

CCM&GS Program for September 12, 2016

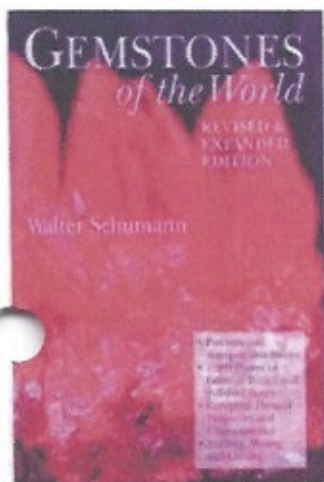
## Annual Auction Night

### Fun and Excitement for all

Bring your donations the night of the auction. What we auction comes from you. We ask that you limit your donations to Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Fossils, and Beads. Related equipment, jewelry, books, media, decorations etc. are also appreciated. Bring your donations as clean as possible and try to identify what each item is. We can help with the identification.

Bring your donations early. Doors open at 6:30 PM and we want to start promptly at 7:30 PM

We still need first time volunteers to help with the auction. Contact Dennis Freiburger. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. We are open to all.



Clockwise from top left:  
Gemstone reference book, petrified  
wood, rock tumbler, mineral  
specimens, opal bead necklace.

Dennis Freiburger, Program Chairman

### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday September 7, at 7:00 PM

**New Articles for October *Diablo  
Diggins***

Due Date, September 19

**CCMGS Board Meeting-7:15 pm to 8:30**

pm, August 3, 2016

520 Stanwell Dr., Concord, CA

Present: David Kleesattel, Mary Hicks, Bonnie Eichler, Debbie Blevins, Dick Pankey, Terry Caskey, Mary Hanjes. Absent: Dennis Freiburger, Therese Clark, Harry Nichandros, Cheryl Morgan, Kelly Plumb, Mary Jernigan, Paul Black.

SLATE FOR 2017 OFFICERS: Mary Jernigan is leading the committee to develop the Officer Slate for 2017. The slate is announced at the September General Meeting and published in the newsletter, read again at the October General Meeting and voted on. Elected officers are sworn in at the December general meeting. The slate must be announced at the September meeting. Anyone at the meeting can propose additional persons interested that are not on the slate presented. At the October general meeting, again a verbal proposal for qualified members can be proposed. Then the vote will occur. President, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Field Trips, Treasurer, Secretary, Federation Director are the positions that must be voted on. For sure, we need a volunteer for a new President as Dave Kleesattel has given notice that his work in Alaska requires him not act as President in 2017.

Reading and approval of the Minutes of the Previous Business Meeting. A question was voiced about the wording about dues in the General Meeting discussion re: problems of delinquent dues. For clarification to all club members, we are to follow the Bylaws.

**Sec.1 – DUES**

(a) Annual dues for a Regular member shall be determined by the Board of Directors for the calendar year, shall include membership in the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and shall be due and payable along with the initiation fee when the application for membership form is submitted. (\$10 Regular members \$15 new Regular members)

(d) The entire following year's due are payable any time after the first day of November of each year. Members in arrears on the first day of February will be dropped from the rolls and will not receive a Diablo Diggin's bulletin.

(e) Former members who have been dropped from the membership rolls for nonpayment of dues, may during January or February, and without formal application, renew their members by the payment of the full amount of the annual dues. (\$10)

**Sec.2 – FEES**

(a) Initiation fee. Applicants for a Regular membership will be required to pay an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00), and such fee shall be due and payable along with the membership dues when the application for membership form is submitted.

Bottom line. Dues are due as of November 1, \$10 for Regular members. Dues not paid by February 1, member is in arrears and is dropped from the rolls. After February 28, a member in arrears pays \$15 to rejoin, same as a new member.

It was mentioned that each member costs the club \$8 annually for CFMS dues and insurance.

Dick Pankey moved to accept the minutes as modified, Mary Hanjes seconded, All ayes

Only bill paid was a \$20 check to the California Justice Department for the next annual Raffle permit. (9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017). President Kleesattel directed the secretary to send in the check and paperwork. Dick Pankey handed over a copy of the article about the annual federal electronic filing requirement for Small Exempt Organizations. This informative article will be put in the club's Continuity Binder. No mail of note at the mail box. Dave was not noticed of any correspondence or inquiries on the club's website. He said the calendar is current and the show dates are ok. Harry and Therese are traveling and hope to be back for the Monday General Meeting.

Mary Jernigan is at Girl Scout Camp and expects to be back for the Monday General Meeting. She is working on the slate of officers for 2017.

Mary Hanjes reports she continues to work with the clubs rocks. She is cleaning them, washing and removing leaf litter and storing cleaned rocks in closed containers. She is asking for wooden shipping pallets, in good condition to stack containers on.

Very little activity for the club's bank account. No vendor checks received.

Terry Caskey reported he misunderstood the multiple announcement files about the Club Auction in September that were sent to him by Program Dennis Freiburger. He will send out a special announcement to make things right. He said the newsletter takes him about 8-hours to put together. He is asking for someone else to step up and take over this important club function. (Just to let you know that Bonnie Eichler and Mary Hicks have been Editors in the past.)

Education. Bonnie Eichler reported that no bill has been submitted by Mark Bufton for his scholarship reimbursement. Bonnie is moving forward on requesting applicants for the next scholarship. One of the applicants from the last time is applying again. Additionally, Bonnie has discussed a hard rock carving class with David Marshall who gave the club a presentation on carving in July. He is willing to teach a class to our club members. The cost is normally \$90 per full day per student but for our club members he will give the class for \$70 per day for 8-10 participants. David said usually a student takes a 1 day class and then returns for a second 1 day class in a week or a month later. He offers classes at his garage/studio but will come up here to our area if we had a location. Tools needed: foredom flexshaft and he has the accessory kit available for \$125 plus tax. See Bonnie for exact details. Bonnie also talked about a Basic Wire Wrapping class taught by Kelly Plumb on Saturday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently there are 4 spaces open.

Historian. Debbie Blevins reported she has picked up the club records from Hazel Woolsey. She plans on reviewing records which go back to the 1950's and securing the records in plastic closed bins. She inquired about longterm storage in the clubs storage container. She will talk to Therese Clark (Property) about this. She estimated 10 to 12 boxes.

Dick Pankey will be going to the Fall Federation Meeting. The CFMS Fall Business Meeting will be held November 11-13 at the Wyndham-Visalia. Informal cracker barrel will be on Friday evening.

The Business Meeting is on Saturday. Committee chairs meet on Sunday. The CFMS Show September 16-18, will have a Club Central area near the show entrance. This is where clubs can let attendees know about their club. Volunteers are needed to work the table. The show in Placerville at the fair grounds will also have Worldwide Gold Panning Championships.

Betty Pankey has graciously volunteered to be the Greeter at our Monthly meetings. Thank you Betty. We are still waiting for our Hospitality Chair to identify himself/herself. Time to step forward to start the always supportive members in organizing the December "party". Do not be a humbug, unless you want coal in your stocking. Of course with rockhounds that may not be a deterrent.

Everyone was very interested in the upcoming presentation by Mary Hanjes on rock tumbling. There was a happy sharing of the finish polishing secrets and tips for rock tumbling. Meeting adjourned.

Order Triangle and T editor bar for Bonnie.

## CCMGS General Meeting minutes

August 8, 2-16

Dave Kleesattel, President, opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance we had a safety moment about Hot Outside Temperatures, use of sunscreen and drinking plenty of water. Betty Pankey announced the visitors. One guest G. Archimedes handed in an application. She is an active member of the Antioch Lapidary Club and has come to our meetings before this evening. Door prizes were awarded—a piece of jasper, Brazilian agate, and a turquoise beaded bracelet. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. The Antioch Club is hosting a field trip to Graveyard Point the 1<sup>st</sup> week in October. See Donna Heath (925.457.1859) or Cheri Elliott (925.757.7382) for information or to sign up. Cheryl Morgan had displays with some new white-lite bright lamps. Paul Black announced he had college level geometry classes on DVDs or on thumb drives. Two additional visitors arrived during the

meeting. Bonnie Eichler, Education Chair, announced one class on basic wire wrap, signup on the back table. September newsletter will have an article regarding the wax jewelry class at Mount Diablo Adult Education. Cost is around \$142. Hand in a club application if you wish to compete for the club grant for the tuition cost. Reimbursement is given after the club member successfully completes the course. See Bonnie for details. Also, David Marshall, who gave the last presentation on rock carving, is offering a 2 day class. Cost is \$75 per day. See details in the newsletter. See information in the newsletter on Federation and meetings. Show Chair Harry Nichandros is not back from his trip, but signup sheets are on the side table for show tasks. There is a signup sheet for an Oct. 8 Critter Workshop. This is a fun activity where club members make items for the Wheel of Fortune at the show. Mary Jernigan, Membership, announced she is looking for a volunteer to be President for the club. We need someone to be our leader. The President is supported by a helpful Board. Get more involved in the club. By the next meeting we need a slate of officers for 2017 to propose to the membership. Also, we need someone to be the point person for planning the December meeting Holiday Party. This is the meeting we will install the new officers for 2017, giving thanks to out going officers and chairs, and have a pot luck dinner. The venue is already rented, the table and chairs handled, so a lot is already taken care off. The September General Meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> and is the annual auction. Bring items to gift to the club that are rock related-rocks, equipment, etc. Check in items at 6:30 pm. Come early to view the items up close. We need volunteers to be runners (delivering item to the lucky bidders), auctioneers to-email Dennis Freiburger if you want to participate. Dennis spoke briefly about how he took a mineralogy class at Hayward state and he encouraged members who wish to learn more about our hobby to do likewise. Classes sometimes can be audited so no grade is given. Dennis has been focusing on lapidary talks and accessing members of the club to do the presentation when possible. Tonight a club member is going to share love of tumbling rocks. Member Mary Hanjes gave a great presentation on tumbling, ranging from basics to finishing hints. She had tumbler examples, grit and rocks on display. She tumbles everything from glass to rocks to slabs. The club will support members tumbling by providing grit and rocks, resulting product is shared with the club (50%) for the

show grab bags. It was a talk that enthused members to start up their idle tumblers or to start exploring this aspect of lapidary. (I have cut a new gasket for my idle tumbler and it is now purring away with a load of jasper.) Program was over at 9:05 pm. Refreshments were enjoyed.



**Can you name these four  
volunteers from our Show in 1997?**

The Annual Gem & Mineral Show of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

# Exhibit & Display Case Application

Friday–Sunday, November \_\_\_ – \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ (show dates)

**Show Location & Display Times**

**Location:** Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA (map)

**Setup:** Friday 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am –10:00 am

**Show Hours:** Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (both days)

**Removal:** Sunday 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Submittal & Acceptance:** Submit ONE Application Per Case to the address below. If you do not receive a response within 10 days, please email or phone (your application may not have been received/accepted).

**Address:** Therese Clark, Display Chair, 2119 Gill Dr, Concord, CA 94520, (925) 348-3919, [ThereseClark@sprintmail.com](mailto:ThereseClark@sprintmail.com), **Website:** [ccmgs.org/contact\\_us](http://ccmgs.org/contact_us)

**EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of CCM&GS \_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, or Dealer \_\_\_\_\_, or Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Material to be displayed:** Crystals \_\_\_, Minerals \_\_\_, Lapidary \_\_\_, Fossils \_\_\_, Jewelry \_\_\_, Faceting \_\_\_, Carving \_\_\_, Fluorescents \_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Theme:** Memorial \_\_\_, Educational \_\_\_, Novelty \_\_\_, Fluorescent \_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Display Features:** Background color: \_\_\_\_\_, Display items out of case: \_\_\_\_\_

**Placement request:** Your ideas to help us place it at its best advantage in the display area: \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Cases:** If display case space is limited, this case is my First \_\_\_, Second \_\_\_, Third \_\_\_ priority

**Dinner:** Number of people to attend the complimentary Friday Night Dinner (about 5:30 pm): \_\_\_\_\_

**Do You Need a Case? (If so, please initial below)**

\_\_\_ **NO, I Have My Own Case:** Description of your case: Width: \_\_\_, Height: \_\_\_, Depth: \_\_\_, Case Front (Upright or Slant): \_\_\_, Wattage: \_\_\_. Is it locked? \_\_\_ If locked, provide alternate contact for keys: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **YES, I Need to Use a Club Case:** The club has a limited number of cases to loan, on a first come basis. The club does not provide liners or risers. Club cases are standard 4' x 2' x 2' (whd). Inside dimensions are 46-1/4" x 22-3/4" x 22-1/4" (whd) and 23" deep at top (due to sloping front). 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.** Please confirm your understanding: Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT**

Exhibits are not to be removed until Sunday after the show closes at 5:00 pm. Once the show has started you are not to open your case without the exhibit or show chairman's authorization (This protects your exhibit.). If the exhibit is not removed by 8:00 pm Sunday, Show staff will remove it, but its return or condition cannot be assured. Club cases are not to be altered in any way. CCM&GS assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibitor's property or items displayed at the show.

I agree to the above and wish my display case to be considered for presentation at the CCM&GS Show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

**REVIEWED** By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_, Approved, if space avail \_\_\_, Declined \_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Create Your Own Display Case – A How To

Have you ever considered creating a display case for our annual show? It is a fun and easy way to show all of us your skills, interests, and what you love. Our cases have finished sides - the bottom of the case is unfinished. So, the hardest thing to figure out is what to display and how to cover the bottom of the case.

Here are just a few ideas for what to display in your case. Equipment for rock hounding or mining, rocks thru geologic time, your hand made jewelry, your lapidary work, focus on a type of mineral, gem, or rock, ie: fossilized plants, cabs, fossilized animals, a special interest from your collection, volcanic rock, agates, eye candy, the geologic process.... The possibilities are endless.

There are several easy ways you can make a case very attractive. It all depends upon what you want to display.

The simplest display is to use an oversized scarf (better a solid color than with a pattern) or a large piece of material in a color that compliments your material. Simply drape the material you choose over the bottom of the case and add your items. If you want it to be more interesting - add some height under the material that you can put some of your items on so that everything is not on the same level. What you use to raise up your display can be as simple as a cardboard box. You can create a shelf by using foam core with a box under that. If your item is heavy the box will of course have to be close to the size of the foam core so your things don't fall over. If you are going to display small items it's important to elevate them so they can be seen easily. The internet is full of sites that want to sell you something to display earrings, necklaces, etc. Please remember when planning your case display that you cannot alter the case in any way with tape, nails, push-pins, or drill holes.

Think about how museums display small items. They know what they are doing. Look at cases at other shows for ideas about displaying your material. If you see something you like take a picture of it and try to duplicate it. If you want some styrofoam contact Kelly Plumb, she can get you all you want. Styrofoam is a great, lightweight way to create height. Cover it with your material and you are done.

Advanced ideas: The tops of our cases are pegboard so you can hang something thru the holes in the pegboard using fishing line. I have seen cases that add mirrors so the back of the piece can be seen. Your imagination is the limit of what you can do in your display case.

What to do first. Commit to creating a case. Let me know you made that commitment by completing the application and getting to me either a hardcopy, snail mail to me, or email to me Thereseclark @ sprintmail.com (no spaces).

Happy planning,  
Therese Clark  
Display Chair

# NBFT Fall Meeting

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**Location:** Dick and Betty Pankey's home

4310 Kingsly Dr  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Hosted by the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society**

**Schedule:** 8:30 – 9:30 Registration/Social with donuts and coffee  
9:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 – 1:00 Potluck Lunch  
1:00 – 3:00 Conclude Business Meeting

This is a centrally located meeting site that is convenient for all NBFT clubs. Please bring material for the silent auction: rocks and specimens from past field trips, lapidary/jewelry items, and the like. Bring food to share (hot dish, cold dish, salad or dessert) for the potluck. Also, bring your own plate and eating utensils. This meeting is not just for field trip chairmen and leaders, so be sure to invite your club members who are interested in field trips, collecting and getting great buys on rocks and specimens.

This meeting is very important to the future of NBFT. At the Fall Meeting we will elect 3 officers (President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer) and 3 Directors for a 2 year term. Also, this is our planning and scheduling meeting for 2017 NBFT field trips. Each NBFT club is expected to host a shared field trip or related activity each year. Start your planning now so that your club will have a field trip or event to share this year. We will need a location and host society for the 2017 Spring Meeting; be prepared to volunteer your society.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 4 to Pittsburg and exit at Railroad Ave., south. Proceed south to Buchanan Rd. and turn left. Proceed to Suzanne (stoplight) turn right/south and follow orange paper plates. Go south about 1/2 mile and turn right on to Kingsly Dr. For more information contact dickpankey@juno.com or 925-439-7509

## Refreshments

Refreshments and Snacks for the General Meeting.  
Thank You to the Club Members that bring snacks to our General Meeting.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, contact another member and trade snack responsibility. You can also call the Refreshment, Hospitality, or Membership Chairpersons and let us know if you are not attending this month. Vickie Hotopp is in charge of our refreshments and she really appreciates sharing your delicious snacks at the meetings.

Thank you!

Mary Jernigan- Membership

## September Refreshment List

Don & Margaret Henrich  
Mary Hicks  
Jane Holcomb  
Michael Hopkins  
Vikki Hotopp  
Pat Howard  
Tom Howard  
Mary Jernigan  
Lee Jacoby  
Alan & Joann Kilpatrick  
Dave & Kim Kleesattel



## September Birthdays

If you are a current member and do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please drop me a note so I can update my record.

Thanks, Mary Jernigan



## Happy Birthday!!

Gary Casillas  
Ken Caudel  
Naomi Morgan



## September Anniversaries

Howard Shamy & Anne Howell  
Michael Federoff



## ROCKHOUNDS ON A ROLL!



The NFMS show in Albany Oregon was Fantastic! I did not even get to see all of the displays, but the ones I saw were very impressive. Many of the dealers were different from the ones we see at local shows, but some old favorites were there too. Doug True hosted an auction towards the end of the show featuring all sorts of rocks including field trip to

Prineville and surrounding areas.

After the show we went to the NFMS Prineville Field trips. Everyday there was a choice of locations, all of which were great. Alan and I chose the friends thunder eggs on the first day and the Richardson Ranch Priddy Plume thunder egg beds on day two. I was so excited! I already know I got a one inch yellow plume! On day three we went to Hampton Butte for green petrified wood. Pickings were slim, but several nice pieces were found and I did get one recognizable piece of wood that had some green on it. The last stop for us was the Alex MacDonald Ranch for Angel wing agate. I was told that the first few days the Angel Wing pickings were a bit slim, although there was lots of beautiful agate, so on the day we went Alex got out his D9 Cat and ripped up the ground. Everyone got plenty of Angel Wing agate. I want to say a word of caution though, to all polite Rock Hounds. Alex showed us a gorgeous, nearly 2,000 pound boulder that was almost Museum quality. I say almost because you could see where an early arrival several years before, had whacked off several parts of it destroying a large part of its value. After that sort of performance, we are all very lucky that the MacDonalds still let rockhounds on their property, much less facilitate our collecting as they do. Lets' treat the kind ranchers who still let us rock-hound on their property with the respect they deserve!

Our annual show is coming up rapidly! Don't forget to volunteer to fill in one of the many positions that are needed to make this a success. Once again this year I will be providing free Styrofoam to those of you who want it. I will bring it in to the October meeting since I will be out on another adventure during the September meeting. If possible please call or email to let me know how much you want. This may be the last year I can get it so stock up!

### September Shows:

**3-4—HANFORD, CALIFORNIA:** Annual show; Diggins Productions, Hanford Civic Auditorium ; 400 N Douty; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; Admission \$3, Children free; Museum quality fossil display, gold panning demonstration, faceting demonstration, free Prize drawing ; contact Kathy Corbett, 341 cedar st., Hanford, CA 93230, (559)-904-4795 / (559)-924-4052; e-mail: Corbett1@sbcglobal.net

**16-18—PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA:** Annual show; 77th Annual California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention Hosted by the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds; 100 Placerville Dr; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Children under 12 free; Special prize drawings, minerals, exhibits & demonstrations, gems, jewelry, gold, slabs, tools, meteorites, displays, fossils, kids activities, geode cutting, fluorescent tent, silent auction and club bargain table, gold related lectures, gold panning and kids gem search.; contact Barbara Terrill, 3721 Larkspout Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682, (530)-676-2472; e-mail: [info@eldoradomineralandgem.org](mailto:info@eldoradomineralandgem.org); or [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org) Web site: [www.cfms2016show.com](http://www.cfms2016show.com)

**September 17 - 18: CHICO, CA,** Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4, John Scott, (530) 321-6331 Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net), Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

**September 24 - 25: LODI, CA,** Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club Lodi Grape & Harvest Festival Grounds, 413 East Lockford Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411 Email: [jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com), Website: [www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

**September 24 - 25: MONTEREY, CA,** Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311 Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net), Website: [www.cvgms.org](http://www.cvgms.org)

**September 24 - 25: REDWOOD CITY, CA**, Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
 Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Catherine Fraser, 650-954-5020  
 Email: [catherinef@fraseradv.com](mailto:catherinef@fraseradv.com), Website: [www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org)

**September 24 - 25: SANTA ROSA, CA**, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society  
 Wells Fargo Center for the Art, 50 Mark West Springs Road  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Jolene Coon,  
 Website: [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)

**October 8 - 9: GRASS VALLEY, CA**, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
 Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building), 11228 McCourtney Road  
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Todd Lawson, (530) 305-9212  
 Email: [webmaster@ncgms.org](mailto:webmaster@ncgms.org), Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

**October 8 - 9: TRONA, CA**, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
 SLGM Show Building, 13337 Main Street  
 Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4, Jim and Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356  
 Email: [slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com), Website: [www.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

**October Shows:**

**October 1 - 2: BORON, CA** Mojave Mineralogical Society  
 Boron Recreation Park, 26998 John Street  
 Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829  
 Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)

**October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA**, Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
 Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570  
 Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

**October 8 - 9: ANDERSON, CA**, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
 Shasta District Fairgrounds, 1890 Briggs Street  
 Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Steve Puderbaugh, 530-604-2951  
 Email: [kelly13@shasta.com](mailto:kelly13@shasta.com), Show Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

## Mojave Trails National Monument

By Mary Hicks

I recently drove to Barstow to attend a meeting regarding the Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM). The meeting was from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, at the Hampton Inn, Barstow. I drove from Antioch to Barstow on Monday and drove home on Wednesday. Due to the heat, up to 105 degrees F, I did not take my dog with me. It was a good thing I left the dog at the kennel as it was still very hot at 5:00 pm when the meeting started. The meeting was casual, well attended and was a session to gather responses to preset questions. Actual public statements will not be gathered until later in the process. The Envisioning Session was published as providing an arena for the public to share what they value most within the newly designated Mojave Trails National Monument. My response was rock collecting in the Lavic Siding and Cady Mountain areas. There were many posters set up showing the area of concern. For more information contact Stephen Razo, External Affairs, California Desert District: [srazo@blm.gov](mailto:srazo@blm.gov)

Send responses to BLM Needles Field Office, 1303 S. Highway 95, Needles, CA, 92363-89008. Fax (760)326-7099

Qualifications for consideration for the Desert Advisory Council MTNM Subgroup is being based on public participation providing input into the management plan process. The Management Plan will be created by this group. There are 14 categories that are being offered for public ranking in importance to determine the makeup of the monument subgroup. Please provide input asap, the input is the only way to rank the rockhound group (see item #11) high enough to be included in this council. I provided the rockhound group as my Number 1, most important group to be included.

The Desert Advisory Council Monument Subgroup

Please rank in Order from 1 to 14, Most to Least Important

- (1) A representative with expertise in natural science and research selected from a regional institution of higher education or research.
  - (2) A representative of the California Natural Resources Agency.
  - (3) A representative of the California Public Utilities Commission.
  - (4) A representative of the County of San Bernardino, California.
  - (5) A local community representative.
  - (6) A tribal representative.
  - (7) A representative of the Department of Defense.
  - (8) A representative of The Wildlands Conservancy.
  - (9) A representative of a local conservation organization.
  - (10) A representative of a historical preservation organization.
  - (11) A representative of organizations relating to each of the following recreational activities: (A) Off-highway vehicles. (B) Hunting. (C) Rockhounding.
  - (12) A representative of the Southern California Edison Company.
  - (13) A representative of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
  - (14) A representative of the Metropolitan Water District of SoCal.
- Additional comments;

End of this one page form.

Next is the following condensed 6 page document to gather written information.

Questions that the BLM staff wanted responses on were:

- 1). What does the Monument mean to you? What do you hope to experience in the Monument?
- 2). Are there places in the Monument that are special to you? Where are they and what makes them special for you?

These questions apply to all resources listed below.

- 1). What topics would you like to see addressed in

4). What actions do you consider necessary to protect and/or restore the natural resources and scientific values of these lands?

The resources listed are:

Vegetation Resources of Special Interest:

Wildlife and Special Status Species of Special Importance:

Cultural Resources: What Historic and prehistoric landmarks and other structures should be conserved, protected and restored?

Are there Paleontological Resources worthy of special management?

Visual Resources: Are there visual resources that the BLM should protect, for example, a night sky observation area? If so, how should the BLM provide for their protection?

Acquisitions: Can you identify priorities for acquisition of lands and other interests within and adjacent to the Monument?

Recreation: Are there recreational activities that you would like to see expanded or minimized? Are additional facilities needed to provide for current recreational use? Where would you suggest that the BLM install signage for directing visitors?

Travel Management: Motorized vehicles are authorized only on designated routes. Non-motorized mechanized use (biking) are authorized on routes and trails designated for their use. Are there roads or trails within the Monument incurring resource damage? Where should the BLM provide new or improved routes or trails? Should areas be specifically identified for motorized, non-motorized mechanized or non-motorized use (e.g., hiking, equestrian?)

Economic Uses: Tell us your thoughts on other existing uses such as commercial use, grazing, right-of-ways, research, etc.

1). Do you know of or have information (inventory data, historic uses, photographs, maps, past practices, etc.) specific to the Monument that the BLM should consider during the planning process?

2). Is there anyone whom you would suggest that the BLM send this questionnaire?

Thank you! The BLM appreciates your time and feedback. Please return to us before you leave or return to the address noted for the BLM Needles office.

## Display Report

### 2016 Shape of the Month Shapes

- Freeform August - Triangle
- September - Auction Night (no displays)
- October – Marquis (Cat's eye) November – Oval
- December - No competition (Holiday party)

