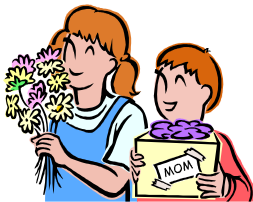




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Mother's Day



General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

May's Program

AUCTION

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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. May 5

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 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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May, 2009

President's Message by Vicki Black

Hi Everyone,

This is one of my favorite times of the year. Everything is so green and fresh and the wildflowers are just beautiful. We just got back for Arizona. We had a wonderful time and the cactus were in bloom and it was gorgeous. We sure do enjoy traveling around but it is always good to get home.

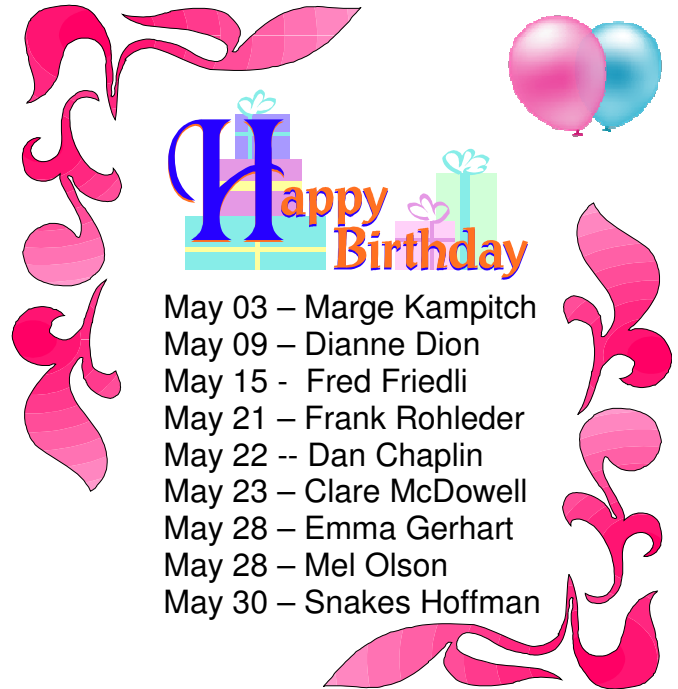
We have our rock auction this month so remember to bring something to auction and your \$\$\$\$ to spend!!! Bill Sagaser and I will be holding a live auction. This is one event you'll surely not want to miss.

With all this nice weather, I hope to see you out on some off our field trips and the co-op fieldtrips too. Just a reminder when out and about there are a few safety rules you should be sure to follow. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. Take extra water. When you are with a group remember to be aware of the other people around you so you don't toss rocks down on them or send flying chips of rock from your hammering. Watch for snakes. Just be careful and courteous and have fun.

Vicki

May Calendar

May 1 - 3	Snyder's 35th Annual "POWPOW"
May 5	NCG&MS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
May 5	NCG&MS General Meeting 7:00 pm
May 10	Mother's Day
May 16	Armed Forces Day
May 25	Memorial Day
May 20-25	Inter-Regional Rendezvous
May 23-25	Monte Cristo Mountains Fieldtrip



May 03 – Marge Kampitch
May 09 – Dianne Dion
May 15 - Fred Friedli
May 21 – Frank Rohleder
May 22 -- Dan Chaplin
May 23 – Clare McDowell
May 28 – Emma Gerhart
May 28 – Mel Olson
May 30 – Snakes Hoffman

Is it your Birthday this Month?

Celebrating your birthday during the month means that you will provide a treat for members to enjoy during our refreshment break.



Also, remember to put a penny in the Birthday Cup for each year of your age. To make it easy - round up to a dollar! The money will go into our Scholarship Fund for Sierra College.

April's Program

We enjoyed Vicki Black's "Hunting for Dinosaurs" slide show. Vicki went along with her Sierra College class to Fort Peck Reservoir in Montana. They camped and dug for fossils in the Hell Creek Formation hauling their equipment and supplies long distances to get to the dig site.

They found a prized dinosaur skull in pieces and carefully packed it for the long trip back to school where many days were spent cleaning and reassembling the skull..



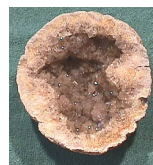
April Club Field Trip Report

Our club field trip to Austin, Nevada, scheduled for April 18 & 19, was cancelled due to snow and muddy roads at the collecting sites. A trip to Wonderstone Mountain and the Fairview area was decided upon instead for Saturday, April 18. It was attended by the Lays (Julie-Anne, Scott, Emma & Alex), the Woodhalls (Rob, Lori, Anna & Stuart) and the Bartels (Terry & Debbie).

The weather was great, colorful lizards and horned-toads were abundant and the sites were very productive. Everyone found some good stuff and a few really nice specimens were found at Fairview, including a large geode filled with exceptionally nice calcite crystals (Rob), a beautiful quartz-crystal-filled geode (Alex), a nice chunk of seam agate (Emma), and several crystal clusters, some with amethyst (Lori, Anna). Hopefully they'll bring their finds to the May meeting to show them off!

We still want to go Austin, NV and at this time I'm thinking of re-scheduling the trip for the weekend of June 6 & 7. I'll bring a new sign-up sheet to the May club meeting.

Terry Bartels,
Field Trip Leader



<http://www.rocksforkids.com/R&M/geodes.html>

CRACKING GEODES OPEN (Without Destroying Them!)

by Ray Hill

Seems like I'm always getting calls from folks asking "How can I crack a geode open without breaking it into small pieces?" Well, there are a number of ways, some good and some not so good. Here, I will outline four of the most common ways. [By the way, it's a good idea to use safety goggles whenever you start banging away at a rock.]

1) Diamond Saw - Should you be fortunate enough to have a large diamond saw, or know someone that owns one, you can saw the geodes in two. This works best when there is a vice to hold the specimen. You can cut the geode open and end up with two halves with a smooth face on each. (But not everyone has a diamond saw....)

2) Another method of opening geodes that works well, (the method I use most often) is to crack the geode open with an old fashioned cast-iron plumbing pipe cutter. This is a tool that plumbers used to use in doing plumbing in homes when they worked with the cast iron plumbing pipes. (Homes built prior to about 35 years ago.) I have one of these tools that I use to break geodes open and most of the time I can break them with two matching halves. This really does a good job.

Maybe you have seen show dealers that were breaking geodes open with one of these tools. The tool has a chain at the business end with links like a bicycle chain, and in this chain there are round carbide rollers with sharp edges on them.

To break the geode open, you simply wrap the chain, with the carbide rollers, around the geode, and fasten it into a notch in the tool and press down on the handle. This constricts the chain around the geode evenly all the way around and squeezes to where it breaks the geode open into two halves. I got my cast iron plumbing pipe cutter from a retired plumber here locally. If you're going to break a lot of geodes you may want to get one.

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3) Hammer and chisel. Most folks don't have a diamond saw or plumbing pipe cutter, and only want to break a couple of geodes open. Well, you can do a pretty good job with a hammer and cold chisel. I've done it a number of times and it works well. Take your hammer, cold chisel and geodes outside where there is a concrete walk, driveway, steps, etc., in other words a hard surface. I wouldn't try it on a wooden surface. And you almost need three hands to do this. Place the geode on the concrete and hold it on the sides with one hand, then hold the cold chisel on the top of the geode and strike it LIGHTLY with your hammer. Don't try to break it open now.... Rotate the geode about a half inch, place the chisel in line with where you just hit it and strike the chisel again ... LIGHTLY. Do this all the way around the largest part of the geode. By the time you have hit the chisel in a line all the way around the geode, it should be ready to open. If the geode has not broken open at this point, start around the circumference again, striking the geode with the cold chisel in a straight line. Strike the chisel a little harder this time. This is a little slow, but if you do it right and don't get in too big a hurry, you should be able to break the geode open into two halves that you can fit back together to where you can't tell where it was broken.

4) Hammer - Of course you can strike the geode repeatedly with the hammer until it breaks open, but, it most likely will end up in a few pieces. Not a good method!



Geodes - Mexico

Ray Hill
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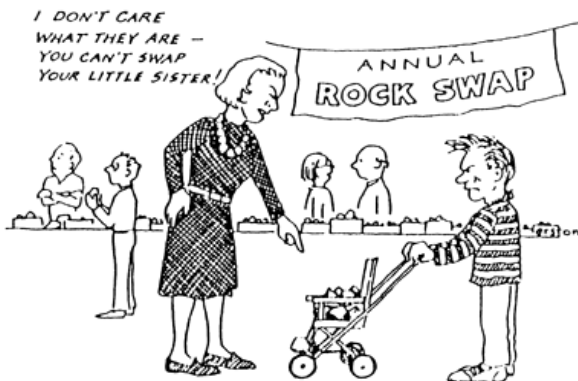


Geodes - Crack Your Own

The above article is from the "Great South Gem & Minerals, Inc." website. Check out the website and you'll find that they are the home of a super selection of rocks, mineral specimens, genuine fossils, fossil replicas, stone eggs and spheres, lots of stone carvings, from pencil cups to carved elephants and butterflies, rock collecting tools, designed especially for the rock collector, books on rocks, minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, rock and fossil collecting locations in the United States, and other rock shop items.

Ray Hill has given permission to the editors of Rock & Mineral Clubs to use his articles in their newsletters. Thanks to club member, Jonathan North, for forwarding this website to me.

Jeanne Boone, Editor



Cartoon from Rockbuster News 6/89
via T-Town Rockhound 9/97
via The Burro Express 10/97

Welcome New Members



Nancy Spurgeon is a new member from Penn Valley. She lists her interests and hobbies as rocks, shells, birding and anything nature related. Welcome Nancy!

Henry Hoyt (Hank) is a returning member from Nevada City. He was a President of the club for two years and a member of the board for three years as well as publisher of the bulletin. He is interested in rock hounding, wood work, traveling and fishing. Welcome Back Hank!

Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous

by Richard Pankey, Inter-Regional Field Trip Chair

The Davis Creek/Lassen Creek area of the Modoc National Forest in northeastern California is truly a unique and beautiful place. And for rockhounds its most unique feature is OBSIDIAN! It is abundant and great quality. It is easy to find and collect. It comes in a wide variety of colors, sheens and shapes. And best of all our rendezvous will be held there in late May. If you like obsidian, if you like rock collecting, if you like meeting other interesting rockhounds join us for this Inter-regional Rockhound Rendezvous, May 20th to the 25th, 2009.

Now is the time to get your name on the sign up list. Sign up early and bring some friends. We are relying on the bulletin editors and field trip chairmen to help get the word out about this unique adventure. The two-page Field Trip flier is available on the AFMS and CFMS websites. This flier has all the details about the trip, directions to our campsite and other useful information.

There were two activities mentioned in the flier that I would like to explain in more detail. On Friday and Saturday afternoons we will conduct our Tailgate Displays. We will have rockhounds from all over the western United States that I am sure have collected some unique and interesting material from their home area. Bring along some specimens to show and share at the tailgate display. This will also be a good time to conduct the "map exchange". Map exchanges are easy – to get a map you have to give a map. Before you leave home prepare a good, detailed map of a good, unique or little known collecting area that you are familiar with. The map should be a detailed hand or computer drawn map with accurate mileages, GPS coordinates are very desirable, and be sure to note collecting site details and campsites where appropriate. Bring along as many maps as you would like to receive. I plan to bring 100 copies of my map. I am sure there will be a lot of informal exchanges of collecting sites, GPS info, and sharing of great places to go and see. There are a lot of other rockhounding opportunities within 100 miles of our Rendezvous site: sunstones, opal, petrified wood, other obsidian sites, geodes and more. The Rendezvous is a good way to start your summer collecting tour.

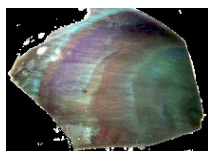
We have arranged for several knappers to demonstrate and teach various knapping techniques. If you are already a knapper, beginner or experienced, bring along your tools and join the "Knapp-In."

Although we are camping in a National Forest it is best that we bring in our own wood for our campfire. If everyone would bring some firewood we should have enough for a campfire each night. And don't forget about the happy hours and the 2 potluck dinners.

This trip is open to members and guests of all of the Federations of the AFMS, but I expect most of the attendees will be from the Northwest and California Federations. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Please notify your respective Federation leader early, but no later than May 16, if you plan to attend; email (or call) if you have questions or need more information. Don't wait – do it now. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over the west, and all of the Federations of the AFMS, to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.



Rainbow Obsidian

Dick Parks
Northwest Federation

Richard Pankey
California Federation



Source: AFMS April 2009 newsletter Website: www.amfed.org/

CFMS Directors Meeting Notes

The CFMS Board of Directors Meeting was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in San Jose, CA during the annual CFMS Show that was sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society. The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:05 a.m. by President C.J. Quitoriano. All the CFMS Officers were present, there were sufficient Directors (60 clubs) and Chairpersons at the meeting to make up a quorum. All the formalities were completed and the meeting proceeded per the agenda that was adopted.

The Report of Actions of the Executive Committee were presented and approved. Actions included the following:

1. It was approved to continue the contracts of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (Pat LaRue) and CFMS Trophy coordinator (Frank Mullaney).
2. It was approved that Pat LaRue be given permission to access the safety deposit box in CFMS name at World Savings in Highland. This bank is no longer used by CFMS, and the key is not available. There will be a fee of \$150.00 to have the lock drilled.
3. It was approved for the Earth Science Committee Chairman (Marion Roberts) to purchase 50 chairs for Camp Paradise, not to exceed \$500.00.
4. It was approved that the CFMS Scholarship Committee look into the procedure of selection, how much is to be awarded and whom the money should be given, and report back to the Executive Committee at the November meeting.
5. It was approved that the Newsletter Editor, Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Web Master look into sending the CFMS Newsletter out electronically.

The CFMS Executive Committee also made the following recommendations for the CFMS Directors consideration:

1. Being that the Orange Belt Gem & Mineral Society is no longer able to host the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show. The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society has now submitted a bid to host the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show. The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve this request.
2. The Executive Board recommends the following Ad Hoc Committees be approved to permanent committees:
 - a. Membership
 - b. Demonstrator Directory

Delinquent Societies: There were eight Societies that have not paid their dues. Fairfield Lapidary Society has disbanded. Rancho Margarita Gem & Mineral Society and Santa Barbara Mineral & Gem Society are dropping out of CFMS. There were no new club applications presented.

Bud McMillin, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.

Report on 2010 Show: The Orange Belt Gem & Mineral Society backed out of doing the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show. The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society has now submitted a bid to host the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show. The Show will be in La Habra, June 11, 12 & 13, 2010. A motion was made, seconded and approved for North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society to do the show.

Report on 2011 Show: The 2011 show will be co-hosted by the Paradise Gem & Mineral Club and Shasta Gem & Mineral, which together make up the Superior California Gem & Mineral Association. The show will be at the Shasta Fairgrounds in Anderson. The show is planned for the third weekend in June; however it is dependent upon availability of the fairgrounds.

Report on New Show Bids: There were no new show bids; clubs were urged to consider putting on a show for 2012 or 2013 or beyond.

Jonathan H. North
Federation Director, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2009**

Meeting called to order by President Vicki Black at 6:05pm

Members present: Terry Bartels, Vicki & Gary Black, Jeanne & Alan Boone, Bill Budd, Dan Chaplin, Joyce Emerson, Julie-Anne Lay and Jonathon North

Minutes from March Board Meeting: Approved as printed in bulletin

Treasurer's Report: Rent paid through June. Picnic paid. Reregistered club for non-profit status. Bank sent 2 check cards for club account, Vicki Black and Alan Boone will each keep one. Accounts looking okay. Scholarship applications received from Sierra College – the club is not awarding a scholarship at this time.

Correspondence: Show flyers for Reno G&M Society May 9-10th and the Gem Faire at Cal Expo May 15-17th.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Board approved Nancy Spurgeon's application to become a member. Reviewed list of membership non-renewals and approved continuation of membership for members with current illness.

Bulletin: In CFMS competition – our bulletin is in the top 5. Winners will be announced at CFMS show. Editor, Jeanne Boone will be attending the Editor's Breakfast.

Field Trips: Terry Bartels attended the Co-op field trip seminar on March 7th and the Mining Claims seminar given by Dr. Wilkerson. Lots of good information. April 4th was the interesting field trip to Calistoga to see the impressive petrified wood forest. The club field trip to collect thulite outside Grass Valley was a success and a lot of material was collected. Upcoming trips to Austin, Nevada and Monte Cristo Mountains information published in the bulletin.

Federation: The CFMS Show April 17-19 is being held in San Jose at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. We received our "Nevada County Junior Rockhounds" official membership binder. We need to find a leader for the junior club.

Show Chairman: Joyce Emerson announced that all vendor contracts are out and we have a full house with a waiting list.

Webmaster: Jonathan North announced that our Club website is in the top 5 in the CFMS competition. He will attend the CFMS show where the annual winners will be announced.

Picnic: No Report

Program: "Hunting for Dinos" presented by Vicki Black

Continuing business: We need a replacement for Cliff Swenson as the RVP for the "Old Timers Association" and also need a demonstration coordinator for the show.

New business: American Land Access Association membership: this is a lobbying organization to keep public lands open for collecting. Individual club members encouraged to join to protect our hobby.

Meeting adjourned: at 6:55pm

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

**Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2009**

Meeting called to order by President Vicki Black at 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 31 members and 5 guests

Sunshine: Diane Riley is improving and her spaghetti feed fundraiser was attended by some members. Duane Dewitt is also continuing to improve. Bill Budd is back attending our club meetings. Welcome back Bill!

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to all the April birthdays !

Program: "Hunting for Dinos" presented by Vicki Black

Minutes from March Board Meeting: approved as printed in the bulletin

Treasurer's Report: Rent paid through June. Picnic site paid. Accounts all looking good.

Correspondence: Membership renewal in the Chamber of Commerce. The Reno Gem & Mineral Society show is on May 9-10th. The Gem Faire at Cal Expo May 15-17th.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Welcome new member, Nancy Spurgeon.

Bulletin: "Rock Writings" is in top 5 in CFMS competition. Jeanne Boone will attend the "Editor's Breakfast" at the CFMS Show.

Field Trips: Terry Bartels attended the co-op field trip seminar, a claims seminar and the petrified forest trip in Calistoga. The club trip to collect thulite was attended by 10 members and 6 juniors and some nice material was collected. Upcoming trip to Austin, Nevada on 4/18-19 for fluorite, petrified wood, chalcedony. The Co-op trip to Monte Cristo Mountains is 5/23-25, details and map on flier.

Federation: The Santa Clara Club/CFMS Show in San Jose on 4/17-19. We received a membership certificate and program binder for our junior club: "Nevada County Junior Rockhounds". The program involves a number of badges the junior members can work on in different areas. An adult member volunteer is needed to run/coordinate the program.

Show Chairman: Joyce Emerson announced that all dealers/vendors places are filled. Kim Moore and Joyce are working on better lighting, background and information on the main fossil display. We need a demonstration coordinator for the show to replace Cliff Swenson.

Webmaster: The club website is in top 5 club sites in the CFMS competition. Jonathan North will attend the CFMS show.

Picnic: The site is booked and paid. The date for the picnic is July 11th, 2-5pm

Program: Next month: Club Auction. Nice specimens/ slabs or items related to our hobby needed for the auction. Proceeds to go to the club.

Continuing business: "Old Timer's Club" will need RVP to replace Cliff Swenson. We are still collecting local rocks/minerals for the Alaska exchange box.

New business: Individual members are encouraged to join the "American Lands Access Association" to support lobbying to keep public lands open to collecting. The AFMS/NWFS show in Billings, Montana includes NASA moon rock exhibit and many field trips.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:45pm

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

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July 30, 31, August 1, 2



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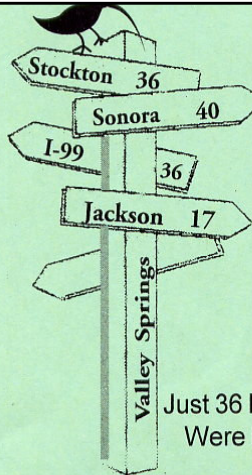
Mother's Day Weekend
May 10th and 11th, 2008

Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm
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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.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site

May 1 -3	Valley Springs Pow Wow, website: www.ValleySpringsPowWow.com
May 16, 17	Peterson Peak/Hallelujah Junction, CA for quartz crystals, Roseville Rock Rollers, Contact Shaun Chapman or Jim Hutchings.
May 23-25 Memorial weekend	Monte Cristo Mts., NV for rhyolite, agate, apache tears and petrified wood. Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, contact Vicki Black.
May 20-25 Memorial weekend	Davis Creek/Lassen Creek for obsidian AFMS Inter-Regional, contact Dick Pankey.
June 6	Virgin Valley for opals, opalized petrified wood. El Dorado Co. M & G Club, contact Fred Ott.
June 13/27 rain date	Babcock Peak for rose quartz & tour of Taylorsville Museum, Paradise G & M Club, Mike Eggleston. -rain date is June 27.
July 4, 5	Buffalo Canyon (Middlegate, NV) for fossils. Fossils for Fun, contact Hugh Brady.
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, contact Keith Lindholm.
October 3	Empire Mine Tour. Sun City Lincoln Hills G & M Club, ccontact Ron Clawson.
Nov. TG week	Southern CA – annual Thanksgiving week trips. Mother Lode Mineral Club, contact Al Troglin.

Source: Florence Brady, Co-op Field Trip Chairman



2009 CFMS SHOWS

May 1-3, 2009, Bishop, CA

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Tri County Fairgrounds Bishop
Corner of Sierra St. & Fair Drive
Hours: Fri. 6p.m.-10p.m.; Sat. 9:30-4; Sun. 10-3
Jeff Lines (760) 872-6597
Email: franceem@qnet.com

May 2-3 2009, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 West Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30
James Williamson (714) 995-9080
Email: showchair@searchersrocks.org
Website: <http://www.searchersrocks.org>

May 9-10 2009, Reno, NV

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

May 15, 16, 17 2009, Anderson, CA

Superior California Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Near Redding off hwy 273
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
Email: mmpg@earthlink.net
Website: www.superiorcal.com

May 16-17 2009, Newbury Park, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park
190 Reno Road
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4:30
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734
Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
Website: www.cgamc.org

May 16-17 2009, Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
34900mOaknglen Road
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4
Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475
Email: webmaster@yvgms.org
Website: www.yvgms.org

May 30 -31 2009, Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems
859 E. Sierra Madre Ave. Glendora
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 5-7 2009, Woodland Hills, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society
Pierce College
Pierce College - Victory & Mason
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Gary Levitt, Show Chair (818) 993-3802
Email: Show@Rockatomics.org
Website: www.Rockatomics.org

June 6-7 2009, La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974
Email: warthen@earthlink.net
Website: nccgms.com

June 13-14 2009, Cayucos, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cayucos Vets Hall
10 Cayucos Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: slogem.org



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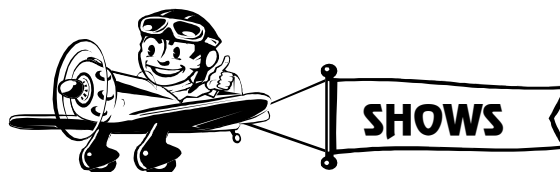
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