



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Goetz

Greetings Rock Friends,

To start with, a few words of respectful acknowledgment to Bob Rush. Bob started with the CFMS Executive Committee as Treasurer and then worked his way through both Vice-President positions. Bob had to resign due to health issues and I want to say that I wish he could have gone on to President. He would have been a wonderful one for CFMS.

I want to thank Kimberly Fiala for her service as President in 2023 and I want to say thank you to those who have volunteered to be a Committee Chair in 2024. The Chairpersons come from many different societies throughout the CFMS area.. I encourage those to check out the CFMS website under Chairman's Manual and acquaint yourselves with the job description if you haven't already done so.

We start the year 2024 looking forward to many fun and educational meetings, field trips, workshops and shows. I know we all strive to have great programs to help spark the enthusiasm we have for our hobby. In case you are having a difficult time finding some speakers, please remember that a few years ago we listed a few ideas on the CFMS website's tab Program Speakers and Resources and also others that are available for both Zoom or in person under the tab of Program Speakers available for Zoom meetings. And, in addition to the above CFMS has a large collection of DVD's that can be checked out. It's a very thrifty option if need be and a large collection. Those can be found under the Visual Programs tab. If anyone knows of others we can add to the list, please let me know.

I encourage you to put the AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention on your calendar for May 24-26, 2024. Ventura Gem and Mineral Society is hosting the show and it should be great as usual. There will be articles in this and future newsletters about the show. I would like to remind those who want to submit for the All-American Contest or Web Site contest to check the CFMS website for rules and submission dates.

*Marcia Goetz*



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Dec 5. . . . . Deadline for Jan Newsletter  
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May 24-26. . . . . CFMS/AFMS Convention & Show  
Aug 16-31. . . . . Camp Paradise

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Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Be sure to cite the source.

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net). "snail mail"? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Articles without a byline are written by the editor.

**DONATIONS**

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

- CFMS Scholarship Fund
- CFMS Endowment Fund
- CFMS General Fund
- Diedrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund
- Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)
- Facilities Development Fund

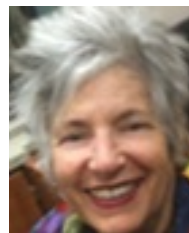
Your donations should be sent to:  
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas  
PO Box 1657  
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgment. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

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**CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND**

By Sharon Rogow, Chair



Well here it is, 2024 already, hard to believe! Before we know it, the joint show in Ventura, CA composed of the CFMS and AFMS will be upon us. Our goal there is to raise money to benefit the Endowment Fund. We do need help at the show with set up, tear down and people to be at our selling table. It is really fun to interact with attendees who are interested in rockhounding and rock related activity.

Donations of cash, jewelry, rocks, equipment and items related to rockhounding are always welcomed and appreciated. If you know business owners who might donate gift certificates, we would be grateful. So start organizing and planning for the show. We will meet you at the roulette wheel (at our show space!!!)

## ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Diane Cook, Chair

### *2022-23 – What you need to know about the All American Club Yearbook*

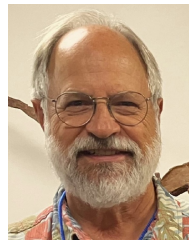
IMPORTANT! – Deadline for entry in the CFMS contest is **January, 10 2024**. Please send your entry to me, Diane Cook @ [johndianedaisy@yahoo.com](mailto:johndianedaisy@yahoo.com) by **January 10, 2024** – and it will be judged at CFMS level, and the winners announced at the May CFMS-AFMS Show in Ventura. CFMS top 3 winners will be passed on to the AFMS for judging.

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook, highlighting a club's activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for attendance at regional and national shows, participation at meetings, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, etc. – all these activities reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

Take a look at what your club has accomplished this past year, and give credit where credit is due!. The more members contribute to the yearbook, the more completely it can serve as a historical document for the club, as well as an excellent tool to encourage prospective members. Canvassing members for any missing documentation, letters, flyers or other materials to fill in some gaps just might make the difference between a good club and a great Club Yearbook entry.

Take advantage of the guide that is on the AFMS site written by John Washburn. "An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation." This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries. It also highlights areas that are usually the weakest for many clubs and offers suggestions to improve those areas, as well as hints and tips for organizing the book. Remember – you can get credit for activities such as participation in Competitive Displays, Junior activities, and for club members volunteering as Judges for AFMS contests.

PDF entries are welcome as it saves a lot in postage. Page limit is 150 single pages for the pdf, and 100 double sided pages if printed. Scrap Books are great too! Document your club's year for 2023 and send it to me no later than January 10, 2024. Hope to see lots of entries in 2024 – showing what your club did in 2023.



## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Junior Activities Chair

### *JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Seeking Judges for 2024 Junior Achievement Award*

As I noted last month, we hope to give our Fourth Annual CFMS Junior Achievement Awards at the annual CFMS-AFMS Show and Convention on May 25. To do so, we need judges! We need at least three volunteers from three different local clubs to ensure unbiased results. If you can help, please contact me at [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com).

Here's a recap of what this award is all about. Junior Achievement Awards acknowledge and reward outstanding kids in two age groups: under 12 (Age Group 1) and ages 12-to-18 (Age Group 2). Kids submit applications, and winners earn a Certificate-of-Achievement and \$100. An application form was distributed at the Fall Directors' Meeting in Visalia and was included in the December CFMS Newsletter. It is also posted to the CFMS website (<https://cfmsinc.org/juniors-achievement-award/>).

In order to evaluate entries and announce winners at our CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention in Ventura, the **deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2024**. Applicants must be enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society. The child's age as of December 31, 2023 determines the age group he or she will be in. If a child won last year, that child will need to wait out a full year to enter again UNLESS s/he has moved up from Age Group 1 to Age Group 2. If a child submitted an application last year but did not win, s/he can enter again this year.

As a judge, you'll evaluate each child's application with a score sheet that awards points across four areas of accomplishment: hobby-related (total possible points: 45), educational achievement (25 points), community involvement and achievement (20 points), and work-related (10 points). Scores from all judges will be added together and averaged to select winners. Past judges have said it's a fun job, so here's to having fun in the New Year helping deserving kids earn awards and recognition!

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Valerie Churchill, last year's group 1 winner

## 2024 CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

### Follow the Mermaids to Ventura!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Ventura GMS

As noted in the last two issues of the CFMS Newsletter, each month leading up to the national 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention on May 24-26, we'll present a different mermaid photo shot in the host city of Ventura, California. The person attending the convention who can correctly identify the specific locations of the most mermaids will receive a rocky reward at the show banquet. If we have tied scores, the winner will be drawn from a fish bowl. And to keep things fair-and-square, I'll have two prizes: one for locals and one for out-of-towners.

That all said, here's this month's Ventura mermaid. She's hanging around a local store front, so you should be able to find her location in the Yellow Pages. ("The yellow what?" folks under the age of 40 may well ask.)

Keep tabs on resources and new show developments at the official show website, [www.2024cfms-afms.com](http://www.2024cfms-afms.com). It's been recently updated and augmented with new material, including exhibitor application forms.



### ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX

By John Martin, PLAC Chair  
[alaa@amlands.org](mailto:alaa@amlands.org)

#### *An Update On Public Lands of Southern California Deserts*

Happy New Year CFMS Recreational Rockhounds. Just an update on some of the things going on in the CFMS area regarding Collecting. The Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM) Management Plan is still in the final stages. The BLM has received many comments on the Management Plan from Rockhounds across the country and I thank all of you who sent in a comment to make the voice of rockhounding be heard. For now Recreational Rockhounding is considered an acceptable recreational activity within the MTNM. The final approval will be when the local BLM submits the plan to the DOI and it gets approved by congress. Until that happens, Happy Recreational Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands.

Another area of concern is the proposed creation of the Chuckwalla National Monument of 700,000 acres of Public Land. - **H.R. 5660: Chuckwalla National Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park Expansion Act of 2023** - which includes the [Wiley Well District](#) and the Hauser Geode Beds collecting areas. As of today the bill is still in committee and has a 3% chance of passing. Contained in the Bill is a paragraph that allows for noncommercial collecting of rocks, minerals, and semi-precious gemstones, so long as such recreational use is consistent with the purposes specified in applicable laws (including regulations), applicable management plans, and input from the Commission regarding potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites and resources. If the bill does pass Congress and is signed by the President, we, in Southern California, will have the only two National Monuments that allow the removal of natural resources. The Hauser Geode Beds MOU with the BLM will need to be revised to meet any new requirements. If the Bill does not pass Congress there is chance that the monument will be established through a Presidential Proclamation which most likely will not have rockhounding allowed. We will then be at the same point in the process as we were in the MTNM in 2016. If the land becomes part of the Joshua Tree National Park, all of the collecting sites within the 700,000 acres will be closed.

Again, Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands.

To learn more on the proposal go to:  
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/118/hr5660>

If there are any other issues that you have concerns about please let me know so they can be researched and a possible course of action may be able to be created.

## CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Chris Ward, Chair  
[chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com)

As we're starting another year, I'd like to thank all the clubs who took advantage of the Rockhound of the Year program in 2023 in order to recognize those special members within your club who go above and beyond the call of duty. I'm looking forward to receiving submissions from all our societies during 2024. I am only an email away should you have any questions or concerns.

### Chris Koch - Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Chris Koch has been a member of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club for 26 years, starting in 1997 as a junior rockhound. Chris's dad was in the United States Air Force and traveled quite a bit bringing his family along with him. He has lived in Bakersfield, CA, Japan, Maine, Victorville and now in Apple Valley, CA. He recalls that while in Japan he started an interest in rocks, bugs, snakes, and all that nature could place in front of him. Chris says that the gutters in Japan are lined with shiny, waxy dark rocks and he remembers them as probably agate nodules. Unfortunately, the Air Force family moved back to the United States and most of their property was stolen. He says some of his treasures were rice paper, ceramic dolls of Samurai, and other ceremonial pieces. Finally, back in the states, Chris ended up in Victorville, CA in high school and word of mouth led him to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. He was mentored and taught what he knows now by Bill Dupue, who invented diamond grinding wheels, and had a lifelong obsession with rocks and the desert and also Al Valente, Joe Kosik, past president, and other older members and those his age. Just last week he was out with Jeremy Berg, who studied gemology at GIA in Carlsbad. Chris has been an instructor with the club for many years and at one time he was the Education Chairman. Using lists provided by the club he set up many fun and educational nights. He also brought in specialists in various subjects such as Horse Canyon material, Oregon plume agates, and more. Chris's favorite rocks are agates and jaspers of all types. He carries with him sometimes books on both but when you ask about an agate or jasper, he does not need the book as he knows 90% of them. His favorite places to go are found in the Cady Mountain Range, north, south, and in-between in the canyons. As an instructor he is all business. Teaching you to grind, polish and make a cab is one of his tasks and he excels at teaching the best techniques in the club to new and beginning members. Chris is a quiet fellow, but let me tell you, when it comes to talking about rocks or his favorites his voice picks up and you can tell he is very happy to talk about it to them. His longtime standing with the club has always been outstanding in performance, details, and patience.

Submitted by Jake Brouwer, Corresponding Secretary & Bulletin Editor, Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

### Henry & Beecher Irie - Junior Members - Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Brother and sister team, Henry and Beecher Irie, have consistently participated in club meetings, classes, and events including presenting to the club at a general meeting to share about emeralds and a case the VGMS show. As an extension of their schoolwork, Henry and Beecher co-authored an article for the Rockhound Rambling last year which was recognized this year by both CFMS and AFMS. They have continued their "above and beyond" involvement in the club this year by submitting individual articles to the newsletter and, as part of the FRA leadership badge, presenting their interests to the club at a general meeting. They have enjoyed trips with their family that support their love and interest in all things gems, minerals, and fossils. Although they may seem quiet or shy, it hasn't stopped their love of learning and interest in this hobby. They continue to work towards their Rockstar badge and I believe with their continued attendance at our Pebble Pup program they will earn it within the next year.

### Diane Cook - Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Diane's years of service to the club, including as Past President, merit this award on their own. But this year Diane has gone above and beyond to help steer our club in positive new directions. As our 3rd VP, Diane led our most profitable VGMS Show to date in 2023. She then led the successful campaign for VGMS to host the upcoming CFMS/AFMS Show, which in the past has been extremely financially beneficial to our club and is a great experience for all members and our local community. Diane has further served our community for the past several years as Superintendent of the Gem & Mineral Building at the Ventura County Fair. This experience brings all the facets of rockhounding to the people of Ventura County, and is a great opportunity for our club members to volunteer (all of which is organized by Diane). Diane's service to the rockhounding community goes beyond our club to the CFMS level; she is currently the CFMS Treasurer and a Board member. Finally, any time there is a problem in the club, Diane offers to help solve it; for example, she's currently leading the committee to a new clubhouse. She has a great deal of historical knowledge of VGMS, and is always ready to help everyone from a new Board Member to a guest at a general meeting. Thank you, Diane, for all your service to VGMS. Her unwavering and devotion to VGMS from treasurer to show chair this year was outstanding. In Quartzite she purchased many items for the club activities. Diane wears many hats for the club and sees the job through no matter how tough the situations are.

Submitted by John Cook - President  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society



## SEEKING GOLDEN BEAR AWARD NOMINEES

### *For Outstanding Service to CFMS*

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Golden Bear Committee Chair

The Golden Bear Committee seeks your help in offering a special award. The CFMS Golden Bear Award acknowledges especially outstanding service to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Established in 1961, it is presented to a person or couple who is a member of a CFMS-affiliated society and whom the CFMS wishes to honor by conveying public appreciation and recognition. In short, it's sort of like a life-time achievement or hall-of-fame award, and most past awardees have generously offered years of sustained and committed service to the Federation.

The Golden Bear Committee welcomes your nominations. Nominations may come from the CFMS Executive Committee, Federation Directors of member societies/clubs, and/or a CFMS Committee Chair, and more than one person may receive the award in any given year. Within the ranks of CFMS, who has captured your attention and respect over the years? Please note that nominee/s should not be informed of their nomination. It should come as a pleasant surprise and honor during the Awards Banquet at our Annual Show & Convention.

**Only CFMS service is considered for the Golden Bear Award.** In other words, this is not to honor service to an individual member Society. (For that, we have the Rockhound of the Year award program.) Simple documentation must accompany the nomination outlining the nominee's service and contributions. **The deadline for nomination is April 30.** Please submit your nomination to the Golden Bear Committee members:

- Jim Brace-Thompson (Chair), [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)
- Susan Chaisson-Walblom, [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)
- Sharon Rogow, [sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net)
- Marcia Goetz (CFMS President), [marciagoetz195@gmail.com](mailto:marciagoetz195@gmail.com)
- Kim Fiala (immediate CFMS Past-President), [fialakimberly@yahoo.com](mailto:fialakimberly@yahoo.com)

Please email your nomination letter to Jim Brace-Thompson with a cc to all members of the committee.

We look forward to honoring an outstanding member of our CFMS community at the Annual Show & Convention taking place May 24-26 in Ventura, California, but to do so, we need *your* help. Many thanks!

## A FEW REMINDERS

By Pat LaRue, Executive Sec/Treas

Copies of the dues/insurance payment and society officer change forms are included in this newsletter.

**Dues are due January 1 and considered delinquent on March 1.** Please be sure that your club treasurer or other authorized person receives these forms. We were able to hold the per member insurance amount to \$7 for this year although it is likely an increase will come about in the future. The \$9 is allocated as follows: \$2 is the amount of the combined AFMS/CFMS dues (\$1.25 for CFMS; \$.75 for AFMS) and \$7 for the mandatory general liability insurance provided by CFMS. The overall cost of the insurance policy includes the service fees charged by the firm which services all the components of the CFMS insurance program. Please note that the email address for McDaniel Insurance Services did change at some point last year and many of you may have experienced difficulties reaching out to her office. The updated email address is on page 2 of the newsletter. When placing a call to her, I use the 805 phone number. I forgot to ask her if the 800 number is still available. If you use your mobile phone, the call is "free" since you use calling time you are already paying for in most plans.

The information on the officer change form is used to update the mailing lists and prepare the Society Roster. Do take a few minutes to fill out the form and send it to me. Include addresses of those 3 persons designated to receive the complimentary newsletters. A personal mailing address is preferred. Please be reminded that CFMS does not sell or share your information with third parties. If you prefer to read the newsletter on the CFMS website, let me know and I will remove you from the newsletter mailing list. Currently Marcia Goetz emails the newsletter to those Directors and Bulletin Editors who provided her with a valid email address. Those persons are encouraged to email the newsletter to members of their club. A show of hands at the recent Directors Meeting in Visalia revealed that several of the Directors are already doing that but more are needed. You can subscribe to the physical newsletter for \$6 per year. Or you can go to the website [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) and read it for FREE.

**One last thing: please do NOT mail the information forms you receive from McDaniel Insurance Services to me. Be sure to mail your CFMS dues/insurance payment to CFMS.**

**2024 CFMS SHOW DATES**

*Shows and Events*

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

**CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS  
ARE LISTED HERE**

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**2024**

**January 20-21, 2024 – Exeter, CA**  
Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 North  
Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA 93221  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: Gayle Bingaman, Show Chairperson,  
(559) 802-6029, [bandgbing@aol.com](mailto:bandgbing@aol.com)  
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

**February 17-18, 2024 – Antioch, CA**  
Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West  
10th Street, Antioch, CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5  
Contact: (510) 693-9075, [kellyplumb900@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyplumb900@yahoo.com)  
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

**February 24-25, 2024 – Vallejo, CA**  
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall,  
900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94589  
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5  
Contact: (415) 254-1506, [dduhonvgms@gmail.com](mailto:dduhonvgms@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://vjgems.co>

**March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura, CA**  
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.,  
Ventura CA  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (805) 312-8467, [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

**March 8-10, 2024 – Victorville, CA**  
(Stoddard Wells area)  
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
Stoddard Wells  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Contact: (760) 243-2339, [president@vvgc.org](mailto:president@vvgc.org)  
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

**March 23-24, 2024 – Angeles Camp, CA**  
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp CA 95222  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.  
Contact: (209) 736-4892, [dbrooks49@att.net](mailto:dbrooks49@att.net)  
Website: <http://CalaverasGemandMineral.net>

**April 6-7, 2024 – Vista, CA**  
Vista Gem and Mineral Society  
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum,  
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sunday 10-4  
Contact: [info@vistarocks.org](mailto:info@vistarocks.org)  
Website: <https://vistarocks.org/>

**April 13-14, 2024 – Mariposa, CA**  
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007  
Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

**April 13-14, 2024 – Placerville, CA**  
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds,  
Placerville, CA  
Hours: Saturday 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (530) 676-2472, [office@edcmgs.org](mailto:office@edcmgs.org)  
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

**May 4-5, 2024, Lancaster, CA**  
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
2551 W. Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536  
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Contact: [marylandoriola@gmail.com](mailto:marylandoriola@gmail.com)

**June 8-9, 2024 – Escondido, CA**  
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts – at the  
Conference Center, 340 North Escondido  
Blvd., Escondido, 92025  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4  
Contact: (425) 281-6218,  
[tonifloyd41615@gmail.com](mailto:tonifloyd41615@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

**National/Regional  
Shows:**

**California Federation/AFMS  
May 24-26, 2024  
Ventura, CA**

**Eastern Federation  
TBA  
Hickory, NC**

**Midwest Federation  
August 24-25, 2024  
East Peoria, IL**

**Northwest Federation  
May 10-12, 2024  
Hermiston, OR**

**Rocky Mountain Federation  
October 25-27, 2024  
Oklahoma City, OK**

**South Central Federation  
TBD**

**Southeast Federation  
TBD**

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WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW  
SHOW DATE**

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[www.cfmsinc.org/shows](http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows)**

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- Other Local Shows

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Send the information in  
early so it's published in  
the magazine as well as  
online.**

## RECORD RETENTION - WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KEEP?

Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

I'm writing this article for all our society and federation officers and chairmen. There will be a bit of information for all of you. We are all familiar with how our file boxes have grown over the years. Our club historians and secretaries tend to store most of our files and have for many years. As the years go by the question comes up, "is there anything we don't need to keep?"

The answer is, yes, but with keeping some important things in mind. The federal government has its rules for non-profit organization record retention keeping. However, they also want you to know that each state will have its own non-profit rules about what documents you need to keep.

Each of our federations are composed of multiple states. Each federation when it was founded was only required to register as a non-profit with only one of those states. When it comes to record keeping for our federations, each federation will need to contact the state they registered with to know what documents to keep permanently, and what documents need only be kept for a certain number of years.

This is also true for our societies. It's very easy to find this information on the internet now, and the states have now learned to make this information easy to understand.

Do you know where the original copy of your Articles of Incorporation papers is for your society or federation? Some organizations keep these in a safety deposit box that is fireproof, and for the reason they'll always know where it is. This is a good idea, but you need to remember who has the key for the box. Banks usually charge a hefty fee to bring a locksmith in. I was in a club many years ago that didn't know where the key was, and the cost was \$250 to get into the safety deposit box and rekey it.

Many of us store items for our federation or society. Sometimes these items get passed on to someone else to store. It's always a good idea for a society and federation to keep an inventory list of where everything is. I like the idea of there being manuals for officers and chairmen, whether it's for a club or a federation. Over the years (for whatever reason) these

can get lost. I also think it's a good idea if someone on the executive committee has a duplicate copy as a backup. Everyone appreciates knowing what they are supposed to do and when; then they can enjoy their year as they do their annual work, and members can enjoy their club and federation more.

Wishing you all a wonderful year, and a wonderful time working together!

From *AFMS Newsletter*, December 2023

### STARDUST MINERALS

Terrell William Proctor, J.D.  
1st Place AFMS Adult Poetry 2013

Want to see minerals from outer space?  
Go to your mirror—look at your face.  
The Universe when created, was just gas,  
billions of years, in time would then pass.  
Slowly gases, did accumulate.  
Gaseous clouds, did reformulate.  
From the gases, elements arose.  
Elements today, on charts in rows.  
Elements attracted one another,  
in large masses, they came together.  
Forming huge galaxies of the stars,  
from which came the Sun, Earth and Mars.  
Today as you go out, on a dig  
just keep one thing under your wig.  
Stardust is in everything you see  
Quartz, gold, and silver....and you and me.

From *The Backbender's Gazette*, 9/2012, via  
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