

# Rock Writings

July, 2023

Newsletter of the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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## July Meeting

### It's our annual Potluck, Picnic and Tailgate Swap!

**When:** Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm, set up at 12:30pm, plan to eat shortly after 1pm

**Where:** Pioneer Park, Nevada City, Picnic Left area

**What:** Last name: A-M, bring a salad or side dish to share; N-Z, bring a main dish or dessert to share

**Details:** Lemonade will be provided

Bring your own plates and utensils, and possibly lawn chairs

Bring your favorite outdoor game to share if you wish, or horseshoes for the horseshoe pits nearby

Swap will be informal- buy, sell, trade, donate from the back of your car

Kids welcome, and the shallow creek is great for them to play in

Important to note: There is going to be a concert in the upper park starting at 5pm, so be sure to get to our picnic in plenty of time, because concert set up and traffic will start well before 5pm.

This is a chance to relax, socialize, and get to know your fellow rockhounds better. Don't miss it!

The club will have several nice specimens as door prizes. Everyone will get a ticket and we draw winners near the end. Frank has offered to supply the specimens and (you know) he always has nice materials!

See you there!

## Field Trip Report Tonopah, Nevada area 5/2023

By: John Dolman

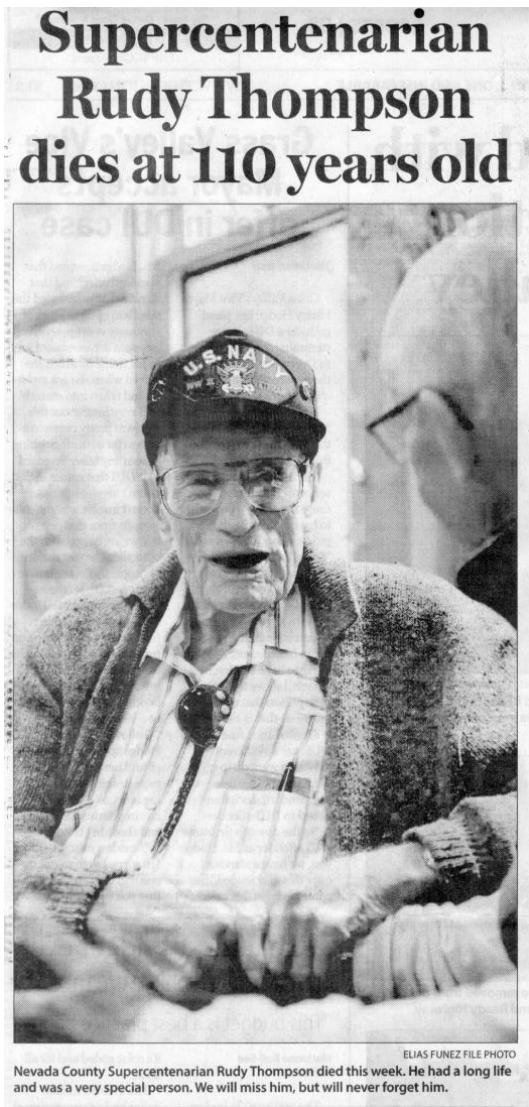
Most of the Fri. Gene & I drove to Tonopah, found our motel room and checked in. Then we prepared for the coming days of rock-hounding. We drove about 25 miles south to the Gemfield dig site after meeting with two other hounds from EDCMGS, Vaughna & Zane D. Day 1 we found a map of the dig site indicating the different colors and where to find them. We spent about an hour on each color. This was a FEE dig the cost was \$1.00 a pound. Together we got about 100 lbs. from the site nice hard Rhyolite material. Some might say agate! It was an opaque color, best to call it Jasper!

On day 2, Sunday Apache tears, turquoise, about 1:00 pm we drove feather north up the road and found a red outcrop of wan-ta-be sinder stone! It had dendrites on it! We also found more tears on the south edge as a float. Then continued feather north a mile, turned left going west headed toward a mountain of interest.

On day 3 we found some old mine sites that had no minerals. We explored side roads on the way back to town, stopping here and there.

Monday Gene & John drove up Hwy 95 toward Hawthorn, NV., checking out more sites. One site had Rhyolite for miles in every direction, and the wash was full of only Gray Rhyolite nothing else! On the way in we found 2 High-grade piles of Jaspers which gave us a false hope of finding more... haha, funny us. The weather was overcast with rain in the distance and Monday was mostly sunny!

### In Memory of Rudy Thompson



Rudy Thompson



At last Year's Earth's Treasurers Show.

I'm sad to report the loss of our club's oldest and longest-term member.

I first met Rudy and his late wife Sammy with my (late) wife Dore' and I, new members to the club in 1989 or so, at the October show. We didn't know very many people in the Club yet, or even in Nevada County as we had arrived here less than a year before. Rudy and Sammy were members of Sons of Norway and that night, Friday, after our show closed the Sons were having their annual dinner meeting and get together. Rudy and Sammy invited us to attend and we had a great time. We were made to feel welcome there (although I am only Swedish).

Rudy was an avid supporter of the club, and served several terms as president in the 1980's. He was a soap-stone carver and carved the cutest little ducks he passed out at the Christmas Dinner meeting.

I think that Rudy was an educator in his work life. Sammy loved to play bridge in retirement life and my brother-in-law, also an avid bridge player, found her a skilled adversary.

I will miss Rudy and think fondly of both Rudy and Sammy.

... Charles Lindquist



108<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!

### NEVADA COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

The NCGMS Board of Director's meeting was held virtually on June 5, 2023.

President Dennis Geare called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

It was determined there was a quorum present.

President – Dennis Geare

Vice-President – Eric Trygg

Treasurer – Sheila Baker

Director – Polly Marie

Director – Christie Harris

Absent – Director Blaze Baker

Others Present – Charles Lindquist and John Dolman

1. **Motion I:** made by Christie to approve the minutes of the April and May meetings.
  - a. Seconded by: Eric
  - b. Vote – Carried unanimously
2. CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you card from the Co-Op for our \$100 donation.
3. TREASURER’S REPORT: Sheila provided the balances of the various accounts to the Board Members.
4. Eric reported that the program for the June 6, 2023 General meeting will be for members to bring in some items they have collected and talk about them.
5. Brief discussion on whether to hold the annual club picnic in July as has always been the case or to try to get one together for June. It will be discussed at the General meeting tomorrow.
6. Dennis advised that the work party for the Show Trailer is now scheduled for June 16 and 17 per Frank Van Hecke. Frank will do a bbq. Charles advised that he and Sheila will be unavailable to help as leaving town on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Per Frank Debe Taylor is working on sign up sheets for the show.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

7. Dennis stated the club still needs to have a secretary.
8. Charles has several names that he wanted to propose for membership as follows: Lacy Joann Watersy for her child, she learned about our club at the last show. Mark S. Shelton learned about our club on the internet. Lea and Jason Heiss learned about us on Google.

**Motion II:** made by Christie to approve the new list of members as presented.

- a. Seconded by: Polly
  - b. Vote – Carried unanimously
9. John discussed some of the upcoming field trips he has planned. 6/10/2023 to Washington, Ca. looking for arjulite, Tonapa, Nevada trip on 6/17 looking for lots of free stuff, 6/17/2023 to Fort Point near Foresthill looking for quartz crystals and 6/24/2023 to Wellington, Nevada looking for lapis.
  10. Blaze wasn’t present to talk about the tailgate show.
  11. Frank wasn’t present to talk about casino night.
  12. David wasn’t present to talk about plaque for past members.
  13. Student scholarships for the high schools and Sierra College were discussed at length. The board agreed to a scholarship for \$500 for a high school student and \$1,500 for a college student. Polly is Scholarship chair and she along with Sheila’s help will work up criteria for awarding the scholarships.

OLD BUSINESS:

14. Very lengthy discussion took place about how to award two \$250 scholarships for Camp Paradise. Applications are due August 4, 2023. Some felt the scholarships should go to new members or those who have not previously attended and others felt they should go to members that had attended the camp before.

**Motion III:** Christie made a motion to give one to a “new member” and a second to an existing member.

- a. Seconded by Polly
- b. Vote – 2 for and 2 against. Motion failed.

**Motion IV:** Sheila made a motion to inform the membership that those interested will need to submit a completed application by 6/1/2023 to Dennis and all applications will be put in a hat and two drawn.

- a. Polly seconded
  - b. Vote – Carried unanimously
15. Dennis said Rich Cross will be purchasing a specimen camera not to exceed \$200 for the club.
  16. After discussion the following vote took place.
 

**Motion V:** Sheila made a motion to approve joining the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$125.

- a. Seconded by: Eric
- b. Vote – Carried unanimously

17. Frank was not present to report on CFMS and the show scheduled for June 1st in Lodi.

18. Sheila asked for consideration to have the Board meeting go back to in person at 6 pm before the general meeting which begins at 7 pm. Meeting virtually has been difficult to say the least. After a brief discussion it was agreed to return to the hour before the general meeting beginning in August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Baker (acting secretary)

### **NEVADA COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

Club Meeting Minutes June 6, 2023

The NCGMS General meeting was held at the Grange Building, Grass Valley, CA. 95945

President Dennis Geare called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Members present: 28 Guests: 3

Charles Lindquist reported that the Board had approved for membership several new members: Lacy Watersy, Mark Shelton and Lea and Jason Heiss. Welcome!

He further stated that Board at their regular meeting discussed the idea of making rosters available to the general membership that included a lot of personal information, ie: telephone numbers, mailing addresses and email addresses. It was decided to have a list of members with telephone numbers, only. There appeared to be general agreement with the folks present. He will send out an e-mail to membership asking if they want their telephone number included and if they would like a copy of the roster. He will have a deadline to respond, so please follow-up when you get this email.

Dennis advised the members of the dates for trailer work are set for 6/16-17 at Frank Van Hecke's home. Frank will prepare a bbq on the 17<sup>th</sup>! The list of names that signed up was read.

Dennis and the membership recognized Anita Wald-Tuttle's 97 birthday with a round of "Happy Birthday". Anita advised that she had brought a desert "Dump Cake" for all to enjoy.

John Dolman reported on a recent trip to Tonopah, Nevada and the search for rhyolite.

Dan Chaplin and Rob Woodhall reported on their recent trip to Austin, Nevada in search of some good stuff.

They only had one person accompanying them so were able to be very flexible where they went. Each present some of their "finds" for show and tell.

Katie Baker and Lori Woodhall are working on the annual picnic. They are waiting for confirmation that Pioneer Park will be available for 7/8/2023. The information will be available in Rock Writings.

Dennis reporting for Frank that the CFMS Show 6/21,22,23/2023 will be held at the Lodi Grape Grounds. Frank has reserved 2 tent sites which will accommodate more tents. Call him for more information.

Beverly Glenn, historian, reminded that there are library books available for check out.

Dennis asked if anyone had any ideas for meeting programs to contact Eric Trygg.

Dennis advised the Board approved annual scholarships in the amount of \$500 for a high school and \$1,500 for a Sierra College student. Scholarship Chair Polly Marie and Sheila Baker will be working on criteria for selecting candidates. This will be for the 2023-24 school year.

Dennis further reported that the Board approved 2 \$250 scholarships for Camp Paradise. Edwina Swenson gave a little talk about the opportunities available at the Camp that include: silversmithing, making cabs, carving, lapidary, soap stone carving, wire wrapping to name a few. Interested members must submit their application to Dennis no later than the club picnic and candidates names will be "drawn from a hat" for the scholarships.

Edwina advised going to the CFMS website to see the program that was filmed at the Camp. "It is a great learning experience."

Lori Woodhall advised she has a Faceting Machine "For Sale", please see her, if interested.

PROGRAM: MEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Dennis G. stated he got hooked as a child with a small publication having rocks on the cover. He had a collection as a child and regrets not keeping it.

Gwen F. stated she became interested as a youngster in fossils. A later meeting got her into the Fossil's for Fun group and she does their newsletter. She recommended a book "Your Inner Fish" as a good read.

Dan C. stated that there were 2 minerals that caught his interest and he spent time at The Julian Claim in Hawthorne, Nevada looking for epidote, mainly. He had a couple of favorite specimens that he shared.

Katie B. said her first fascination with rocks began at 8 years old and she shared a few specimens.

Katie A. said she first became hooked on rocks at about 11 years old and she also shared some of her favorites.

Mike F. told us he and his wife Cathie took many trips with their RV, towing a vehicle on trips that often came back with the tow vehicle ½ full of rocks and more in the RV. They have made several trips to Quartzite, Arizona and Agates are some of their favorites. He shared some of their specimens.

Anita W. as a small child she too became interested in rocks. She showed several of her favorite pieces and has given quite a few to her family members.

Angelita D. became interested in rocks during time spent in Africa, learning about Masi warriors and does beadwork using stone that inspire her to complete the pieces. She is self-taught.

Edwina S. shared her very large soap stone carving with a bird on it. Some of the rock polished and some left natural.

A raffle took place with lucky members taking their pick of some very nice specimens.

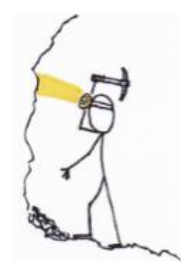
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Baker (acting secretary)

Note – John Dolman stepped up and has agreed to be the club Secretary! Thank you John!



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



Summer is here it seems, access is opening up after the great winter, get out there and get some rocks!!

Other members are considering putting on additional local trips this summer, and possible long range multi-day fall trips, stay tuned. . . .

2023 TRIPs	HOST
July 15-16 - Markleeville, CA Crystals in Rhyolite, silver ore, agate	John Dolman
Sept. 9 - Red Dumortierite. New Hogan Lake near boat ramp at Acorn Campground (Details Below)	John Dolman
Sept 28—Oct 1 - OPAZ MT. & DUGWAY GEODE BEDS (Co-Op Trip) (Writeup below)	John Dolman

**FIELD TRIP for Red Dumortierite**

Where: New Hogan Lake near the boat ramp at Acorn

When: Sept. 9, 2023

Field Trip Leader info: John Dolman; land line (530) 272-3752, [john95670@yahoo.com](mailto:john95670@yahoo.com)

Proposed Schedule: Meet the trip leader at the Taco Bell parking lot in Valley Springs, CA, at 9:00am. Look for the orange plate on John’s vehicle.

Directions: Take Hwy 49 south to Hwy 26; take Hwy 26 westbound to Valley Springs, CA.

Taco Bell is at 200 E. Hwy 12 in Valley Springs. We will caravan to the collecting site and park at the overflow parking lot.

Other: Members may bring guests (The area is open to the public.)

Camp / Facilities: None at the collecting site.

Weather: May be cold/cool/warm/hot. Check weather reports.

Lunch: Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

Tools: Rock pick, shovel, 3-pound hammer w/chisels, and a bucket to carry stones. A hand truck comes in handy. Bring sunscreen and wear a hat.

Safety Concerns: Encountering rattlesnakes is possible, but personal falls are more likely.

**FIELD TRIP to Duck Flat, Nevada (a favorite of mine! ..ed)**

WHEN: TBD, 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

SPONSOR: El Dorado/Nevada County/Paradise Clubs

MEMBERS GUESTS: Allowed

LEADER CONTACT INFO: John Dolman, (530) 272-3752, [john95670@yahoo.com](mailto:john95670@yahoo.com)

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.

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A "CO-OP MEMBER" and "CFMS NORTH" FIELD TRIP TO  
TOPAZ MT. & DUGWAY GEODE BEDS Sept 28-Oct 1.  
Sponsored by Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information
- CFMS members area for field trips (Password is needed).
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip are expressly prohibited.

TRIP LOCATION: Topaz Mt. and Dugway Geode Beds, North West of Delta, Utah.

Vehicle access & parking : # 3 at Topaz Mt. & Dugway geode beds. - Good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking at Topaz Mt. and Dugway geode beds.

Collection or View Site: From a # 3 at the base of the Mt. to a # 7 at the Red Beryl site, ½ mile or more to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. A # 4 at Dugway geode beds, flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help.

WHEN: September 28 through October 1. This is a repeating site tour; you may show up and leave at any time during these 4 days. See schedule for optimum arrival dates.

MEMBER'S GUESTS: This is a public collecting area and anybody may camp and collect at the area concurrent with our activities. Those who choose to make the escorted trip to the Red Beryl site and convoy with us to the Dugway Geode Beds must sign the waiver.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Topaz Crystals, Bixbite (Red Beryl), Pseudobrookite crystals, Hematite crystals, and Geodes.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO: Please contact ahead of time: Gene Doyle, CO-OP & Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip Leader, Text or leave message, Cell (408) 605-9457, Email eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net. Jim Barton, CFMS-N, Home 916-773-0458, Cell (916) 847-7321, Email geologist1@surewest.net. If you are interested in this field trip Gene Doyle will email you a more detailed write up upon request.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: We will be meeting at 0900 hours on Thursday September 28 at the Topaz Mountain camp site and drive to Dugway Geode Beds (about an 45 minutes) for the dig. Friday and Saturday will be Topaz Mountain, with Thursday and Sunday at Dugway Geodes.

MEET: Gene Doyle will have a dark blue Toyota 4Runner camped at a suitable location near the entrance to the "cove" of Topaz Mt each morning before 9am on the September 28 through October 1 . Look for the RRR signs at the turn off Hwy 174 and the "Roseville Rock Rollers" sign on the side of the 4Runner at the meeting area.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: General directions are: Catch Highway 50 East from Sacramento to Fallon, Nevada then to Ely, NV. Follow 50/6 East from Ely to Delta, UT. Turn north on 6 just East of Delta, UT, left on Brush Highway (Hwy 174), follow signs to the Intermountain Powerhouse, a coal fired power plant seen on the horizon. Continue on the road passed the powerhouse, you will be on a good paved road for approximately 40 minutes to the sign posted to Topaz Mt.



Collection Area, a BLM controlled area. I will stake the dirt roads into the site with “RRR” signs. Those staying in Delta may wish to meet and convoy together to “the cove”.

VEHICLE REQ'S: A high clearance or 4x4 vehicle at the red beryl site. It is recommended to have a high clearance vehicle at the Dugway site. A 2 wheel drive vehicles should make it to the camp site without a problem

CAMP/FACILITIES: This camp site is primitive. No services of any kind. If you are going to camp, you will need to be fully self contained and equipped.

TOOLS: Wide and narrow cold chisels, along with a 3 or 4 pound hand sledge are necessary. A standard rock pick and narrow screwdriver and a coat hanger or a stiff wire with a hook bent on the end. A heavy full size sledge hammers and pry bars. A 1/4 inch and 1/8 inch screen (stackable classifiers).

A standard shovel and garden rake or hand rake, and rock pick. A roll of toilet paper and disposable plastic containers to put specimens in.

SAFETY CONCERNS: There are scorpions, snakes, and other common desert animals in the area. Careful, rubble and boulders are everywhere so you must be very aware of those climbing or working up hill and below you. Be prepared at any moment to heed their warnings regarding falling rock or rubble. In turn, you must be very aware of those below you and not cause wasting or rock slides.

Due to the potential for danger, we will not be escorting young people under 18 years of age into the Red Beryl area. Rhyolite dust is primarily silica dust and it would be wise to bring a dust mask if screening material.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: The weather at Topaz Mt. is rarely perfect! The average high at the end of September is 74 degrees, with an average low of 45.

CLOTHING: Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing. Full pants, closed shoes, gloves, and hat are strongly recommended.

NOTE: This is not the full field trip write-up. Please contact the Field Trip Leader, Gene Doyle, for the full write -up if you're not scared by now about all those scorpions and stuff and you really want to go on this field trip!

## CFMS Updates & Shows (<https://www.cfmsinc.org/>)



### 2023 CFMS Shows

2023 CFMS Shows	
<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.</p>	<p><b>August 4, 5 &amp; 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA</b>            Orcutt Mineral Society            525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444            Hours: Aug 4 &amp; 5 – 10 AM – 5 PM, Aug 6 – 10 AM – 4            PM            The 55th Annual Rockhound Tailgating Rock &amp; Gem            Festival            Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com            Website: <a href="http://www.omsinc.org">http://www.omsinc.org</a></p>

<p>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: lexyhunter@aol.com  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:gloriarosevilleroockrollers@gmail.com">gloriarosevilleroockrollers@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 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA -- <u>OUR SHOW!!</u></b></p> <p><b>Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society</b></p> <p>Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  7th Annual Earth’s Treasurers Show: 25+ vendors, gem and mineral exhibits, Gold panning, lapidary arts demonstrations. Kids Corner, food and ice cream trucks.  Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an “active military” I.D.  Free, FREE PARKING  Contact: <a href="mailto:4vanclan5@att.net">4vanclan5@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA</b>  Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  123 W. Alvarado St. (show on street a&amp; in parking lot), Fallbrook CA 92028  Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM  Rock Fallbrook! Over 40 mineral gemstone, jewelry and fossil vendors at the annual Fallbrook Festival of Gems &amp; Minerals. Gem ID, Bargain Booth, Wheel of Fortune, kids activities, food booth, and a GIANT raffle of some gorgeous items. Free admission and free parking.  Vendor applications due August 1, 2023. Email <a href="mailto:info@fgms.org">info@fgms.org</a> if you’re interested.  Contact: (760) 728-1130, <a href="mailto:info@fgms.org">info@fgms.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.fgms.org">http://www.fgms.org</a></p>
<p><b>October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA</b>  Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society  Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061  Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  Contact: (650) 575-3144, <a href="mailto:cci@pacbell.net">cci@pacbell.net</a>  Website: <a href="http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org">http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org</a></p>	<p><b>October 28-29, 2023 – San Diego, CA</b>  San Diego Mineral &amp; Gem Society  Liberty Station Conference Center/Point Loma Nazerene University, 2660 Lanir, San Diego, CA 92106  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  Contact: <a href="mailto:luannz@att.net">luannz@att.net</a>  Website: <a href="http://SDMG.org">http://SDMG.org</a></p>

<p><b>October 28-29, 2023 – Orange, CA</b>  American Opal Society  Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA 92868  Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM- 5 Pm  53rd Annual Opal, Gem &amp; Jewelry Show  Rough &amp; cut opals and gemstones, jewelry, supplies.  Hugh drawing. Free demonstrations.  Contact: (714) 501-9959, info@opalsociety.org  Website: <a href="http://opalsociety.org">http://opalsociety.org</a></p>	<p><b>November 3, 4 &amp; 5, 2023 – Eureka, CA</b>  Humboldt Gem &amp; Mineral Society  Humboldt Gem &amp; Mineral Society 68th Annual Show  3750 Harris St., Eureka, CA 95503  Hours: Friday 9 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM,  Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  Live Demonstrations, Games for the kids, Geode Cutting,  Vendors with Gemstones, Rocks, Lapidary Tools &amp;  Equipment, Fossils and Jewelry</p>
<p><b>November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA</b>  El Cajon Valley Rock Round Up!  El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society  12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside, CA 92040  Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM  Contact: (619) 277-4981, ecvgms@gmail.com  Website: <a href="http://ecvgms.org">http://ecvgms.org</a></p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Also, “Google” the words “oregon gem and mineral society shows”: many shows (closer than the SoCal shows – <u>and no state tax</u>) show up.  Nationally: <a href="http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm">http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm</a></p>

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<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Dennis Geare
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<b>SECRETARY</b>	John Dolman
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<b>CLUB PICNIC</b>	Lori Woodhall	
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## **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

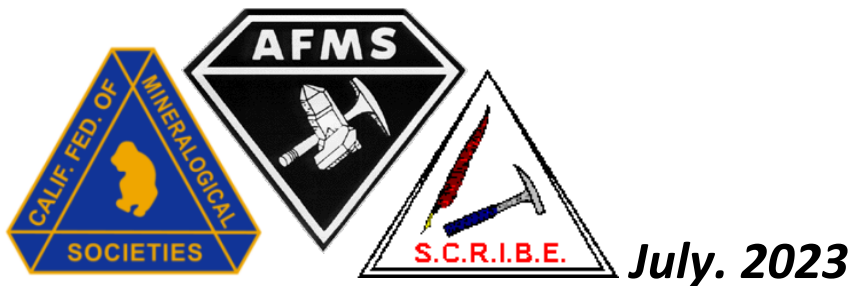
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**NO July 2023 Meeting : Its Picnic Time!**

**Program: *Tailgater Rock Swap, and "Door Prizes" at the Picnic.***

**Meeting: 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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