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Newsletter of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

October 2021

President Donna Albrecht's Message

OCTOBER PROGRAM

PLANNING FOR TUCSON

For me, going to rock shows is a lot like going into a candy store, but not as fattening! The New Year will bring amazing opportunities for discovering and acquiring rocks and gems in Arizona. Beginning January 1 in Quartzsite (runs until Feb. 28) and beginning on January 27 (and running until Feb. 13) Tucson becomes the home of the greatest rock and gem show I've ever seen.

But, as they say, getting there is half the fun. So for our October meeting, I'm going to present a program about fascinating mining-related places to visit and a great place to collect all the rhyolite you want (and can carry over a lot of sand), as well as my impressions and experiences at both Quartzsite and Tucson shows. Feel free to bring treasures you've found at the shows to share with everyone and the tales you've lived to tell of your experiences there!

Because of changes in the City of Concord Covid Protocol, we have decided to continue with masks, but not offer refreshments for our October meeting as that would require we make sure everyone attending has had their Covid shots or a negative Covid test within three days.

We will also be electing our new board!

Best,
Donna Albrecht

THE SHOW GOES ON!

With a little help from our members.

We've got the space, the vendors, and now we need your help!

The meeting this Monday, October 11 at 7 pm is the last time we will meet before our Show, scheduled for November 6-7. Mike Hopkins will be at our meeting sharing all the updates and answering your questions.

** Pick up yard signs to let people know about the show!*

** Sign up to volunteer, we especially need people who will commit to putting the show up and taking it down.*

** Be an active part of what is recognized as the best rock show in the region!*

General Meeting October 2021 election slate

President

1st Vice President and Program [Kelly Plumb](#)

2nd Vice President and Field Trips

Secretary [Karen Oliver](#)

Treasurer [Vikki Hotopp](#)

Federation Director [Dick Pankey](#)

Other positions that need to be filled to continue a smooth running club:

Historian

Newsletter Editor

Public Lands Advisory

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CCM&GS T-Shirts- Where is yours? Club shirts are available in limited adult sizes. Cost \$15- \$17 plus postage. Contact our designer - Bob Rigor rrrigor@aol.com

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Board Meeting September 11, 2021

Come to order 3:03pm

In attendance: Donna Albrecht, Mike Hopkins, Vikki Hotopp, Karen Oliver, Dick and Betty Pankey, Kelly Plumb, and Taylor Thompson

Minutes from August 2021 Board Meeting reviewed and approved unanimously.

Kelly P. – Field Trips: Roseville Rock Rollers to Utah. Kelly would like to hear from members what they would like to do. Possible Black Diamond Mines picnic in spring 2022? New Almaden Quicksilver Mine? Glass Beach? Mariposa Mineral Museum? Black Butte overnight? Kelly will be organizing something for the spring.

Misc. – Looking for someone to sew club vests

Dick P. – Federation: 2nd weekend in November, not camping this year. Will need a hotel room for 2 nights and mileage. Karen O. moved that Dick be budgeted \$300.00 for the trip. Kelly P. 2nd. Passed unanimously. Dick will provide an article about stamps for the newsletter.

Karen O. - Nominating Committee: There are no nominations for President or 2nd Vice President. When a 1st Vice President is voted in they will assume the role of President, for the term.

Donna A. – Club Business discussion: Move the 2022 show to October so there is time to get new members from the show indoctrinated into the club before the new year. Move November General Meeting to later in the month instead of the week after the show. Discussion tabled.

Taylor T. – Membership: Name badges for new members being ordered. Special invite to new members since COVID who haven't attended a meeting, Terry C is making calls.

Donna A. – September General Meeting: Donations from a family+ ½ pick up truck of stuff, can be used for meeting auction and show raffle. Kelly p. and Vikki H. will man the cash box; Vikki will organize refreshments; Auctioneers Donna/Mike/Gary? Runner Taylor T.

Donna will keep the Zoom account through December

Oct General Meeting program?

November General Meeting program – video

December General Meeting – Holiday party – Kelly P. organizing

Mike H. - Storage shed: 2 units, #1 is maxed out, a mess, 2 years of records, 8 – 10 buckets of obsidian needles, equipment, 40lbs of red rouge stuff, grits... Need to find the Show stuff. #2 is the library, records, less working area.

Move to adjourn by Taylor T. 2nd by Vikki H. Passed unanimously.

2021 CCMGS SHOW NEWS



MINERAL & GEM SHOW & SALE

Saturday & Sunday

Nov. 6-7

10 AM - 5 PM



Admission \$6

Under 16 FREE with adult.

Scouts in Uniform FREE

Military & First Responders

FREE with ID

Gems • Jewelry • Minerals
Fossils • Meteorites
Flourescent Room
Beads • Findings
Tools • Equipment
Demonstrations • Displays
Kids Activities
Door Prizes • Raffle • Auction
Snacks • Food • Drinks

Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd., Concord
behind In-Shape Fitness
next to Clayton Valley Bowl

WE DIG ROCKS

A CALL FOR Volunteers:

Anyone can act on this committee; we need 3 to 4 club members to act as LEADS and some additional members to help each of them on smaller tasks.

Show Chair: Mike Hopkins

Assistant show chair:

Layout, work with each LEAD:

LEADS:

Advertising and promotion-Mike Hopkins

Venders and demonstrators

Auction / Raffle

Cases

Organizing volunteers to work the show, Set-up and tear-down

Other stuff: Badges, signs, banners

Please contact me if interested in helping to work the 2021 show.

Michael Hopkins - mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net

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SHOW EXHIBITORS WANTED!

It is already September. That means the show is only two months away. Our dealers are coming together nicely, so now I am concentrating on Exhibitors and Demonstrators. Do you have a rock talent that you can show people how you do? I need someone who does beading. Not sure how to demonstrate your skill? Call me up and tell me what you do.

Exhibitors! We have 43 cases to fill and so far only 11 members have turned in their forms. I already know that a few of you do mean to display but have not yet filled out your forms. Call or text me at 510 693-9075 or email me at kellyplumb900@yahoo.com (be sure to put "Exhibitor" in the subject line) and I will e-mail or mail you the form, or you can pick one, or more forms at the next meeting. Do you collect fossils? Minerals? A particular type of rock? Pictures of outhouses that were taken on rock hounding trips have been displayed in the past. The Ideas are endless. Kid's displays welcome!

YOU the members, put together the displays to showcase the numerous facets of our hobby.

Whatever your favorite thing is, please offer to show it off! There is no such thing as a boring display topic. After all it interested you didn't it?

I am asking each exhibitor to fill one Exhibitor form for each case. Please return them to me or Cheryl Morgan by October 12th. The club has 43 cases available to loan to exhibitors so there should be one for you. However, it will be first come first served. Dimensions are on the application form. If you have your own case and would prefer to use it there is a space to indicate that and give the dimensions of your case. We are looking forward to seeing just how creative you are. See you at the show!



Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Annual Show November 6 & 7, 2021
Centre Concord, Concord, CA

Exhibitor Application
(one application per case)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION: _____

Do you have your own case? Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

I need to borrow a Club Case: _____

We have a limited number of cases to loan, on a first come basis. The club does not provide liners or risers. Club cases inside dimensions are 46-1/4" x 22-3/4" x 22-1/4". The case sides and back are a finished light-colored wood. Two 100-watt floods illuminate from the top. **NO TAPE, STAPLES, TACKS, DRILL HOLES, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE CASE OR LIGHTING**

We request you include your name and your society's name in your case to let our guests know who you are and where you are from. Also, we encourage that you have a title page or include a card noting special features about your case.

EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

Please complete all information on the entry form and return to the Exhibit Chairmen for acceptance and acknowledgement. Return to: **Kelly Plumb 900 Hawthorne Dr. Rodeo, CA 94572** or scan and send to kellyplumb900@yahoo.com or snap a picture and text to (510) 693-9075. If your entry is not acknowledged within 14 days, please contact the Exhibit Chairmen. Case set-up after 2:00PM on Friday November 5th. All cases must be set up by 8:00 PM on Friday or by special arrangement with the Exhibit Chair. Cases may not be removed prior to the close of the show Sunday. All cases must be removed at the close of the show at 5:00PM, on Sunday.

For additional information, please contact **Kelly Plumb 900 Hawthorne Dr. Rodeo, CA 94572** or kellyplumb900@yahoo.com.

Rockhounds also collect stamps

By Dick Pankey, Federation Director

Because of the Covid virus CFMS did not hold the Fall Director's Meeting in Visalia but this November that will change. Directors' Meetings and our stamp donation project sort of fell by the wayside. But I am happy to say that Betty and I plan to attend the meeting in Visalia and get things going again. Time short and the Directors' Meeting is only a few weeks away. Now is the time for your Federation Directors to get their "stamp sniper" going again. We had great "Stamp Parade" in Visalia in 2019; let's do it again.



How does this whole stamp project work for CFMS? It starts at the club member level; it is easy to do - when you get your mail each day just cut the stamps off of the envelopes and stick them in a Ziploc bag or envelope. When the bag is full give it to your Federation Director to take to the Directors' meeting. Many years ago Debbie Bunn assumed the job of taking the CFMS stamps to the Sacramento Philatelic Society (stamp collectors) from CFMS Past President Ellen Schulte so at the Directors' Meeting we will parade up to Debbie to present the stamp donations. The Philatelic Society sells the stamps and the proceeds are donated to the Easter Seals Society. All donations stay in California.

I am sure someone will ask, "How does this benefit CFMS? What do we get out of this?" I can think of several benefits: It involves society members in the work of the CFMS, it gives the Federation Director another reason to go to the Directors' meeting, and most of all it is a worthy philanthropic project for a diserving worthwhile charity for very little effort.

How big will the "stamp donation parade" be at our Directors' meeting in Visalia and will you be in the parade? Have your society start snipping stamps now and join the parade at Visalia.

Ho, Ho, Holiday Party!

Christmas is right around the corner! The weather is changing and as soon as we wrap up our annual show it will be time to get ready for our Christmas Pot-Luck Party! Save the date: December 14th at 7:00 pm at the Centre Concord.

There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to exchange gifts. Bring a rock related gift that is wrapped and place it under one of our Happy critter hosts. There will be one for boys, one for girls (hey we all get to be kids for Christmas, right?) and one for anybody.

There will also be a contest for the best Christmas hat and one for the ugliest (or most amusing) Holiday sweater.

We will raffle off the table center pieces too.

But the best part will be the food and the great rockhound company, so be sure to sign up early and indicate the type of dish you will bring. I will have a signup sheet at the October and November meetings. If you can't make one of those and still want to come, call me, leave me a voice mail or a text at 510 693-9075 and I'll put you on the list. Pot luck categories will be Main Course, Salad, Side Dish, Veggie and Desert

Field Trip News!

Clubs are finally getting out and doing Field Trips. I know with the Delta variant a lot of us are still playing it safe, but I would love to get an idea what sorts of local field Trips club members are interested in. In past years we have gone to the black Diamond mines, The New Almaden mine museum, Capitola, Agate beach and to Pinole and Rodeo for small fossils. There is supposed to be gypsum on Lime Ridge also. If there is someplace you want to go or a special place nearby that you want to share, please tell me about it! I am currently looking for places close to home because in the past no one signs up or shows up for the more distant locations.

While we are working on some trips for our club, I want to let you know about a CFMS Roseville Rock Rollers trip coming up this month. They will be going to Topaz Mountain and the Dugway Geode Beds North West of Delta Utah from September 30th through October 3rd. I can tell you it is a fun trip and most vehicles can make it. There will be geodes, topaz, red beryl, pseudobrookite, and hematite crystals. If you are interested in a road trip contact their field trip leader is Gene Doyle at (408) 605-9457 or eugenedoyle@sbcglobal.net. I will also have their write up available at our October meeting or you can text me at (510) 693-9075 and I will text or email you back a copy.

Some nearby shows this month are:

October 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2021, Clovis CA

Fresno Gem & Mineral Society

Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 445 Clovis, CA 93613

Time: Friday-Sunday Oct. 8th-10th – 10 AM – 5 PM, Monday Oct. 11th – 10 AM – 4 PM

Central Valley Gem & Mineral Show is sponsored by Fresno Gem & Mineral Society. The show will be held outside and indoors where vendors will be displaying and selling their rocks, minerals and fossils. From rough to cabs, from jewelry to wind chimes you will find a great variety! Adults and children will enjoy the fossilized sharks teeth, dinosaur bones, sparkling minerals in all their forms plus beautiful handcrafted jewelry.

Contact: 1 (708) 821-7575, danielbolm096@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.fgms.us/>

October 9, 2021 – Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club

Antioch Lapidary Club's Annual Artisan Jewelry and Rock Show

Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse, 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd., Antioch

Time: 10 AM – 4 PM

Directions: Take Highway 4 to Antioch; exit at A Street and go north, towards the water. Turn right on E 18th Street; go approximately 3/4 mile; turn left of Cavallo Road. Follow Cavallo, across Wilbur Avenue. You are now on Fulton Shipyard Road. Cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right into the parking lot.

Or...Coming across the Antioch Bridge, turn right on Wilbur Avenue to Fulton Shipyard Road. Turn right, cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right into the parking lot.

[Show Flyer](#)

Contact: (925) 240-2954, vicmcpherson@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

2021 Elected Officers:

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2ndVicePresident/Fieldtrips:

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2021 Appointed Officers:

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The Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society was formed in 1950 to encourage the study of mineralogy, lapidary arts, and field collections.

General meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month on Zoom, stay connected for updates.

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