

# Rock Writings

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## Calling all Members! Bring your fake, dyed, coated, or other “enhanced” minerals, fossils, and related material to the next club meeting

At the March meeting Blaze Baker will give a brief PowerPoint presentation about fakes and enhanced minerals and gems. Enhancements vary from industry-accepted practices such as heating sapphires, to deceptive practices of making fake fossils, and dyed or coated minerals. Items commonly sold at rock shows, online, and even at wholesalers will be presented.

After the presentation, there will be time for members to show and describe enhanced or fake items they brought. Many have been deceived by these items, or maybe knew it was enhanced, and just liked it anyway. This is a way for all of us to learn from each other and be more educated buyers!

## Show Security

TUCSON, Ariz. (KGUN) — Gem show security is becoming a concern for vendors. A high-priced knife was stolen at this year’s show from a booth at the 22nd Street Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, and gem shows in Tucson have had items stolen in years past.

Some vendors are concerned after seeing thefts year after year. Depending on which show in Tucson, a permit might be required to enter. The Gem and Mineral Show on 22nd Street is open to the public.

“This one you can find fine jewelry, good stones, valuable things. We really believe this show should not be open to the public,” said one vendor, Gabriela de la Torre.

Gabriela de la Torre is a Brazilian gem vendor that relies on the income the gem show brings in. She said worrying about thefts distracts from sales. “Instead of working, we are just trying to take care to make sure people aren’t stealing,” she said. De la Torre also wants more security for smaller booths like hers near the entrance.

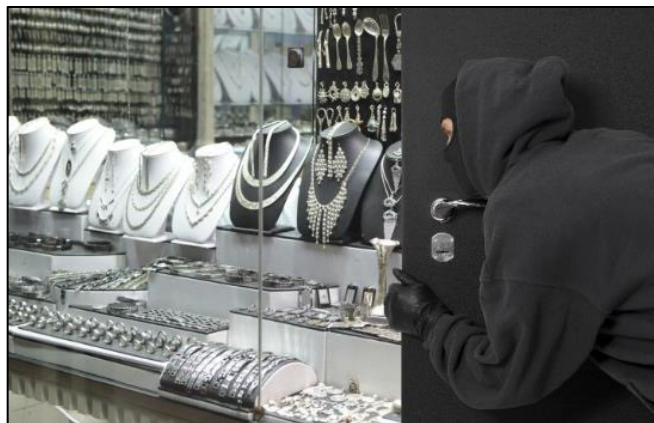
Oke Millett with Discovery Gems and Jewellery has been working on this gem show for eight years. He understands why others would want more security. “I would say every year there’s at least one horrible story of something pretty bad happening and something getting taken for a lot of money,” he said.



Still, he would prefer not to go in that direction. "It's difficult. It has to be a welcoming environment for everybody. I don't know how many people come to a show, 50,000 or more, so we don't want it to look like they're coming into an armed situation," said Millett.

As someone that comes year after year, Millett said awareness of what's going on in your booth is something that comes with the gem show. He also recommended glass casing for high-priced items, but he knows that's not the case for everyone.

Millett said just making relationships with neighboring booths could help keep an extra eye out.



## NCGMS: CO-OP Seminar Is Just Around The Corner!

Good day, our (CO-OP) Seminar meeting is just around the corner. The date is March 4th, 2023, held at the Woman's Thursday Club 10625 Fair Oaks CA 95628. Our speaker will start around 10:15 am. Jim Hutchins is our Speaker. The topic will be "Chemistry and Origins of Gold". We will then have a short break then the Live Auction. We will have lunch and then the business meeting.

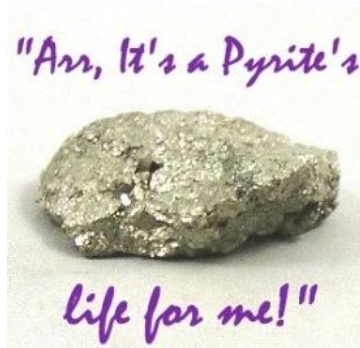
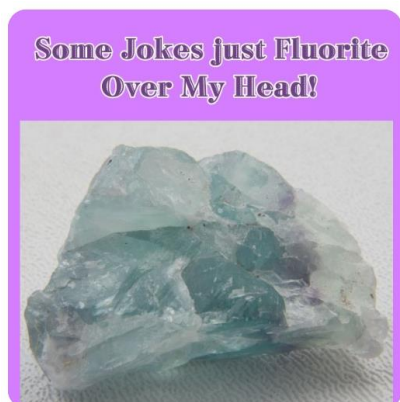
Please get the word out that our Seminar is open to any CO-OP society members. We please ask them to RSVP to mistywatsonc21@hotmail.com. or text to (209)480-3176. We have limited space at the facility. I would like the guest attendant's email address so I can provide directions, parking instructions, and an email reminder.

We would like to welcome the Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society to the CO-OP! We look forward to many memorable trips and making new friends! Welcome!

Sincerely, The CO-OP

## Welcome to our new members!

James Manning in Nevada City (heard of us via the Union newspaper) and Angela DiCarlo in Camptonville met the club at the last Show!



## Membership Renewal time

Yes, its that time also! It is Time to Renew Your NCG&MS Membership for 2023.

Your membership dues pay for a number of things, including dues to the AMFS, the CFMS, Insurance for field trips and other club activities, rental for our meeting hall, and help to produce (and mail) the newsletter. We all get a lot for such a small amount!

Please fill out the form below, and along with a check please send to our Post Office Box:

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Membership Chair

P.O Box 1686

Grass Valley, CA 95945-1686

Or give to Membership Chair (Charles) or Treasurer (Sheila) at a meeting.

Dues are due by March 1, 2023.

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Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society (NCGMS) 2023 Membership Renewal Form

Please provide Name, and the following information if anything has changed:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Email Address will be part of the club roster unless omission is requested).

Type of Membership (check one):

Adult 18 Years or Older: \$25.00 per year.

Family (one address): \$30.00 per year.

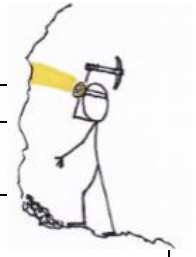
If you wish to receive newsletter by Email only, deduct \$5.00 from normal membership dues.

I wish to receive my newsletter by email and have entered an Email address.

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society (NCGMS) is a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of California and is recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701f of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Contributions made to NCGMS are NOT deductible for tax purposes.

**NCGMS 2023 Field Trips (please double check before the trip to ensure it is still planned):**



Trip	Host
March 11-13 NW Nevada - Tuledad Agate, Petrefied Wood, Obsidian	John Dolman
March 24-26 Central Nevada - Wonderstone, Agate, Apache Tears, and maybe Turquoise	John Dolman
April 1-2 Paradise/Sawmill Peak - Rhodonite	John Dolman

**Field Trip to NW Nevada for Tuledad Agate, Petrified Wood, Obsidian, and more:  
March 11-13 2023**

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Tuledad Agate, Petrified Wood, Chalcedony, types of Obsidian, yard rocks

TRIP LOCATION: Duck Lake, NV

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE: Vehicle Access; Parking - 5, 2-wheel drive, parking on the dirt access road. Collection or View site - 6, 1/4 to 1/2 mile with trails on hillsides, or through brush and creek beds

WHEN: Mar 11-13, 2023

SPONSOR: El Dorado/Nevada County/Paradise Clubs

MEMBERS GUESTS: Allowed

LEADER CONTACT INFO: contact by Mar 3, 2023, John Dolman

MEET: Duck lake loop road campsite is five miles off Highway 447. A Left turn-off of County road# 447.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE: I-80 east of Sparks NV, exit goes northbound from Wadsworth, NV, on county road# 447- Then turn left. On, Duck Lake road, which is about 130 miles north of Wadsworth, NV, look for the orange plate at the turn for Duck lake road.

VEHICLE REQ: Most 2-wheel drive

FACILITIES: Nearest motel to the site is in Cedarville-35 miles. Dry camping near the site.

TOOLS: Safety glasses, rock pick, shovel, hammer, pry bar, buckets, bags

SAFETY CONCERNS: Snakes, high desert critters, with no facilities

CLIMATE / WEATHER: warm, windy, showers, cool-cold

OTHER REMARKS: Lots of possibilities in this area-Davis creek, Cedarville, Black rock desert, Lost Creek area, Virgin Valley.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: From campsite departure time 8 am each day.

## **Field Trip to Central Nevada for Wonderstone Agate, Apache tears, and maybe Turquoise: Mar 24-26, 2023**

SPONSORING SOCIETY: El Dorado and Nevada County Clubs

FIELD TRIP LEADER INFO: John Dolman-land line

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: On Mar 24, at 9:00 am., Day one meet the leader on US Route 95-south 2.4 mi. north of Goldfield, NV. 9:00 am. On May 23, Day 2 meet the leader at Millers rest area- which is 12 mi. northwest of Tonopah, and east of Coaldale Jct. on US route 6 / 95.

DIRECTIONS: From Placerville, CA. Take US-50 eastbound, in Carson NV., take 395 south to 208 EB- take US-95 ALT South to US-95 south through Hawthorne, NV, Mina, NV-at Jct with US-6 go left to Tonopah. Gemfield is to the south of there.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS: 4 X 4 is best

CAMP/FACILITIES: North of Tonopah take US-6 east to state route 376 to BLM free campsite. Motels in Tonopah, book early, like a month or two. Jim Butler Inn is great.

TOOLS: Hard rock, screens, buckets, bags

OTHER: Bring water, lunch, and snacks for each day

REMARKS: If you plan to attend, you must contact the field trip leader, John Dolman, prior to March 19, 2021. The wonder stone agate is a FEE dig. = \$35.00 for each 5-gal bucket.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Encountering rattlesnakes is real, Personal falls are more likely

## **Field Trip to Paradise, CA/Sawmill Peak for Rhodonite: April 1-2, 2023**

TRIP LOCATION: Sawmill Peak (Paradise, CA)

TRIP DIFFICULTY/RATING SCALE: Vehicle access/parking: 8. Collection or viewing site: 6

WHEN: April 1-2, 2023

SPONSOR CLUB: Paradise, Eldorado, Nevada County Clubs

LEADER CONTACT INFO: John Dolman

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Limonite, Rhodonite

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Meet at 8:00 am In Paradise at VFW parking lot (upper), corner of Skyview Hwy.191 & Elliot Rd. North east of Chico CA.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING SITE: Take US-50 to Sacramento, to I - 5 north, to 99 north to Marysville, take Hwy. 70 north NB, To Wicks Corner go 191/Skyview, to Elliot Rd. Paradise, CA.

VEHICLE REQs: 4X4; carpooling

CAMP/FACILITIES- Motels in Paradise

TOOLS: Shovel, rock hammer, pry bar, 10 lb. sledge or more, bucket/bag, gloves, eyewear knee pads, a face shield is best, long pants, long-sleeved shirt.



## Take Care with Crystals

Crystals have been a popular trend in recent years due to their aesthetic beauty and alleged healing properties. However, not all crystals are created equal, as some can be both beautiful and toxic to humans. In this article, we will explore some of the most stunning crystals that can also pose a risk to our health.

**Cinnabar:** Cinnabar is a bright red crystal that has been used for centuries in traditional Chinese medicine. However, it contains high levels of mercury, which is a potent neurotoxin. Exposure to cinnabar can cause symptoms such as tremors, mood swings, and memory loss.



**Galena:** Galena is a grey or silver-colored crystal that has been used for jewelry and decorative purposes. However, it contains lead, which can be toxic to the nervous system and other organs. Prolonged exposure to galena can cause symptoms such as fatigue, joint pain, and memory loss.



**Chrysotile:** Chrysotile is a white or greenish crystal that is often used in industrial applications. It is a form of asbestos, which is a known carcinogen that can cause lung cancer and other respiratory diseases. Exposure to chrysotile can occur through inhalation of dust or fibers.



**Cinnabar Quartz:** Cinnabar Quartz is a beautiful red crystal that is often used in jewelry and home decor. However, it contains cinnabar, which as previously mentioned, contains mercury. This can pose a risk to human health, especially if the crystal is ingested or inhaled.



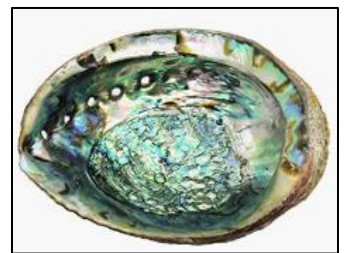
**Stibnite:** Stibnite is a metallic grey or black crystal that has been used for decorative purposes. However, it contains antimony, which can be toxic to the heart, liver, and kidneys. Prolonged exposure to stibnite can cause symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.



In conclusion, while crystals can be beautiful and have alleged healing properties, it is important to be aware of potential risks associated with certain types of crystals. It is always important to handle them with caution and to be mindful of the potential hazards they may pose to our health.

## Working with Abalone Shell

Starting with the raw shell, it must first be soaked in a chemical to rid it of algae and parasitic crustations. It is scrubbed, dried, sandblasted, before it is ready for cutting. Rough shapes are formed by saw, drill, and dremel tools using diamond edged tools. This work should be done under water, with a worker wearing a respirators, plus fans blowing for ventilation to protect the workers from Silicosis, due to dust of Calcium Carbonate from shells.



After the cutting operations are completed, shell parts can be placed in a tumbler for 24 to 72 hours with three changes of grit. The shell is then washed, and buffed to a high gloss finish. This last operation can be done either mechanically or by hand. The shell should now be a beautiful creation of vivid color worthy of any jewelry setting.

All that is left now is the imagination of the craftsman. The shell can be drilled for jump rings, epoxied for any glued style, or prong set for special effects. Completion of any of these operations assures the individual of the finest in Abalone jewelry.

## Member Items for Sale

Member Don Russel has some items for sale. I stopped by his house recently, and he has some really nice materials for sale as he is downsizing. Contact him at 530-559-9480 or [naturesart88@gmail.com](mailto:naturesart88@gmail.com).

27" Vi-Bro-Lap made by Highland Park, unused aluminum sanding plate, new cost for plate \$900, new cost for Vi-Bro-Lap \$2,495 + crating/shipping/tax: Asking \$700.

Home-made 16" lap: steel plate, 15 5/8" diameter, 5/16" thick, mounted into an antique Walker electric dish washer cabinet (21"X21"X32" high), top load door. Needs motor and finishing up conversion. \$375

Three rubber barrels, two steel barrels for rock tumbler 12T 9" from Covington.

100lbs Tripoli \$165/new cost; 50lbs \$145, 80lbs of 60/90 \$80; 210lbs 120/220 \$208 plus tax - make offers.

Colla petrified wood from Zile, Turkey (1) 20lb piece, (1) 10lb piece, (1) 2.4lb piece, (2) 1/4" slabs 5"X6"

Fossilized Coral from Florida 30 million years old from private river property

AZ petrified wood log sections

Tufa rock formation from private ranch in Nevada formed 30,000 years ago

Mookaite from Australia – 20lbs

Polished petrified wood 18"X18"X48" tall

Other material such as jade rough







**2023 CFMS Shows**

<p><b>March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA</b>                  Ventura Gem &amp; Mineral Society                  Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.,                  Ventura, CA 93001                  Hours: Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sun 10 AM – 4 PM                  50 exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils and lapidary arts;                  ongoing demos of lapidary and jewelry making; raffle                  prizes &amp; silent auctions; a Second-Hand Treasures                  Store &amp; plant sale; 15 dealers; children’s activities and                  free resources for teachers. A SoCal tradition for 6                  decades and counting!                  Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org                  Website: <a href="http://www.vgms.org">http://www.vgms.org</a></p>	<p><b>March 3, 4 &amp; 5, 2023, Newark, CA</b>                  Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley                  Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA                  Times: Friday and Saturday, 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10                  AM – 5 PM                  MGSCV Annual Show. 40+ dealers, display cases,                  demonstrations, door prizes. Saturday auction at 2 PM of                  donated items from society members. Fluorescent displays                  and dealers. Free parking.                  Contact: <a href="mailto:Showchair@mgscv.org">Showchair@mgscv.org</a>                  Website: <a href="http://MGSCV.org">http://MGSCV.org</a></p>
<p><b>March 11-12,2023 -Turlock, CA</b>                  Mother Lode Mineral Society                  Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway,                  Turlock, CA                  Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM                  Admission: Adults \$8, 12 &amp; under free w/ adult                  Parking: Free                  Activities: Jewelry, Beads, Tools, Educational Exhibits,                  Demonstrations, Fossil Exhibit, Sharks, Fluorescent                  room, Speakers, Geode Cutting, Dinosaur Walk-about,                  Gold Panning, Gem &amp; Mineral Identification. Chat with                  Paleontologist Neal Larson, Large Fluorescent Room,                  Kids Activities, Rock Sale – old collections, Earth                  Science Tables, Food Court, Gemstone &amp; Fossil Dig                  bags, Raffle, 45 Dealers                  Website: <a href="http://www.turlockgemshow.com">http://www.turlockgemshow.com</a> or  <a href="http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com">http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com</a></p>	<p><b>March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells</b>                  Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club                  47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate                  Time: Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday – 9 AM – 5 PM                  Come visit us and our vendors for Handcrafted and Faceted                  Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings, and Equipment,                  Minerals and Fossils. TONS of Rough Material and More                  Contact: (909) 657-7200, marklantz53@gmail.com                  Club Address: 15056B Seventh St., Victorville, CA 92395                  Phone: (760) 243-2330 and leave a message. Email:  <a href="mailto:president@vvgmc.org">president@vvgmc.org</a>                  Website: <a href="http://vvgmc.org">http://vvgmc.org</a>                  Tailgate-2023-Info.jpg</p>
<p><b>March 18-19, 2023 – San Jose, CA</b>                  Santa Clara Valley Gem &amp; Mineral Society                  Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd, San                  Jose, CA 95111                  Hours: Saturday &amp; Sunday 10 AM-5 PM                  Fun for children of all ages. Free Parking.                  Active Duty, Retired Military, Their Dependents &amp;                  First Responders Free with Valid Military ID or First                  Responder ID</p>	<p><b>March 18, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA</b>                  Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society                  123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028                  Hours: 1 PM -4 PM                  Rough Cut sale of mineral specimens, gem rough and cut,                  lapidary slabs and rough, obsidian, micros, grab buckets                  and more. Priced to GO! Visit our free admission Gem and                  Mineral Museum while you’re in town.                  Parking in church lot on Pico (across from Rugh &amp; Cut                  entrance)                  Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org                  Website: <a href="http://fgms.org">http://fgms.org</a></p>
<p><b>March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA</b>                   Lemoore Gem &amp; Mineral Club                  Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA                  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sun 10 AM – 4 PM</p>	<p><b>March 24, 25 &amp; 26, 2023 – Clovis, CA</b>                  Fresno Gem and Mineral Society                  The Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis, CA                  93612                  Hours: Friday &amp; Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM –                  4 PM</p>



<p>Featuring gems and minerals from around the world! Fossils, Jewelry, Beads, Stone Carvings, Lapidary Rough, Geode Cutting, and Artesian Jewelry. Website: <a href="https://facebook.com/AndLemoore">https://facebook.com/AndLemoore</a></p>	<p>3rd Annual Central Valley Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Fresno Gem &amp; Mineral Society. We present a great show for viewing, learning about and purchasing minerals, fossils, gems, beautiful handmade jewelry &amp; much more! Educational and fun for all ages! Come out and tickle your inner rockhound! Free Parking and Free Admission Contact: <a href="mailto:danielblom096@gmail.com">danielblom096@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.fgms.online">https://www.fgms.online</a></p>
<p><b>March 25-26, 2023 – Angeles Camp, CA</b> Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Road, Angeles Camp, CA 95222 Contact: <a href="mailto:clairemathison1@gmail.com">clairemathison1@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/">https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/</a></p>	<p><b>April 1-2, 2023 – Vista, CA</b> Vista Gem and Mineral Society Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083 Hours: Saturday 10 AM -5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Cabs, Slabs and Rough, Jewelry Website: <a href="https://vistarocks.org">https://vistarocks.org</a></p>
<p><b>April 8-9, 2023 – Mariposa, CA</b> Mariposa Gem and Mineral Show Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Contact: <a href="mailto:mgmc@sti.net">mgmc@sti.net</a> Website: <a href="http://mariposagemclub.org">http://mariposagemclub.org</a></p>	<p><b>April 15-16, 2023 – Placerville, CA</b> El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Treasures in the Rough Contact: <a href="mailto:office@edcmgs">office@edcmgs</a> Website: <a href="http://edcmgs.org">http://edcmgs.org</a></p>
<p><b>April 22-23, 2023 – Thousand Oaks, CA</b> Conejo Gem &amp; Mineral Club Borchard Park, 190 N. Reino Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM 46th Pageant of a Thousand Gems Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Rocks, Hobby Supplies, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Plant Sales and Youth Activities Free Admission and Free Parking Contact: <a href="mailto:conejogemandmineral@gmail.com">conejogemandmineral@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:mrmikerh@gmail.com">mrmikerh@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://cgamc.org">https://cgamc.org</a></p>	<p><b>April 29-30, 2023 – Anaheim, CA</b> Anaheim Searchers Gem &amp; Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim CA Contact: <a href="mailto:Nancybird68@gmail.com">Nancybird68@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.searchersrocks.org/">https://www.searchersrocks.org/</a></p>
<p><b>April 29-30, 2023 – Santa Cruz, CA</b> Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM The show features displays, fun activities, and loads of rocks, minerals, crystals, gems, jewelry, and lapidary arts for sale. Browse the bargains and pick up some great gifts. That's April 29th and 30th at the Civic in downtown Santa Cruz. Contact: <a href="mailto:scruzmgms@gmail.com">scruzmgms@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.scrockngem.org">http://www.scrockngem.org</a></p>	<p><b>May 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa</b> Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399 Hours: Friday 6 PM – 10 PM, Saturday Noon to 10 PM Our annual show will have 15 dealers, kids activities, geode cracker, club store, and great raffle. Held in conjunction with city's Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival which will include artisan and other vendors, kids rides, music, food and beer/wine garden. Attendance and parking are free. Festival and show is held along Yucaipa Blvd. This is a great event for everyone in the family. Contact: <a href="mailto:grandpasgems@gmail.com">grandpasgems@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.yvgms.org/">https://www.yvgms.org/</a></p>
<p><b>May 6-7, 2023 – Lancaster, CA</b> Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536</p>	<p><b>June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA</b> Palomar Gem and Mineral Club The Convention Center at the California Center for the Arts – 340 North Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA</p>

<p>Hours: Saturday &amp; Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  Admission and Parking are free. Please note that dogs are only allowed if they are Service Animals.  Contact: marylandoriole@gmail.com  Website: <a href="http://avgem.weebly.com">http://avgem.weebly.com</a>  flyer: antelopeshow</p>	<p>Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM – 4 PM  9000 sq ft selling handmade silver, gold, beaded and fabricated jewelry, vintage jewelry, commercial quality gold &amp; silver faceted stone jewelry, specialty cabochons, mineral specimens, gem trees.  Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com  Website: <a href="http://palomargem.org">http://palomargem.org</a></p>
<p><b>NE 23-25, 2023 – LODI, CA</b>  <b>CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION</b>  LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, 413 E. LOCKEFORD ST., LODI, CA 95240  Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  Educational Exhibits, Speakers  Adults \$6, Kids 12 &amp; under FREE  Free admission to MILITARY Active, Veterans and their Dependents with valid Military ID card. <b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE</b>  For information: <a href="mailto:rocksbob@sbcglobal.net">rocksbob@sbcglobal.net</a>  Dealer information: <a href="mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com">slchaisson@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA</b>  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  Culver City Gem and Mineral Society  Culver City Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90203  60th Annual Fiesta of Gems – 2023 Theme: Druzy  Free Admission – Free Parking – Free Hourly Drawings  35 Vendors Featuring Minerals, Gems, Jewelry, Fossils, Lapidary &amp; Jewelry making supplies, Books, Etc.  Free Exhibits of Minerals, Gems, Fossils, Crystals, Handcrafted Jewelry, Meteorites, Etc.  Free Demonstrations of Jewelry Making and Earth Sciences  Free Mineral Specimen for the Kids plus Rock Games &amp; Earth Science Education Displays  Grand Prize Raffle drawing on Sunday  Contact: <a href="mailto:lexyhunter@aol.com">lexyhunter@aol.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/">http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/</a></p>
<p><b>August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA</b>  Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society  Roebbelen Event Center, @the Grounds – Roseville, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  61st Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show  Over 60 vendors, inside and out, featuring Crystals, Fossils, Minerals from around the world, Opal, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, Gold, and for Kids – “Education Station”, Gold Nuggets, Prospecting equipment, detectors and supplies, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings. Watch Demonstrations in the Lapidary Arts and bid on Silent Rock Auctions. Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID! Bring your Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Meteorites and treasures, for a no-cost Scientific Identification. General Admission \$8, Seniors 60+ \$7, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10.  Discount coupon.  Contact: <a href="mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com">gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html">https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html</a></p>	<p><b>August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA</b>  Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society  Annual Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show  500 East “F” Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561  Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM  Gems and minerals, jewelry, activities for kids and much more. Free admission.  Contact: (661) 972-1117, <a href="mailto:travis462@outlook.com">travis462@outlook.com</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.tvgms.rocks">https://www.tvgms.rocks</a></p>
<p><b>August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA</b>  Pasadena Lapidary Society Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA 91007  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  Contact: (626) 260-7239  Website: <a href="https://pasadenalapidary.org">https://pasadenalapidary.org</a></p>	<p><b>September 16-17, 2023 – Monterey, CA</b>  Carmel Valley Gem &amp; Mineral Society  Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA  Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  Contact: (831) 801-5887, <a href="mailto:susieharlow@gmail.com">susieharlow@gmail.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://cvgms.rocks">http://cvgms.rocks</a></p>
<p><b>October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA</b>  Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society</p>	<p><b>October TBD – Grass Valley, CA -- <u>OUR SHOW!!</u></b>   Details coming.</p>

Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400  
Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061  
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  
Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net  
Website: <http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

Check websites or call to ensure shows and field trips are still planned during the pandemic (cancelled shows have been removed or not listed here – also, watch the CFMS listings closely).

Also, “Google” the words “oregon gem and mineral society shows”: many shows (closer than the SoCal shows – and no state tax) show up. Nationally: [http://www.amfed.org/fed\\_shows.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm)

## NEVADA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board/Club Minutes, February 7, 2023

The NCGMS Board of Director’s meeting was held at the Grange Building, Grass Valley, CA 95945.  
President Dennis Geare called the meeting to order at 6: 05 pm.  
Secretary Edwina Swenson determined there was a quorum present.

### **Board Members Present:**

President – Dennis Geare  
Treasurer – Sheila Baker  
Secretary – Edwina Swenson  
Director – Polly Marie  
Director – Blaze Baker

**Absent:** Vice-President Eric Trygg and Director Christie Harris

**Others Present:** Charles Lindquist, John Dolman and Frank Van Hecke

1. Approval of Minutes for 1/3/2023 Meeting was called for:

Sheila requested there be a few corrections: Dating of the minutes to 1/3/2023 for clarification, remove “R” from Blaze Baker’s first name, correct “Lynn” Garcia to Lori Garcia. In addition, clarifying the “Dues for the CoOp will be paid at \$250.” Should read “Dues for CoOp to be paid at \$75 and an additional \$175 donation made” was approved by the Board.

Board needed clarification from Frank as to the price for “better rocks” which he clarified as \$40 per flat rather than - Flat sets at \$250 and Flat sets at \$150.

(Note –final approval of the minutes was not made at this meeting as waiting for clarification from Frank Van Hecke on dollar amounts “better rocks” for raffles to be made).

2. CORRESPONDENCE : None.
3. TREASURER’S REPORT: Sheila reported during the month various “rents” were paid for 6 months, Amstel Way storage facility, Keep-It trailer storage both until 6/30/2023 and for 12 months rental for the Grange Hall through 12/31/2023. She reported the club is solvent and copy of Treasurer’s report submitted to be attached to minutes.



Proposed Budget for the 2023 year reviewed and discussed with the following motion made.

**Motion I:** - made by Blaze Baker to approve the proposed budget for 2023 with the caveat being that we research the Amstel Way storage facility to see if this is actually needed.

Seconded by: Sheila Baker

Vote – Carried unanimously

Frank Van Hecke, secretary for CFMS, clarified the amount due them for members of this club and what it covers.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Camp Paradise Club Scholarships, no action taken.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Newsletter – Blaze will prepare the Rock Writings with the exception of summer months and during his absence Charles will prepare them.

Public Image Chair – not present.

Field Trips Chair – John Dolman reported that he has a list of trips planned but his list needs to be updated. Once he has done that he will forward a copy to Charles to add to our website. John did advise that he has two trips planned for: 2/18/23 Yuba Gold Fields and 2/25/23 Colfax Petrified Wood both at 9 am.

Charles reported to the Board that he had two new Member applications and requested Board approval. They were for James Manning and Angela DiCarlo.

**Motion II:** Sheila made a motion to approve the two new applicants.

Seconded by: Polly Marie

Vote – Carried unanimously.

Fun Events – Tailgate Show and Casino Night to be discussed at a later time.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

David Phillips suggested a plaque commemorating past members to be done at the Curious Forge.

After discussion it was clarified that annual dues for the club should be paid by 3/1/2023 and delinquent after 3/31/2023. If a member becomes delinquent they will no longer receive the Rock Writings.

Board members unable to attend a Board meeting shall notify either President Geare or Vice-President Eric Trygg they will not be there. Their phone numbers are on the roster.

Discussion took place of the difficulty to properly conduct the club business at the one hour before the general meeting. It has become very distracting. It was decided to have the Board meeting on Monday evening @ 6 pm the day before the regular meeting. We will conduct this via Zoom to see how it works. First date will be 3/6/2023 @ 6 pm. President Dennis will send out the Zoom link. Mark your calendars!

Discussion was held on appointing an ad hoc committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules. It has been “years” since this was last done. President Geare appointed Sheila and Blaze to join him on this committee.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted (Acting Secretary), Sheila Baker

FOOTNOTE: Edwina Swenson resigned her position of Secretary after this meeting was over.

President Geare called the Regular Meeting of the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: 25 – Guests: 3

Public Image Chair Lori Garcia presented some of her ideas/thoughts about outreach for new members. She has talked with KNCO about a spot on their Community Outreach and this appears a go. Also, she has talked with KMYZ of Yuba City about a plug on their programs. Frank Van Hecke has agreed to be the “voice” of this spot once a dialog has been developed. Lori wanted to Thank Lori Woodhall for the fantastic job she has done with promoting the club. Postcards, Chambers, Schools, Next Door were all discussed as potential places to reach out to.

President Geare advised the group that the Board has decided to have their meetings on a different night and asked if this group might like to move the 7 pm meeting to 6 pm. General agreement was to continue the 7 pm meeting time.

Charles introduced the two new members that had been approved by the Board: James Manning who was present and Angela DiCarlo who called and said she would not be present.

Frank had a sign-up sheet for the rock event in Lodi scheduled for 6/22/23. It is a CFMS show and he would like to have a group go down from this club. He suggested camping out and he would “do the cooking” for the group. See Frank for details.

Blaze made a pitch for articles/information for the newsletter. He pointed out that other club newsletters he reads will often have committee reports submitted by the chair. He encourages our Chairs to participate! Blaze will be doing the presentation at the March meeting on “Fakes”! He asked the members to bring in their “Fakes” for discussion.

John gave the dates he has scheduled for the next two trips he has planned. They are 2/18/23 Yuba Gold Fields and 2/25/23 Colfax Petrified Wood both at 9 am. See him for details.

Frank reported there will be a monthly “rock” contest at the meetings with prizes for the winners. A list was distributed for the next month’s themes.

Frank did a presentation/discussion of some of his rock specimens showcasing the difference between thunder eggs and geodes. One is solid and the other hollow!

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted (Acting Secretary): Sheila Baker

# Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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## 2023 Officers

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Dennis Geare
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Eric Trygg
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Vacant
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sheila Baker
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Christie Harris Polly Marie Blaze Baker

## 2023 Committee Chairpersons

<b>CLUB PICNIC</b>	Lori Woodhall
<b>FEDERATION DIRECTOR</b>	Frank Van Hecke
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Beverly Glenn
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Christie Harris
<b>JUNIOR PROGRAM</b>	Julie DeHollander Cheryl Hendrickson
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Beverly Glenn
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Charles Lindquist
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	Blaze Baker
<b>NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER</b>	Charles Lindquist
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Monthly Birthday Honorees
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	Joyce Emerson?
<b>SHOW ORGANIZER</b>	Frank Van Hecke
<b>SUNSHINE</b>	Lori Woodhall
<b>TREK LEADER (Field Trips)</b>	John Dolman
<b>WEBMASTER</b>	Charles Lindquist

## **Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings**

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society meets monthly with few exceptions. Membership is informed of exceptions on the website, at meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

**General Membership Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.**

**Executive Committee Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.**

**Golden Empire Grange Building, 11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA**

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**NCG&MS is a non-profit organization with the following objectives:**

### **Membership Information**

- To promote the study of mineralogy, geology & 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

Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are \$25.00 for singles and \$30.00 for families. \*Deduct \$5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email\* For information or an application, email our Membership Chairperson Charlie Lindquist at gvrnner99@yahoo.com

**Check out our website at: <https://www.ncgms.org>**





First Class Mail



*March, 2023*

March 2023 Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 PM

Virtual board meeting Monday March 6, 6:00)

Program: **Fakes and enhanced minerals – bring your show & tell!**

First Tuesdays Monthly at 7:00 p.m.

(no meeting in July - Picnic)

Golden Empire Grange Guild

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

✂ Bring a Friend! ✂

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