

Rock Writings

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Newsletter of the Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

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Nuggets From The President

Hi everyone, hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather. Great for rock hounding. Last month we had some new members and some guests, so fun. Welcome!! Joyce and I are at Angels Camp this weekend and went

to the Turlock show a couple weeks ago. Good turnouts at both. We will have an interesting presentation this month from Ken Taylor on being prepared on field trips. See you all April 1st. - Jan

NCGMS 2025 Field Trips

Please double-check before the trip to ensure it is still planned:



2025 Proposed Trips		Host
Apr 4-7	Jamestown Opallite/Mariposite	John Dolman
Apr 19	Paradise Rhodonite	John Dolman
May 3	Nevada Lapis	John Dolman
May 10	Traverse Creek gold, serpentine minerals, garnets	John Dolman
Jun 7	Ford Point area	John Dolman
Jun 14-15	Markleeville area	John Dolman
Jun 28-29 (rain date)	Nevada Lapis	John Dolman
Jul 12-13	Davis Creek area	John Dolman
Jul 26	Washington, CA Argillite	John Dolman
October OUR GEM & MINERAL SHOW!!!		Our Club!
Oct 4-5	Tuledad agate, obsidian, pet/wood	John Dolman
Oct 11-12	Bagby Mariposite	John Dolman
Nov-Dec	(on Saturdays) Big X area	John Dolman
TBD	Do you have an idea for a field trip? Maybe you know a nice place for rocks and don't mind sharing with the club? Please contact us with your trip ideas!	varies

John is looking for an *assistant trip chair* to assist with field trips. Please contact him at the number or email shown in the listing, below.



2024-25 CFMS

SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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Show or Event as soon as possible
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*Email to:
SHOW DATES*

*Use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

*You should receive a confirmation
within 5 days after submitting your
Show Date information!*

CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS ARE LISTED HERE

2024

No more shows this year

2025

January 18-19, 2025 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 246
Chestnut St., Exeter, CA 93211
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://tulegem.com>

February 15-16, 2024 – Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Society
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West
10th Street, Antioch CA 94509
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 22-23, 2025 – Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds McCormack Hall,
900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA
Hours: 10-5
Contact: (415) 254-1506
Website: <http://vjgems.com>

March 1-2, 2025– Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W.
Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93003
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 8-9, 2025 – Turlock, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society
Turlock Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway,
Turlock CA
Hours: 10-5
Contact: (209) 499-0533,
skitish1112@hotmail.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 7-9, 2025 – Stoddard Wells, CA
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
I-15 toward Barstow. Exit #157, stay on
Stoddard Wells Road. Follow the signs 7
miles to tailgate
Contact: (831) 406-0214,
president@vvgmc.org
Website: <http://vvgms.org>

March 15-16, 2025 – San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral
Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344
Tully Rd., San Jose, CA
Hours: 10-5
Website: <http://www.scvgms.org>

March 22-23, 2025 – Angels Camp, CA
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun
Club Rd., Angels Camp, CA 95222
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (209) 736-4892,
annachristiansen7132@comcast.net
Website:
<https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/show.html>

April 12-13, 2025 – Mariposa CA
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007
Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: mgmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 12-13, 2024 – Placerville, CA
El Dorado County Min & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds,
Placerville, CA
Hours: Sat & Sun 10 AM -5 PM
Contact: (530) 676-2472
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

April 12-13, 2025 – Thousand Oaks, CA
Canejo Gem and Mineral Club
Borchard Community Center, 190 N. Reino
Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (805) 908-1428
Website: <http://www.cgamec.org>

National/Regional Shows:

**California Federation
TBD**

**Eastern Federation/AFMS
March 27-30, 2025
Hickory, NC**

**Midwest Federation
April 5-6, 2025
Lincoln, NE**

**Northwest Federation
Sept 12-14, 2025
Walla Walla WA**

**Rocky Mountain Federation
Sept 19-21, 2025
Grand Junction, CO**

**South Central Federation
TBD**

**Southeast Federation
TBD**





March Board Meeting Minutes (3/4/2025)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1805 by Jan Longacre, President.

Members Present: Jan Longacre, President; Edwina Swenson, Vice President; Mike Field, Treasurer; Debe Taylor, Secretary; Katie Baker, Director; Dan Chaplin, Director; Christie Harris, Director.

Quorum determined by Jan Longacre, President.

Minutes of the February meeting were amended to reflect expansion of language in item 3 of New Business to the effect that Sheila Baker, former Secretary, was removed from the club bank accounts at Sierra Central Savings and Loan and that Jan Longacre, current President and Debe Taylor, current Secretary were added to the club checking account.

Additionally, it was noted by Mike Field that New Business item 7 needed to be corrected as Sheila Baker, Scholarship Committee Chairman, not Jan Longacre, and he reviewed the scholarship applications.

Jan Longacre made a motion to accept the February Board Meeting Minutes with said corrections, Edwina Swenson seconded the motion. The motion was carried with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

The new language is documented in the NCG&MS February Board Meeting Minutes v.3 in the club's Dropbox directory and will be reported at the General Meeting directly following the Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Field reported that the club had a total income of \$59.99 and a total expense of \$36.00, for taxes and bank fees, for a net income of \$23.99.

Committee Reports:

• **Show Committee** Chairman, Joyce Emerson reported the following:

- 1) The date of the show is being reserved for us. The cost will be approximately \$6000 this year. This amount does not include outside vendors.
- 2) Most duty positions are filled.
- 3) She needs the keys to the trailer and the past show documents.



(Christie Harris had the keys and documents to give Joyce from former Show Chairman, Frank VanHecke and did so at that point.)

- **Show Committee** Co-chairman, Dan Chaplin reported that the 3 X 6 inch cards advertising the show will cost approximately \$300.

A long discussion ensued concerning the issue of no outside vendor spaces. It was agreed that the show committee will meet outside the board to develop a show vision plan and determined what said plan might require financially. They will report back at the April board meeting.

Old Business:

1. Christie Harris reported that the company that formerly made the club T-shirts has gone out of business. The board agreed to let her shop on-line for pricing. If anyone knows who has the club logo design please contact Christie.
2. Mike reported that, after many hours of review, he and Sheila had selected Sam Ove's application for the board's approval. Sam is interested in rocks, has an excellent GPA, and is planning to major in Earth Sciences. He is planning to start his college career at Sierra College this fall. After a short discussion about the other applications Mike Field made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Katie Baker. The motion carried by a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays. Actual disbursement of the funds will not occur until the club receives proof of enrollment.

Meeting Adjourned by Jan Longacre, President at 6:54.

Respectfully submitted by Debe Taylor, Secretary



Logos of California clubs



February General Membership Meeting Minutes (2/4/2025)

Call to Order by Jan Longacre, President at 1900

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: 22 members and 6 visitors

Door Prizes: Mark Allen, Reid Milburn, Bridgett Brann

Board secretary, Debe Taylor, read corrected New Business items 3 and 7 from the February Board Meeting Minutes concerning the change of signatures on the society's bank account, (item 3), and the scholarship selection, (item 7). The changes are documented in the NCG&MS Board Meeting Minutes, version three, and located in the society's Dropbox directory.

Committee Reports:

- Club Picnic, Lori Woodhall: no report
- Federation, Frank VanHecke, (absent): no report
- Historian, Beverly Glenn, (absent): no report
- Hospitality, Christie Harris: no report
- Librarian, Beverly Glenn, (absent): no report
- Membership, Charles Lindquist, (absent, report via email): 3 new members to welcome: Mark Allen, Bridgett Brann, Ray Tschirhart
- Newsletter Editor, Rich Cross, (absent): no report
- Newsletter Publisher, Charles Lindquist, (absent): no report
- Scholarship, Sheila Baker: Scholarship awarded to Sam Ove of Nevada Union H.S.
- Show Chair, Joyce Emerson: most positions filled
- Field Trip Leader, John Dolman: one new field trip on May 10 to Traverse Creek for Magnesite, Gold, Garnets, and Asbestos minerals, in addition to those announced in the February Newsletter. Contact John via email (john95670@yahoo.com), or call (530) 272-3752 for further information.

Continuing Business:

- The club is still looking for a Children's Program Director
- Katie Baker, silent auction show leader, is looking for donations of rocks to be auctioned, especially crystals and druzy-containing specimens.

New Business:

- Dan Chaplin brought up the need for a least two members to be available to run the AV system for the monthly program as needed. New member, **Mark Allen** immediately volunteered, so one down, one to go. Thank you, Mark! Also, Sheila Baker reported that Rich Cross is writing up an operation manual for the AV system. Thank you, Rich!



Jan Longacre called for a 15 minute break at 7:30.

Raffle: Due to a long line for raffle tickets, our break was rather long, but \$85.00 was raised for the children’s program!

Program: The long raffle line resulted in a late start for the program. Edwina showed a very interesting video on carving tools and techniques. It’s amazing what our forefather’s made with the tools available to them. Edwina’s carvings were very much admired. In the 9pm rush for the door, Edwina forgot to mention that she has scheduled Nevada County Search and Rescue to come in next month to give a brief presentation on field trip safety and preparedness. Thank you, Edwina.

Meeting Adjourned by Jan Longacre, President at 2100.

Respectfully submitted by Debe Taylor, Secretary



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2025 Officers

PRESIDENT	Jan Longacre
VICE PRESIDENT	Edwina Swenson
SECRETARY	Debe Taylor
TREASURER	Mike Field
DIRECTORS	Katie Baker
	Dan Chaplin
	Christie Harris

2025 Committee Chairpersons

CLUB PICNIC	Lori Woodhall	
FEDERATION DIRECTOR	Frank Van Hecke	
HISTORIAN	Beverly Glenn	
HOSPITALITY	Christie Harris	
LIBRARIAN	Beverly Glenn	
MEMBERSHIP	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Rich Cross	
NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER	Charles Lindquist	webmaster@ncgms.org
REFRESHMENTS	Monthly Birthday Honorees	
SCHOLARSHIP	Sheila Baker	(530) 263-3362
SHOW CHAIR	Joyce Emerson	(530) 885-4338
SUNSHINE	Lori Woodhall	(530) 432-1750
TREK LEADER (Field Trips)	John Dolman	(530) 272-3752
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





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April, 2025

Meetings Monthly First Tuesdays
Board Meeting (All are welcome!) 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting and program at 7:00 p.m.
April's Program: Search and Rescue – Field Trip Safety
Golden Empire Grange Guild
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

2025 Membership dues

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. Dues are annual and payable in January.

Bring a Friend!