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October 2017 President's Message



Please start thinking now about what you would like to volunteer to do for our November show! What a success it would be if every member participated! There are plenty of small jobs that won't take up your whole weekend. The kitchen has lots of small jobs during setup and some during tear down. Build hamburgers! Cut cakes! Greet guests at the door! Help with the raffle! Skirt tables! Be a demonstrator! I always need new demonstrators! Post signs the week before! Post flyers! What ideas do you have? There are all sorts of ways to support your club!

Chairperson, Mary Hicks needs to know soon who is available for what positions so we can start looking to fill anything left over. Check the bulletin board at meetings. Meanwhile, if you are interested in volunteering please give your contact information to any board member.

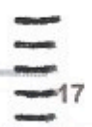
Kelly Plumb, President

REMINDER FOR GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017
CENTRE CONCORD 7:30 p.m.

**REMINDER FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND SHOW MEETINGS**
Sunday, October 1, 2017

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2018 Board of Directors**
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and Gem Society
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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
collection.
Members meet the second Monday of each
month (third Monday in June) at Centre
Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord, Ca
94521 (Clayton Fair Shopping Center
between Ygnacio Valley Rd and Balham Dr,
next to Clayton Valley Bowl).
Visitors are welcome! Bring a friend!

October 2017 (Shape of Month - Marquis (Cat's Eye))

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Countdown to the 2017 Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Show November 4th & 5th!

We need YOU, our loyal Club Members to make our Annual Show another great event! Help us promote our CCM&GS Show by passing out Show Flyers to Family & Friends and posting Show Signs in your yard. Remind everyone to save the dates November 4th & 5th. **The Rockhound Raffle Case is ready for your amazing donations** of Handcrafted Jewelry, Rock and Mineral specimens, Fossils, Books and interesting Treasures. Just give me a phone call to meet you to pick-up items. **Member Volunteers are definitely needed to work at the Show!** Sign-up sheets have started, so please offer to help us with a station. We will also be making phone calls asking for your help. The Annual Show is how we financially support the CCM&GS membership and activities. Let's work together to keep our Club active and full of Rockhound fun!

Photos Below By Mary Jernigan



Taylor Thompson & Mary Hicks promoting CCM&GS Show at the NBFT meeting



Kelly Plumb's delicious jams will be at the Silent Auction

Rockhounds ROCK!

Mary Jernigan - Cell (925) 852-1133
CCM&GS Membership & Rockhound Raffle Case

CCM&GS Show Meeting September 10, 2017 at Mary Hicks' Home in Antioch, CA

Next and final Show meeting is October 1, 2017,

Meeting at Mary Hicks', Antioch, CA. Meeting started at 3:15 pm. Present: Mary Hicks, Dick Pankey, Chuck Olson, Paul Black, Debbie Blevins, Donna Albrecht, Kelly Plumb, Hazel Woolsey, Mary Hanjes, and Terry Caskey

Club needs a 2018 **Show Chair**, now is a good time to get involved.

Raffle Report for 2016-2017 sent. The Raffle Permit of 2017-2018 was received. A Copy will be distributed to the Show Chair, Secretary, Membership, and Historian. (4).

2017 **Post Cards** have been ordered. Bob Rigor revised the post card so the map is on the back side. Thank you Bob!

Database (2015-2016) includes about 1000 names, addresses, etc. at this time. Club Membership: Please add your friends or family into the mailing or email database to be sent show announcement as a postcard or email. They will get the discount and information about the show. I will update the database with any new information for the 2018 show. Please send me your information Mary Hicks 2418 Larkin Ct., Antioch, CA 94531 or email at maryhicks@comcast.net, or call me at 925-779-0698 you can leave a message.

The city has hinted that the **Rental Fee** may be increased for the 2018 show.

We will be doing a **Door Prize Coupon** this year attendees and you do not need to be present to win a door prize. (Same as we do for the Raffle).

Hand bills (1/4 page size) 300 available now. 3-day order time for more from Staples at Antioch. Black and white and some color 8.5 x 11 will be available at the September meeting, good for car windows or business, church or school bulletin boards.

Christine Henningson will get the regional club **Addresses** for sending postcards. She will also go with me to the Orinda Bart walkway over Camino Pablo to see how to install our banner. Christine has stepped forward and will set up show street signs on Sunday and Monday before the show in the area around the Centre. Now we need volunteers to do the same in their areas. Please sign up, the street signs bring in a lot of new friends each year! Can you help put address labels and stamps on postcards? We can have a post card party at my home to do this. Don & Margaret Henrich have volunteered to do some of the post cards. Call me and we will set up at date and location to do postcards or I can drop of a portion of the work for you to do it at your home.

Debbie Blevins reported there was a successful **Critter Day** and she has wonderful creatures for the show.

Grab Bag party? I am going to have a grab bag party at my home and I am looking for 3 other rockhounds to join me. Interested, call me and we will set up a date and time.

Mike Hopkins has volunteered to help with **Education** and we need to discuss where he will be located for his activity.

Email has been sent to Dave Kleesattel about his date for a **Trailer Work Party** and getting new tires on the trailer.

The Centre has confirmed the trailer can be brought to the Centre Thursday afternoon. Does that perk anyone's interest in towing the trailer to the show? Call Me Please.

Larry Blevins has volunteered to be the **Trailer Guru** at the show, supervising the loading and unloading of the trailer. Signup sheets will be out at the September meeting, please do your part to Love Our Club and signup to support the show. The more **Sign-ups** the more fun time left to enjoy walking around the show. We do not want to have any of our members getting STUCK doing an activity beyond the time they want to.

We will have signs **Be Back Soon** and table covers to use if we have a time not signed up for. The **Front Door** is a priority. There was a discussion about **Tabulating** information about numbers attending, individual payment, demographics of attendees, etc. In the past effort at the front door to do this sort of activity has never, to the knowledge of any committee members, been analyzed and used by the club. Some numbers like how many kids came can be inferred by how many kid tickets are used. Tickets given to adults can be noted too.

Pending: Mary needs to follow-up on kitchen details. Meeting ended at about 5:00 pm.

Mary Hicks
Secretary

September 10, 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

Start Time 5:30 pm. End Time 6:40 pm.

Ending of the meeting was called by Paul Black & 2nded by Chuck Olson.

Location 2418 Larkin Court, Antioch, CA.

Next BOD is October 1, 2017.

Location 2418 Larkin Court, Antioch, CA.

Newsletter deadline is a firm September 14.

Program for the meeting on September 11th is the annual club auction.

President Kelly Plumb welcomed everyone. Present: Kelly Plumb, Mary Hicks, Paul Black, Dick Pankey, Debbie Blevins, Mary Hanjes. Absent: Dave Kleesattel Mary Jernigan, Bonnie Eichler, Cheryl Morgan, Naomi Morgan, Dennis Freiburger. Last BOD meeting August minutes were approved, moved by Dick Pankey, 2nd Chuck Olson, all ayes.

The informative presentation made by Member Bob Rigor at the last BOD meeting was discussed. We all appreciated his skills and work he put into this possible club enhancement. He had baseball caps, sun hats, t-shirts, sweat shirts and more. He has done the graphic design for embroidered art and silk screen art. It was felt that at this time the BOD doesn't think there would be enough support to move on this possible program at this time. The club would need to order some minimum lots of items. Perhaps in the future we can have someone who will take on the organization for this opportunity. The President directed the secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Bob.

Secretary, Mary Hicks, reported on communication and mail. There were no applications for the scholarship program. The club received a CFMS newsletter, monthly bank statement, and the raffle permit. The raffle report was mailed in before the end of August.

Field Trip Vice President, Chuck Olson, reported on two field trips (please refer to the newsletter). He referred to Dick Pankey about the North Bay Field Trip Association that our club is sponsoring on September Saturday, 23rd. Volunteers are needed to help setup, welcome guests, work at the silent auction, and seminar support help. Lunch will be provided for attendees who rsvp. Does anyone have a projection screen? Let Dick know. Dick and Betty Pankey are hosting a Thanksgiving trip this year. Destination is the Black Butte Lake, west off of Highway 5. It was fun last year. See the newsletter for more information.

Treasurer, Mary Hanjes, did not have anything to report.

Federation Report will be given at the next BOD meeting by Dick Pankey.

Librarian, Paul Black, did not have a report.

Historian/Editor, Debbie Blevins, saved money with the latest newsletter by using a lighter bond paper due to the suggestion of another board member. The resulting weight only required a single first class 1 ounce stamp. She is interested in moving the club's archived records from her home to the storage locker.

Show Report: Mary Hicks, will make \$50 worth of the large (8.5 x 11) signs in gray scale and has some in color too. The check was delivered to the Centre for the show rent. Mary wrote a check for the 2017 security deposit. The raffle permit was received. Mary will call the members who may want to help with the "Sand Box". The board approved two more vendors. Mary Hanjes said sending promotional show announcements to colleges and schools is an activity she will support for 2018. Our 2017 Postcards will be delivered this coming week. The database has 1025 entries (mostly addresses but some emails). Mary will relearn mail merge and produce the address labels. Mary requests the members to send her the names and addresses or email of friends and family so we can send them a Postcard which promotes the show and is a discount coupon and it has a map on the back side. Mary can be reached at (925) 779-0698 or maryhicks@comcast.net Promote the club and the show on your Facebook or other social media account. Contact me for a file to use!

No report on possible General Meeting locations. But it is estimated our normal General Meeting attendance is about 30. (It was about 30 at the auction at the following General meeting.) Not having a Publicity Chair is thought to be the source of the declining membership and program attendance. The Programs have been good. 2018 elected officers discussed (President, VP Programs, VP Field Trips, Treasurer, Federation Director, and Secretary). Other member opportunities currently (2017) are Ecology and Public Lands, Publicity, Hospitality, Refreshments. The President is looking for anyone interested in any of the appointed position to finish off this year and for possible continuation into 2018 such as trailer tires and work a party. Mary will send an email to Property Chair Dave Kleesattel. (Done on 9/10/17).

Love your Club!
Mary Hicks, Secretary

CCM&GS September 11th 2017**General Meeting at Centre Concord**

It was an exciting evening. Members who did not attend this meeting not only missed being with other rock hounds but also missed the fabulous auction. The meeting opened at 7:30 pm and President Kelly Plumb welcomed every one and we said the Pledge of Allegiance. We had two guests who were introduced by Betty Pankey. They were Susan Klekar who is a friend of Naomi Morgan's and Roy Hollowell. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries were also announced. Dick Pankey gave us information about Exhibiting at the show and the North Bay Field Trip meeting on Saturday September 27th. (This is another opportunity to meet other rock hounds, participate in a silent auction, and help with the meeting as our club is hosting this event.) Membership Mary Jernigan announced the proposed Slate of 2018 Officers, a call for nominations from the floor and none received. Please contact Mary or any Board Member (see newsletter) if you are interested in any of the positions. Some of us would appreciate a change and there have been several important appointed positions that have gone unfilled for several years. It is not fair to expect the Board members to do several jobs while other members do not help out. Please Love Your Club. Currently all officers are the same as now, with the exception of 1st VP of Programs that Donna Albrecht has volunteered for! Show Sign-up sheets were noted and placed on a table. Show Time is getting closer and we need member support. Contact Mary Hicks if you want to help and need information. The placement of signs in the community in your area are needed. Signs bring in other residents and many show attendees learn about our show by seeing a community posted sign. 1st VP of Programs Dennis Freiburger opened the Program the AUCTION! The auctioneers were Vikki Hottop, Paul Black, Johanna Fenton, and the runners were Lee Jacoby and Mike Hopkins. We had about 30 members in attendance. Treasurer Mary Hanjes will announce the evenings take. The next meeting is October 9th. This is the last General meeting before the November 4th and 5th Show. Contact me if you are interested in being 2018 Show Chair.

Love Your Club,
Mary Hicks
Secretary and 2017 Show Chair

CEMS October 2017 Newsletter Show Information

October 14-15, TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat 7:30-5, Sun 7:30-4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild 760-372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website:
www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 21 - 22, PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: (530) 676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

October 21-22, SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society
The Veterans Memorial
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Jolene Coon, 707-849-9551
Website: www.SRMGS.org

October 28 - 29, LOS ALTOS, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org

November 3, 4, 5, EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: Toni L Tyson 707-502-9574
Email: blulis911.msn.com

November 4 - 5, ANAHEIM, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 4-5, CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Mary Hicks 925-289-0454
Email: maryhicks@comcast.net

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November 11 - 12, YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 18 - 19, OXNARD, CA
The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, 805- 394-8002
Email: webmaster@oxnardgem.com
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com>

November 18-19, Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
1900 17th Ave.
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Michael Cox, 831-459-0572
Email: scruzmgs@gmail.com
Website: www.srockngem.org

December 9-10, Rialto, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Near Rialto City Hall
150 S Palm Ave
Hours 9:AM to DUSK
Contact: Jessica Pearson, 909-381-0089
Email: OBMSTailgateinfo@gmail.com
Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

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January 20-21, Exeter, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N Kaweah Ave
Hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4
Contact: Margaret Buchmann, 559-799-6034
Email: margaretbu03@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

February 16-25, Indio, CA
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Hwy 111
Hours: 10AM-10PM
Contact: Bert Grisham, 951-849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 17-18, Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Brenda Miguel, 925-301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub

February 24-25, Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack
Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Daniel Wolke, 707-342-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 2, 3, 4 Newark, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Ave
Hours Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Contact: Cathy Miller, 510-887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: info@mgscv.org

March 10-11, 2018, Salinas, CA
Salinas Valley Rock & Gem
Spreckels Vet's Memorial Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Gary Beck, 831-679-2896
Email: garybeckpca@yahoo.com
Website:
salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com

March 17-18 San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Rd
Hours: 10-5
Contact: Sonia Dyer, 408-629-5735
Email: Sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

June 8, 9, 10 Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Society
Details to follow

September 23 - 24, REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Details to follow

Rockhounding With Sally!



Well Folks,

Over the summer I replaced and sealed the vents on the roof of the camper. To beat the heat, I began working on this project at nighttime hoping to get it all wrapped up, in

time for the fall field trips.

I headed home from our September Auction, thinking it would only take an hour or so to finish off the bathroom vent. Well, about halfway home, it began to rain on me! Luckily, all of the parts were situated in a position where a big mess was averted. By the time I got home, I could see opaque flashes behind the clouds and thought much less of screwing around on the roof, in a thunderstorm.

I keep the house pretty well lighted to avoid breaking my neck in search of a light switch. I came in the back door and said hi to Sally who was in the next room, I took a quick look in the fridge then moved into the living room where I found Sally on top of her cage throwing around a baby toy. Just then, there was a huge flash of lightening that completely washed out the light of the room. And for a moment, everything froze. As soon as it unfroze, Sally was halfway down the hallway heading for the bedroom. With a sharp crack of thunder, she ran under the bed where she immediately ran into all of the house mice who were already hiding there. Well, from then on, no one was happy with the company, although no one was unhappy enough to peek outside either.

So I got no sleep, listening to them bickering all night! In the morning, the mice were all gone and Sally had a big complaint about missing her bedtime treat.....little birds. Geeez!

If you are reading this around October 1st, I hope we've met up on one of the September field trips. Let's shoot for some of the October trips too.

Field Trips Coming up:

The Contra Costa Gem and Mineral Society is sponsoring, and Dick Pankey will be leading, a Thanksgiving holiday field trip featuring your and our renowned "Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner." Details to come.

Sept. 30 - Oct 1

Lovelock, NV area.

Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

For Petrified Wood, Emeralds, Magnetite, Druzy Quartz, Common Opal.

Contact Jim Hutchings, Home (530) 367-5108, Cell (916) 995-7380,

jhutchings22@hotmail.com.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

Fallon, NV

Calaveras Gem & Mineral

For Agate, Jasper, Petrified Wood and More.

Contact Brad Becker, (209) 586-2144,

beckerbk@sbcglobal.net.

Oct. 13-17

Crystal Mine And Dog Valley

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

For Quartz Crystals, (Clear, Rutilated, Milky, Smokey).

Contact Rich Cross, (530) 401-7066,

crosstechtrek@gmail.com.

Oct. 28

Wilson Canyon

Smith Valley, NV

El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society

For Green Agatized and Opalized Petrified Wood, Moss and Plume Agate, Gypsum Cakes, Peach Calcite, various colors of Jade.

Contact Thaleia Georgiades, (530) 957-3800,

thaleia@thaleia.com.

Nov. 4

Black Butte Reservoir

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

For Jasper and Agate.

Contact Pati McCullough, (707) 246-0186.

Let me know if you'd like a copy of the announcement for any of these field trips, and I'll send you all the information that I have.

As always, CONTACT THE FIELD TRIP LEADER, TO SIGN ON TO THEIR FIELD TRIP. As long as I'm within range of a cell signal, I'm here, or there, to share any information I have. I can be reached at olson86@yahoo.com or (925) 890-7116.

Olson86

Message to membership.

Love Your Club.

I have been thinking about our upcoming show in November. The success of the show is important because this is how we pay for our club activities. Our dues only cover the CFMS dues and insurance. To orchestrate the bringing to fruition, our 2017 show requires all members join together and help. I only have the opportunity to see about half of you at the monthly general meetings when I take a few minutes to talk to you about the show. So, I and other members of the club may call you to solicit your support. We can discuss what support is needed and what you are comfortable doing. Please say "yes" when called. Being your Show Chair is an honor.

Sincerely,
Mary Hicks
2017 Show Chair

Grab Bag Party

Oct. 7, 2017, 1 - 3pm

If you would like to support your club, one easy way would be to come to my house and fill grab bags for the show. We have a spinning wheel game and the prizes are grab bags filled with polished rocks and other surprises.



There is room for 3 sign-ups at Mary Hicks' Home, 2418 Larking Ct., Antioch, CA. Show your support and contact Mary.

EDUCATION CORNER

Classes and Shopping

The Bay Area Bead Extravaganza, aka BABE, is in Oakland November 3rd through the 5th this year. They offer several classes on all three days, but shopping is only available on

November 4th & 5th. Visit their website at <https://www.beadextravaganza.com/> for more information. These classes are not sponsored by our club but I wanted to share the information in case anyone wants to attend.

Cabochon Cutting Class Taught by Gary Casillas

This class is one of the most popular opportunities for our members. You will have hands-on training in the art of creating your very own cabochon. Gary teaches you how to trim the slab to size then he takes you through all of the polishing steps so that you go home with a finished cab.

Class will be held at the Antioch Lapidary Club's shop at 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd in Antioch from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 28th, 2017. There is a limit of 5 students and priority for signing up is given to students who have not taken the class previously. If there is space available, prior students may sign up. (There is a waiting list available.) Students should bring their own drinks & lunch. The sign-up sheet will be available at the October club meeting.

Bonnie Eichler
Education Chairperson



North Bay Field-Trips Leaders Meeting

Rockhounds shared the day together 9/23/17 at the North Bay Field-Trips meeting in Pittsburg hosted by CCM&GS. Several CCM&GS members attended as the BOD or interested Rockhounds - Dick & Betty Pankey, Chuck Olson, Dennis Freiburger, Kelly Plumb, Mary Hicks, Mary Jernigan, Taylor Thompson, Joan Lightfoot and Paul Black. Field-Trip Leaders representing various Bay Area Clubs provided information on upcoming field-trips and planning. Dick Pankey's program for Field-Trip Leaders on how to lead a field-trip was very informative. Stephen May, from the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, spoiled us with a delicious spaghetti lunch. Thank You Shout-Out to Steve! The silent auction table intrigued many of us to keep bidding, especially the polished petrified wood. Great stories, great fun! Save the Date, 4/14/18 for the NBFT Spring Meeting in Redwood City.

Staying Connected-
Mary Jernigan



Photos by Mary Jernigan and Taylor Thompson

Thanksgiving Field Trip

We had such a great time last year even a rainy drizzle on Friday didn't dampen the fun at our Thanksgiving field trip last fall. The CCM&GS is hosting a Field Trip to Black Butte Lake & Stony Creek on November 23 to 25, 2017. Betty and I enjoy spending Thanksgiving with rockhounds on a field trip. For many years the Mother Lode Mineral Society hosted Thanksgiving trips to the Mohave Desert area east of Barstow, but stopped a couple of years ago. Since we could not find a trip already planned for last year I decided to lead one myself. Black Butte Lake and Stony Creek as the perfect spot for this trip. It is 10 miles west of Orland, CA about 150 miles north of Pittsburg. The area surrounding Black Butte Lake is well known for colorful jasper, and occasional chunks of agate and petrified wood. The jasper is found in a variety of colors and patterns of yellow, orange, red and green. This area is managed by the Army Corp of Engineers. We will be camping at the Buckhorn CG, no hook-ups. But there are restrooms with hot showers, toilets and water. Fee is \$20/night or \$10 with Golden Age Pass. There are motels in nearby Orland.

Betty and I will drive up on Wednesday with a scouting trip on Thursday morning and collecting trips on Friday and Saturday. We will have a potluck dinner Thursday afternoon at 3:00PM. Betty and I will supply the turkey. Everyone else should bring side dishes that go well for Thanksgiving or desserts. If you have other commitments for Thursday join us for the collecting trips on Friday and Saturday. We will have a soup potluck on Friday or Saturday evening; bring a can or two of cans of soup for the pot and some crackers, snacks or a dessert to share.

We will have afternoon Happy Hours and evening Campfires, so bring snacks and your favorite beverage, and firewood.

E-mail me to get a copy of the flyer with trip details. Please call (925) 439-7509 or send me an e-mail, preferred, (dickpankey@juno.com) to let me know you plan on coming and when you expect to arrive, and will you attend and what you plan to bring to the potluck. This will help to plan dinner and the area we need for our camp.

Dick Pankey, Field Trip Leader

Thanksgiving Field Trip (November 23 to 25, 2017) Black Butte Lake & Stony Creek, West of Orland, CA

"This trip is open to everyone who agrees to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics and the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding."

Host Society: Contra Costa M&GS / A NBFT Field Trip

Contact/Leader: Dick Pankey: dickpankey@juno.com or (925) 439-7509

Directions: Take I-5 North to Orland, CA. From Interstate 5, take the Black Butte Lake exit. Travel west on County Road 200/Newville Road for 14 miles. Turn left on Buckhorn Road and enter the Buckhorn Recreation area. Watch for orange paper plates.

Meeting Location: My camp site in the Buckhorn Campground. The Buckhorn Recreation Area is a fee use area managed by the Army Corp of Engineers. There is a \$4.00/vehicle Day Use Fee or \$20.00 per night for camping. Please self-register as you enter on Buckhorn Road. Have exact change. We will meet each morning at 8:45AM to review plans for the day and leave to the collecting sites at 9:00AM **SHARP**.

Collecting Sites: Black Butte Lake and Stony Creek. We will scout some sites on Thursday morning. We will collect at several sites around the lake on Friday and Saturday

Material: Colorful jasper, agate and occasional petrified wood. Bright colors, sometimes poppy jaspers, often brecciated, reds, yellows predominant, but green, and variegated combinations are common, too. Continued....

Tools: Rock hammer, small pick and collecting bags or buckets. A spray water bottle is recommended to determine quality of jasper; some material can be in water at lake edge.

Camping/Lodging: We will be camping at the Buckhorn CG, no hook-ups. But there are restrooms with hot showers, toilets and water. Fee is \$20/night or \$10 with Golden Age Pass. Motels in Orland.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner: We will have a potluck dinner Thursday afternoon at 3:00PM. Betty and I will supply the turkey. Everyone else bring side dishes that go well for Thanksgiving or desserts.

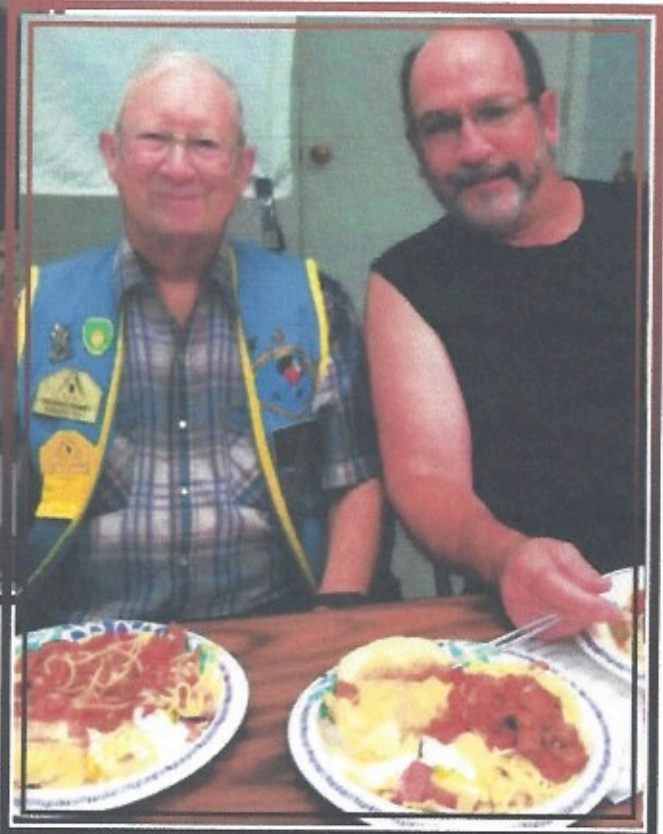
Special Notes: We are planning to have afternoon Happy Hours and evening Campfires, so bring snacks and your favorite beverage, and firewood. On Friday or Saturday we will have a Soup Potluck. Bring a can or two of soup for the pot and some crackers/snacks and/or dessert. Bring your chair, bowl and eating utensils and your beverage.

Please call (925) 439-7509 or send me an e-mail, preferred, (dickpankey@juno.com) to let me know you plan on coming and when you expect to arrive, and if you will attend and what you plan to bring to the potluck. This will help to plan dinner and the area we need for our camp.

Dick Pankey
President - NBFT



NBFT Meeting



More Fun Photos taken by Mary Jernigan
and Taylor Thompson

Will We See You at the Show?

Dick and Betty Pankey, Exhibit Chairmen

Our Show Chairman, Mary Hicks is encouraging all members to help by working some of the many jobs at the Show. But what we are asking is "Will we see you at the Show?" It is my slightly convoluted way of saying "Will you enter a display case at our Show?" If you do hundreds of people will see you at the Show!

We have already received Exhibitor Forms from several guest exhibitors and several member exhibitors. There are approximately 50 case spaces available and it is our goal to fill them all and we want your case to be one of them. Exhibit cases are a central feature of our show and we want to show off your display. All CCM&GS members are invited and encouraged to display a case or maybe two. If you have entered cases in previous shows now is the time to fill in and return your form for this show. So that we can complete our layout and plans we need your application no later than 10/15/17. Sooner is better.

If you haven't put in a display case before it is not too late to get started. If you collect rocks, minerals or fossils, if you polish or make things with rocks, or if you do beading or make jewelry you have the makings of a display case. If you don't know how to get started just give us a call and we will help.

Exhibit Forms will be available at our meetings, but you don't have to wait. Just e-mail me and I will send you a form by return e-mail. Loaner cases are available. Our space is limited and encourage you to sign up early. If you would like more information and tips to set up your display please give us a call.

Please complete all information on the entry form and return to the Exhibit Chairmen for acceptance and acknowledgement. Return to: **Dick and Betty Pankey, 4310 Kingsly Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.** If your entry is not acknowledged within 14 days, please contact the Exhibit Chairmen.

For additional information, please contact Dick and Betty Pankey at (925) 439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com.

More CFMS Information - Continued from Pages 6 and 7

National/Regional Shows:

Eastern Federation

67th Annual EFMS Convention

October 21-22, 2017

**Beals Community Center
Bristol, CT**

Southeast Federation

Hosted by Knoxville G&MS

Kerbela Shriners Temple,

Oct 20-22, 2017

Knoxville, TN

South Central Federation

SCFMS Convention

Hosted by Houston G&MS

Humble Civic Center

8233 Will Clayton Pkwy

Nov 10-12, 2017

Humble, TX

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THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

ENDOWMENT FUND

Founded June 28, 1987 by CFMS Directors in Convention, Turlock, California

The CFMS Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. All donations remain as principal and only earnings are available for distribution to the CFMS. The Fund is open to receive most types of assets.

(Now each name will be converted to cash as is prudent. Donating appreciated assets offers a charitable tax deduction without Capital Gains Tax.)

Fund Categories:

Patron Society: A Society or Club having donated \$100 plus \$1 per member is given special recognition on a Patron Honor Plaque that is on display during CFMS shows and other events.

Patron: A person (may be a couple) having donated \$100 or more. Also has name(s) posted on the Patron Honor Plaque and receives a Booster Pin.

Booster: A person having donated \$25 to the Fund. The Booster pin, which was designed by Chuck Davis, is given to any person upon donating \$25 to the Fund.

The Endowment Fund benefits the now generation and generations to come. Join in and support the Earth Sciences by sending in your check or pledge in support of the CFMS Endowment Fund.

-----Cut here and mail with check or pledge-----

Here is my Check to the CFMS Endowment Fund for

\$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ or \$ _____

Pledge to donate \$ _____ by December 31, 2006 or \$ _____ by _____

Donation is _____ Individual _____ A Memorial For _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Mail to: Pat LaRue
P.O. Box 1657
Rialto, CA. 92377-1657

All gifts to the CFMS Endowment Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law

Refreshments

Thank You to the Club Members who bring snacks to our General Meeting each month.

If you are not able to attend the next meeting and your name is listed below, will you please contact another member and trade "snack responsibility" places with them?

Thank You!

Alan Robbins
 Lyle Roessler
 Doug Rue
 Jeannie Russo
 Bill Schaub
 Victoria Stevenson
 Caryl Taraldson
 Steven Ward
 Marty Wharton
 Hazel Woolsey
 Joe Yarbrough
 Donna Albrecht
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 Barrie Bieler

Mary Jernigan, Membership

October 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!!

Louise Gilley	10/4
Alan Kilpatrick	10/4
Christine Henningsson	10/5
Richard Dennis	10/26
Marty Wharton	10/29

Next Show & Board Meetings

October 1, 2017

Show Meeting 3 p.m.

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Mary Hicks' Home - 2418 Larkin Ct.,
 Antioch

**WE ARE COUNTING DOWN TO
 SHOW TIME.**

LAUNCH DATE

NOVEMBER 3RD !

CONTRA COSTA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY www.ccmgs.org

P0 Box 842, Concord, CA 94522

General Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord,
(Clayton Fair Shopping Center, about 0.2 miles northwest on Clayton from Ygnacio Valley Road) Cross street
Balhan Drive, next to Clayton Valley Bowl, free parking

Membership Fees: Initiation \$5; Regular Member \$10, Junior \$1
VISITORS ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

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October 2017 (Shape of Month - Marquis (Cat's Eye))

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 BOD & Show Meetings Fallon, NV F/T Lovelock NV F/T	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 General Meeting	10	11	12	13 Crystal Mine and Dog Valley F/T thru October 17	14 Crystal Mine and Dog Valley F/T thru October 17
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Wilson Canyon F/T
29	30	31 Halloween				

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Newsletter of the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Editor- Debbie Blevins

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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 collection.

Members meet the second Monday of each month (third Monday in June) at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord, Ca 94521 (Clayton Faire Shopping Center between Ygnacio Valley Rd and Balham Dr, next to Clayton Valley Bowl).

Visitors are welcome! Bring a friend!