



...Just around the corner, October 7,8th.

The show is one of our club's major activities! Besides being our major funding event, it is from the show that we get our major public presence! A large number of our present (and past) members first heard about our club from the show. So this is an All Hands on Deck event!

Setup will start Friday October 6th, 9:00 AM. Everybody show up! Frank will have arranged to have the trailer there by that time. We need hands to set up the dealer and display tables. Display cases need to be set up. We need to apply the skirting to the tables to give our show the unique Green and Gold color trim to all tables which just plain looks GREAT! There will be coffee and donuts in the morning and snacks throughout the day. We usually send out for Pizzas for later so we will all be well fed!

ATTENTION NCGMS MEMBERS

This year's nominating committee will present a slate of nominees for the 2024 NCGMS Board at the next general meeting October 3rd. We are still looking under a rock for a secretary nominee. Be there to vote!

September Board and General Meeting Minutes were not available at press time.

Remembrance of Rudy Thompson



A somewhat informal memorial gathering was held on September 9th hosted by the "Sons of Norway". A short presentation was made by a member of that Group. She related Rudy's early years in Oregon and His service in WWII as a navy aviator. Rudy was an avid outdoorsman, a hunter and fisher in his earlier years, and, later as we knew him, a rock hound.



Rudy loved Field Trips! Sammy (Mrs Thompson) and Rudy had The best-natured dog that went with them on field trips.



Rudy was an avid jewelry maker, as well as soapstone carver. He made the nicest carved ducks which he would give us.



Rudy's Cases.



Rudy (and Sammy) were very active members of the NCGMS. He served as President and was an advocate of field trips, "Field Trips are what keep the club together".



Rudy always came to the show even if it WASN'T his birthday!

We are so grateful we got to know him and enjoy our time together. RIP, Rudy!

Possible BLM rule Change could affect Rockhounds!

New Federal Rule Would Limit Camping Access to Off-Grid BLM Spots - Drivin' & Vibin'

<https://drivinvibin.com/2023/08/05/new-blm-rule/>

A new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rule could cause a problem for the boondocking community. If passed, the ways people use public property could look very different.

Those who enjoy camping in remote areas need to stay aware. Luckily, there's time to voice your opinion and tell officials what you think.

Man Discovers a Massive 60lb Agate on the Oregon Coast

An Exclusive Interview with the Owner of Rock'N'Oregon, By Tyler James -September 8, 2023

Nestled in Oregon, Tillamook County paints a picturesque canvas of rugged coastlines, dense forests, and meandering rivers. It's a haven for nature lovers and adventurers alike. For some, it's about the tranquil beauty, and for others, it's about the joy of discovery. On one such September day in 2023, amidst the serene beauty of Tillamook County, Jesse Creswell's persistence as a rockhound led to a find that would become the talk of the town.

On September 3rd, in the hidden crevices of Tillamook County's landscape, an exciting tale of adventure began to unfold. Alongside his friend, Joel Groth, Jesse embarked on what he thought would be a routine rockhounding trip. However, Jesse, protective and respectful of their secret spots, wishes to keep the exact location of their find private for obvious reasons. But what he didn't anticipate was stumbling upon a massive agate weighing an astonishing 60.4 lbs.

Their journey was a true test of endurance and determination. Navigating a steep descent, they took to an animal trail to switch back down. The challenges of Tillamook County are diverse, from navigating 1.5 miles of slippery rocks, dodging log jams, to wrestling through thorny Salmonberry bushes.

Reflecting on the moment of discovery, Jesse says, "We had come across a few decent finds, but nothing that stood out quite like the behemoth agate protruding from the ground." The joy of the find, however, was accompanied by the realization of the journey back. With the 60lb agate carefully packed, every step was a testament to their passion and tenacity.

This isn't just a one-off tale of discovery for Jesse. Having been captivated by rocks since his early years, this passion has beautifully manifested into "Rock'N'Oregon." Co-



founded with his partner, Eva Penor, shortly after the birth of their daughter, Rock’N’Oregon has grown into a venture that transforms these natural marvels into exquisite jewelry.

Today, under Jesse’s leadership, the brand not only showcases pieces from his personal discoveries but also treasures sourced globally. “Starting Rock’N’Oregon and watching it grow has been a joy every step of the way,” Jesse shares with pride.

Rock’N’Oregon isn’t just limited to the confines of Tillamook. Its unique offerings, under the keen eye of Jesse Creswell, can be explored on Facebook and at various Oregon events.

Tillamook County, with its majestic beauty, always promises tales of discovery. And on that September day, it delivered yet another. For Jesse Creswell, the force behind Rock’N’Oregon, every rock holds a story, every piece narrates a journey, and through his venture, he ensures these stories resonate far and wide.

Head over to Rock’N’ Oregon’s official website to learn more:

<https://rocknoregon.com/>



IT’S ROCK RELATED!

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Agate
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 Crystals
 Jasper
 Lapidary

Obsidian
 Petrified Wood
 Feldspar
 Rhodonite
 Sledge Hammer

Opal
 Turquoise
 Geode
 Rock Pick

Cabochon
 Pyrite
 Jade
 Tumbler

Inventory Reduction: Stuff for sale!

On behalf of the El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society we are reaching out to our participating dealers to let you know that John Moulder of G&B Gemstones is looking to liquidate part to all his inventory, immediately. According to John his inventory includes faceted and cabochon gemstones, gemstone and lapidary rough, gold and silver jewelry, and much more. If you are interested John said to just give him a call and he'll talk specifics about what he has and to make arrangements for a viewing. John can be contacted at 916-218-5240.

Pam DiFilippo, Secretary, EDCMGS

This is Your Club – Do You Want it to Continue?

As you know, the Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society (NCGMS) is committed to make a positive difference in Nevada County providing unique education and recreation opportunities to members and the general community. These include open membership opportunities, scholarships, educational presentations, the annual Earth's Treasures show open to the anyone, field trips, juniors learning, and more.

All of these efforts take work. General business and framework to provide the NCGMS supporting backbone comes from the elected members of the board. Committee work for field trips and juniors programs are led by members willing to support those efforts. The big annual effort of the Earth's Treasures show serving both as the biggest NCGMS fundraiser and largest community outreach is managed by very few – and that has been dwindling.

Member participation and volunteer support has been dropping since before COVID-19 hit and continues. This is not unique to NCGMS or other mineral societies, with the outcome that many across the country have simple disbanded as happened last year with the nearby Sutter Buttes Club. The NCGMS is at a crossroads facing a similar fate to the Sutter buttes Club – that is a small handful of people making things happen eventually burn out, and with no one stepping up to help, the club can no longer function.

For a couple years now board and committee positions have been have been going vacant – this is shameful and risks the club's long term viability. Likewise relying on a very few for big time commitments like field trips or the annual show risks losing those essential programs.

Many opportunities exist to make NCGMS a robust club with a big community impact:

- Board Positions (Election are coming shortly)
- Committee positions
- Support Field Trips
- Community Outreach
- Annual effort by everyone at the Earths' Treasures Show is also expected at the show and year-round including set up/tear down, efforts during the show (outreach, security, ticketing, games, etc), advertising/outreach, materials prep (tumbling, supplies, etc), trailer equipment maintenance, solicitation of donations, business (contracting, accounting, etc), and more. Coming in once a year during the show and doing something for an hour and then disappear for the year is nice (and is actually more than many members contribute), but it really does not do all that much. Ideally all NCGMS members would take on one task during the year and support the show on many of the needed tasks.

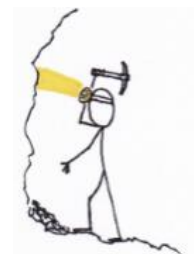


What can you do to make NCGMS strong now and into the future? It is simple, don't just sit on the sidelines and be a "good idea fairy", but volunteer to support your club by serving directly. Your knowledge and time will be graciously accepted and appreciated by everyone!

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
Oct 7 — Oct 9 – Duck Flat (Writeup below)	John Dolman
Nov/Dec – TBD – Big X Mtn for smoky quartz crystals	

A FIELD TRIP to Duck Flat, Nevada

(This was in last month's bulletin, a date has now been set)

WHEN: Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2023.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Tulead 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

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.



2023 CFMS Shows

<p>October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA -- <u>OUR SHOW!!</u></p> <p>Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society</p> <p>Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949 Saturday 10AM – 5PM, Sunday 10AM – 4PM 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: 4vanclan5@att.net</p>	<p>October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society 123 W. Alvarado St. (show on street a& 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 & 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 info@fgms.org if you’re interested. Contact:(760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org Website: http://www.fgms.org</p>
<p>October 7-8, 2023 – Signal Hill, CA Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society Signal Hill Library, 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755 “Gems on the Hill” Annual Show Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM = 4 PM Contact: (562) 253-1390, lbmineralgemsociety@gmail.com Website: http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS</p>	<p>October 7-8, 2023 – Anderson, CA Shasta Gem and Mineral Society 67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show 1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007 Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM FREE! 67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Kids Area Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com Website: http://shastagemandmineral.org</p>
<p>October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA 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, cci@pacbell.net Website: http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org</p>	<p>October 21-22, 2023 – Santa Rosa, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Hours: Saturday and Sunday – 10 AM – 5 PM Annual show featuring 35 vendors, gold panning, florescent mineral display, children’s activities, raffle prizes, on-going silent auction, member displays. FREE Parking Contact: (707) 849-9551, jolene4srmgs@gmail.com Website: http://srmgs.org</p>
<p>October 21, 2023 – West Hills, CA Woodland Hills Rock Chippers First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307 Twenty Fourth Annual Gem Show Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Contact: whrc@rockchippers.org Website: www.rockchippers.org\</p>	<p>October 28-29, 2023 – San Diego, CA San Diego Mineral & 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: luannz@att.net Website: http://SDMG.org</p>

<p>October 28-29, 2023 – Orange, CA 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 & Jewelry Show Rough & cut opals and gemstones, jewelry, supplies. Hugh drawing. Free demonstrations. Contact: (714) 501-9959, info@opalsociety.org Website: http://opalsociety.org</p>	<p>October 28-29, 2023 – Sacramento, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento, CA 95819 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM The Sacramento Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show is the annual fundraiser for the Sacramento Mineral Society and features a wide variety of vendors, exhibits, and demonstrations. There is a great raffle with over 50 different prizes (including a Large Amethyst Cathedral grand prize), games, and a variety of fun activities for all ages! Admission is \$8.99 for adults, children 12 and under get in free with a paid adult. Parking is free! Contact: (916) 662-5819, webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org Website: http://www.sacgemshow.com</p>
<p>November 3, 4 & 5, 2023 – Eureka, CA Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society Humboldt Gem & 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 & Equipment, Fossils and Jewelry</p>	<p>November 4, 2023 – Lake Elsinore, CA Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society 32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM Rock and Craft Show Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com</p>
<p>November 4-5, 2023 – Concord, CA Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521 New vendors, additional family activities, along with our entry door prizes, free rock give away to kids, rock painting and many other things to do! Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Contact: mike@diablorocks.com Website: Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society Facebook</p>	<p>November 4-5, 2023, Ridgecrest, CA Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 Indian Wells Gem & Mineral 67th Gem & Mineral Show. Located in Ridgecrest, CA. Vendors selling gems, minerals, rocks, jewelry and other rock related items for sale. Field trip on Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 AM (dependig on road conditions). Free Admission and Free Parking. Vendor spaces available: Contact John De Rosa (760) 375-7905 Contact: (760) 375-7905, iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com</p>
<p>November 18-19, 2023 – Lakeside, CA 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: http://ecvgms.org</p>	<p>December 2-3, 2023 – Barstow, CA Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society Cora Harper Community/Fitness Center 841 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311 Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm Contact: John Printz (760) 979-6138, MDGMSsecretary@gmail.com Website: http://www.mdgms.net</p>

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March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, ca
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4PM
Dealers and exhibits, demos, gold panning, kids activities,
raffle & silent auctions, Country Store an plant sale, free
resources for teachers. A SoCal tradition for 60+ years.
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

May 4-5, 2024 – Lancaster

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
2551 W Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM –
4 PM
AVGMC Rock, Jewelry and Gem Show. Parking
and Admission are free. Plenty of vendors, displays
and activities for the whole family.
Contact: marylandoriole@gmail.com

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

Also, The Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society has announced its next tailgate to be November 4th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

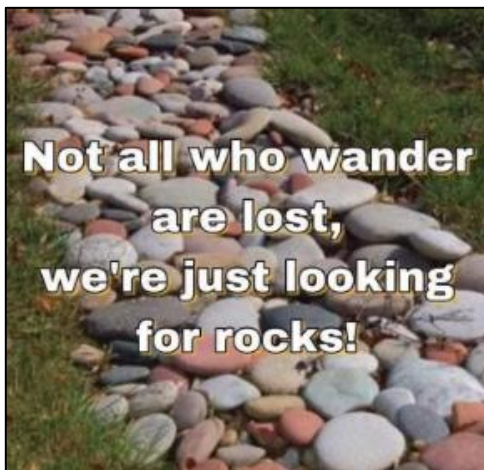
Contact email: calaverasgemandmineralsociety@gmail.com \$10 for the spot. Bring your own tables, etc

In Last Month’s Newsletter We Asked This Question: “Does Anybody Read this Stuff?”

One (1) person responded for September (thank you). The newsletter takes a lot of time to prepare, and if it is not being read or not serving the needs of the club, maybe other forms of communication might be better? Let us know.

Also, other than field trip updates and the article about Rudy, no other submissions were made this month by press time (9/24).

Your Newsletter Staff (Blaze and Charles) are curious about our readership. If you have read this far, Please send us a quick note to newsletter@ncgms.org -- Thank You!



Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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2023 Officers

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WEBMASTER	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org

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

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>





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First Class Mail



October 2023

September General Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023. 7:00 PM

Program: Fossils – Gwen Fissel

Board Meeting (In Person. All are welcome!). 6:00.

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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