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The Pres Box—September 2015

Dyana Cridelich, OMS President 2015



BIG SUCCESS! 48th Annual Rainbow of Gems show from planning to conclusion: the layout on Wednesday, the setup Thursday morning, the pizza dinner Thursday night, the exhibits, the demonstrators, the

Treasure Chest with over 100 prizes that sold out their tickets, the juniors booth that ran out of rocks and had to get more, the well organized and informative hospitality booth, the fabulous and profitable pie and cake booth, the G-Brothers excellent BBQ on Saturday night, the quality items that all our dealers brought to the show, the breakdown on Sunday night and the cleanup on Morning morn: it all went as smoothly as can be. Over the three days, I spoke to all the dealers and heard only positive compliments about the show. They loved our friendliness and helpfulness and appreciated how well organized we were. Most mentioned the quality of our exhibits and how nicely they were set up. They also enjoyed the demonstrators and the beautiful weather of our central coast. Going to every dealer was a bit hard on my pocketbook, but I did get a number of wonderful treasures at excellent prices. To me, this show was a tremendous success! We could not have accomplished all of the above without the dedicated help of every one of our members. Please pat yourself on the back for a job well done. I can't begin to thank you enough. It was you who

made this show a success and I'm so proud of all of you, your hard work and your dedication.

September meetings come early in the month. Our board meeting is on September 1st at 7:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce in Nipomo. The general meeting will be on September 8th at the Oasis Senior Center. We will be doing the Gem show Wrap-up. Please come and hear how we did and enjoy the show all over again through pictures and tales. September's displays are green rocks and minerals. Refreshments will be cookies.

Don't forget the Highway Cleanup on September 12 at 8:00am at the south-east corner of 101 and 166. Please come and help. It is always so much easier when a lot of people are involved. Don't forget the camaraderie at Country Kitchen afterwards.

There are many special days this month and I couldn't decide which to pick. So, may all of you have a safe and healthy Labor Day, 911 Remembrance, Rosh Hashanah, Native American Day, Autumnal Equinox and International Peace Day. Enjoy them all and see you on the 8th for our general meeting.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having Birthdays and Anniversaries in

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Sharon Duncan	9/3
Karen Dry	9/5
Glenda Reeves	9/6
Dyana Cridelich	9/16
Bud Burgess	9/28
Peter Dettelis	9/30
Joseph Martinez	9/30

Anniversaries

Dee Dee and Aldo Magri	9/16
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Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your important dates down and give them to Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (2016).*

SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

Lucky Virgin has been feeling poorly, and the doctors are trying to figure out why. Also, **see In Memorium**.

If you have good or bad news that you would be willing to share with our members, please notify Jeannie Lingerfelt and Wayne Mills.

JOLLY GOOD SHOW

The OMS 48th Annual Show has come and gone. Many members of OMS and our dealers helped to make it another success. We have received only positive comments from our dealers and other folks who attended the show. Come to our September meeting to see and hear a recap of the show presented by our perennial Show Dealer Chairperson, Wes Lingerfelt. His comments and Power Point

Presentation may not ALL be positive, but they will be positively interesting!

IN MEMORIAM: LEE V. REYBURN



OMS is sad to announce the passing of Lee Reyburn, a genuinely nice person, and member of the society since 2004. Lee was born in Elk City, Oklahoma on December 23, 1934, and passed away August 17, 2015 in Santa Maria, California.

Lee's family moved to Monterey, CA in 1848, and he graduated from high school there in 1950. He joined the Navy Reserves in 1949, and was called to active duty in 1952 after finishing 1 year at Monterey Peninsula College. While in the Navy, Lee served on the USS John R. Craig, a Destroyer, until his release from active duty in January, 1954. In March, 1954, Lee married Betty his wife of 61 years. From 1954-1960, Lee worked at Bank of America. When he was transferred to Santa Maria in 1960, Lee left the bank to work with the Santa Barbara Assessor' Office as an appraiser. Lee worked for the County of Santa Barbara for 32 years before retiring (1992). After that, he and Betty traveled extensively both at home and abroad.

Lee attended Hancock College where he received an AA Degree in Business Administration, and graduated from the College's Reserve Police Academy. He served for 12 years as a reserve police officer for the City of Santa Maria, retiring as a Reserve Sergeant.

Lee was a devout Christian, and shared his faith with all he met both in word and deed. His helpfulness, good humor and kindness are a great testimonial to the kind of man he was. Lee is survived by his wife Betty, son Steve, daughter Sheryl Holt and daughter Brenda Martinez. He leaves 5 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, and 12 great grandchildren. Ray is also survived by his sister Nelma Wolford, brother Marvin and brother-in-law Wayne Gann. Lee's services were held at Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria on August 21. He will be missed by all those who knew him. A donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund in Lee's honor is planned.

FIELD TRIPS NEAR SAN LUIS

OBISPO

Wayne Mills, OMS Field Trip Coordinator

This article was originally published in the 2001 Ore Cutts. At a meeting held back in 2001, I was asked about local field trips and why we didn't publish a list of them. I had to respond that I didn't know what local areas are public or private, and that most of the local areas are sedimentary (meaning potentially fossil bearing). The club (at that time) had been working on a detailed map local collecting areas, but a past president absconded with it! The Santa Lucia Gem and Mineral Society has already published a general map of local collecting areas, but, to my knowledge, there are no (detailed) written guides to collecting in the local area. "Open to collecting" status seems to be continually changing (for the worse) on government land, and collecting on private land can be touchy.

We will try to give a list of approximate locations here, with the hope that the input of members will help refine and enlarge the list. **(I have had no input in the last 14 years, but am still hopeful).** Please let me know how you fared at these or other locations, and if possible provide me better descriptions. Remember that any time you want to go on private property, get permission from the landowner first! Also, when collecting on private lands, follow all applicable local, state and federal laws regarding collecting. *Note: Beach and creek collecting is notably better after winter (or summer) storms, and (beach collecting) is also better at low tide.*

Scott's Valley, Santa Cruz County near Lockhart Gulch. There are sandy exposures that have yielded fossil Shark teeth and *Astrodrapsis sp.* sand dollars.

Clear Creek Management Area near Idria in San Benito County has a wide variety of materials including: jade, serpentine, chrysoprase (plasma agate), benitoite, (fee dig area), and several other rare minerals.

Near Templeton (hospital) and in Paso Robles off Highways 46 and 101, San Luis Obispo County. In roadcuts and unfenced fields (if any) are the occasional biconoid, mushroom rhyolite, geodes, and occasional concretions containing Miocene aged whale bone.

West of Atascadero on Highway 41 about PM 5.0 San Luis Obispo County. Phosphorescent

aragonite has been reported.

Cayucos Beach off Highway 1 in Cayucos San Luis Obispo County. Chert, brecciated jasper and other wave- rounded rocks.

Moonstone Beach in Cambria, San Luis Obispo County has river and ocean tumbled chalcedonies, NOT moonstone (which is a feldspar). Also found are small, rounded agates and jaspers and wave smoothed wood.

San Simeon State Beach and Creek off Highway 1. Mushroom rhyolite, chert, brecciated jasper and rarely sagenite agate may be found here.

Willow Creek Beach off Highway 1, Monterey County. Jade, chert, serpentine and even gold can be found here.

Jade Cove, Highway 1, Monterey County. On the beautiful Big Sur Coast, the drive is worth it even if you don't find any jade. Serpentine (our State Rock), chert and soapstone can also be found here.

Behind the TV Towers off Cuesta grade, San Luis Obispo County. Small quartz crystals have been found, but it is a tough trip!

Nipomo off Highway 101, San Luis Obispo County. In many local creeks and fields, Sagenite agate, marcasite agate, beanfield agate, chert and bone can be found. Most property owners here DO NOT like rockhounds because of trespassing in past years. Find a friendly landowner...Nipomo is the only location in San Luis Obispo County mentioned in California Gem Trails (3rd Edition).

Behind Lake Lopez, San Luis Obispo County. Off High Mountain Road near Pozo, you can find Upper Miocene age shells (Santa Margarita Formation). Closer to the Lake you can find Pecten discus (scallop) shells from the Middle Miocene (Monterey Formation).

Figueroa Mountain Road off Highway 154, Santa Barbara County. Take Figueroa Mountain Road north to the top of the Mountain. Pass Michael Jackson's former Neverland Ranch on the way. In the little valley next to the southern continuation of Catway Road (before you get to the campground) you can hunt for a variety of **jaspers and chert**. I found no soapstone (but a lot of **serpentine**) on Soapstone Hill there. Out on Davey Jones Road there is a geode patch wway down in the valley, but is hard to get to (ask Ralph Bishop). Gem Trails in

California shows **cinnabar** near the old Red Rock Mine, and **soapstone** in many roadcuts on the eastern limb of the loop back to 154. This is Happy Canyon Road to Armor Ranch Road. The soapstone is about 11 miles from 154. The entire loop appears to be about 49 miles. The mountain is a beautiful place to camp and explore in the Spring—wildflowers and lupines galore (assuming normal rainfall).

Jalama Beach off Highway 101 Santa Barbara County. Go north up the beach about 2 miles to find brown travertine just before the cliffs appear to cut off beach access. There is (was?) a cool rock near here that you can crawl into. Go south (of the campground) down the beach and you can find fossil whalebone (Monterey Formation) at certain times of the year. Remember to save enough time for Jalama Burger—we're told they are delicious!

Gaviota and Refugio Beaches off Highway 101 Santa Barbara County. Here can be found fossil whalebone. The occasional fish fossil in the shales, brecciated jasper, beach agate and tan limestone concretions containing fossilized wood and bone.

QUEENSLAND AGATE - WHERE TO FIND IT; AND WHAT YOU NEED

By Sir Paul Howard, KRO. Photo Wayne Mills, unknown



In 2014 I produced a one hour DVD about Agate Creek Fossicking Area and posted a copy to every Lapidary and Mineral club in Australia and New Zealand as my 80th birthday present for

their library, for present members and future generations of hobbyists that get a great deal of pleasure and sometimes reward from fossicking; especially for agates. It is hoped that members will benefit from my 30 years of experience of fossicking for Queensland agates at Agate Creek fossicking area in far North Queensland, where they are found.

Fossicking is an Australian word which means searching for gold or gemstones. I can't tell you on one page what I have learned and experienced about this top location in Australia to find agates. They are found on a huge cattle station of 126 square kilometers called Robin Hood Pastoral

lease, 500 kilometers West of Cairns, the closest International airport or 600 Kilometers North West of Townsville, or 2400 kilometers North from Brisbane.

The fossicking field is located in the Southern portion plus a small area of an adjoining pastoral lease in the South Western corner called Percyvale Station. The nearest town for supplies of food, drinks and fuel is in the caravan park at Forsayth 80 kilometers away, 2 hours of driving; or Georgetown, a much bigger town 105 kilometers away for almost everything. The approximate area for fossicking is 45 square kilometers in a very remote part of Queensland. Agate Creek drains the top of a valley with two other creeks adjoining into it, which eventually joins the Robertson River which empties into the Gulf of Carpentaria. You can find agate at many places on this field or along any part of the 50 to 60 kilometers of creeks and gullies, or you can dig for them anywhere you like, except on private property within the field, or outside the gazetted area on the graziers pastoral lease. You need written permission for these areas from the owners. You must use hand tools only, no machinery of any kind is allowed. Motor bikes or quad bikes are not allowed.

You need a fossicking license; otherwise you are stealing from private property. They are available from the Queensland Mines department. There is one in Georgetown, or available on line. Penalties apply if you are caught without one. A two wheel drive vehicle will make it to the field OK, but a 4X4 will make it a lot easier to get around the farmers tracks on the field. My new DVD or my book, "Fossicking for Queensland Agate" will give you a list of the very essentials for fossicking in this remote area; you can borrow one or both from most clubs in Australia or New Zealand.

There is no Mobile phone service, only satellite phone or TV. Firstly, you must tell someone where you think you will go fossicking in case you get lost, so searchers will know where to start looking for you. There are no secret locations at Agate Creek. It is a huge fossicking area approximately 11 kilometers by 4 ½ kilometers.

You must wear a broad-brim hat against the scorching sun, carry enough water for your planned excursion, a geological pick, something to carry your finds in, a sharp penknife, a cigarette lighter, or a box of waterproof matches, (before you leave home put 3 small birthday candles in the box, they stay alight longer than a match if you have to make an emergency fire if you get lost) This is a very

remote area, you must be back at camp before dark. If you are not home by 2 hours after dark the police and emergency search and rescue are informed, and they look for you **THE NEXT DAY**. If you are lost, light 3 small fires 100 meters apart. Once they are going well, put green leaves on them to make them smoke and with a bit of luck the farmer will come out to investigate the source of the smoke. My book is the only one in the world which gives you a recipe for getting unlost while fossicking. I suggest you read it and remember it. It may save your life. There are only 2 camps for you to camp in. Both have good drinking water, hot showers, flush toilets and fire places. There is plenty of fire wood on the field, don't steal it from the hot water supply at the camp. Be very careful with fire. In the year 2000 one camp was burnt to the ground by a bushfire. Whatever you do, don't bury rubbish, the wild pigs and dingoes will dig it up and spread it all over the camp. Camping on the field is prohibited. It is also a fauna sanctuary—

no guns are allowed.



BITS AND BYTES

Navigate to Field Trips/Past Field trips for some neat pictures of places the CFMS has led trips to. There are even pictures of a **rockhound wedding** in the Cady mountains, and a **rockhound honeymoon** on the Woodward Ranch in Alpine Texas!

[http://www.cfmsinc.org/field trips/past field trips](http://www.cfmsinc.org/field%20trips/past%20field%20trips)

Interesting Science related stories from the past 10 years

http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/fossils_ruins/fossils/

Lots of rock collecting locations through-out the US
[Finding Rocks.com](http://www.findingrocks.com)

KID'S CORNER

Diamond Dan's MiNi Miner's Monthly Vol. 9 No. 2

The Origins of Mineral Names

We discovered earlier (May 2015 Ore Cutts) that there is no systematic approach to naming mineral

species. There are certain customs, however, which have been followed through the years. Some of these customs are quiet scientific and logical; others are more to honor someone special. All are very creative. Here are the most common sources of mineral names.

First, there are some, like *arsenic* which have been used for centuries. Their precise origins have been lost. They are simply accepted as relics from the earliest days of mineral identification.

Second, there are mineral names like *adularia* and *muscovite* which were named after a specific place. Usually the place was the locality where the mineral was first found or where a significant deposit of the mineral now exists or once existed. Some of these place names refer to cities or regions which either no longer exist or which are known by a different name today. One such example is *ilvaite*, which was named after "Ilva" which is the old name of the Italian island now called Elba.

A third group of mineral names came from the language of science, that is, Greek. There was a day when every scientist knew Greek. Therefore, it became a frequent source for mineral names.

This practice may well have been started by Georgius Agricola (the "father of mineralogy," who said, "Some of these substances lack names, and because previous writers have not mentioned them, it will be necessary that I assign them new names.

As a rule I will give them Greek names because they cannot be named so aptly in Latin." *Lepidolite*, for example, was named from the Greek words *lepis* meaning *scale* and *lithos* meaning *stone*, alluding to the scaly appearance of aggregates of lepidolite flakes in a mass. You will find numerous other examples of this approach throughout the rest of this mineral names dictionary. Despite Agricola's statement and practice, Latin also became a source for mineral names. As a result, we have names like *albite* which was derived from the Latin word *albus* which means *white* in reference to the most common color of this mineral. These Greek and Latin words have been used to identify chemical properties and physical characteristics that are distinctive to particular mineral species. For example, *phlogopite* was created from the Greek word *phlogopos* which means *fiery* in allusion to the reddish color displayed on some specimens of this mica. Another example is *serpentine* which came from the Latin word *serpens* which means *snake* in reference to the mottled-green color of the massive variety of this mineral, which can look like the skin and markings of some snakes.

A fourth group represents those few minerals whose names have come from languages other than Latin or Greek. *Marcasite*, for example, was created from an Arabic word; *turquoise* was named after a French word for *Turkish*.

A fifth group of mineral names were given in honor of people. Sometimes the people are well-known mineralogists or scientists. For example, *kunzite* was named after the famous gemologist George F. Kunz. Minerals have been commonly named after the person who discovered and/or first described the species. For example, *andradite* was named after Jose B. de Andrada e Silva, the mineralogist who first examined this variety of garnet. In addition, mine owners (William Coleman), political figures (Archduke of Austria, Victor Stephan), wealthy benefactors (John P. Morgan), and friends of mineralogists (Henry Ludlam) have all been honored by having a mineral named after them.

A sixth group is named after the chemical composition of the mineral. Good examples are *uraninite* which refers to its uranium content, and *manganite* which refers to its manganese content.

Lastly, you will also find that there are some popular mineral names which are popular and which have their origins in either local legend or local usage. These "names" are usually not officially recognized mineral names. But they are also usually very well known. *Fairy stone* is a very good example. This is a regional name from Virginia and North Carolina which gained popular, and almost universal usage. *Kidney ore* is another example. It originated as a nick-name for the kidney-like masses of hematite found by miners in the hematite mines of England.

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
Board Meeting
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Office,
Nipomo, CA
August 4, 2015**

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Janice Ferguson, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Henson, Alexis Van Natta and John Von Achen. Paul Berthelot, Margaret Henson, Sally Griffith and Wayne Mills were guests.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the August bulletin.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. Report was accepted as given.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported that the "kitty is fat"!

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: None

Annual Gem Show: Wes has three open outside spots that are going for \$150 per space. Currently we have 49 outside dealers and 10 inside dealers. We received some more

Queensland agates from member Sir Paul Howard and they will be for sale at the show. They will be located in the hospitality booth and will sell for \$20.00 per box. We will be selling kids tee shirts, coloring books and tote bags at the hospitality booth as well.

Breakfast: August's breakfast will be on the 22nd at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA.

Bulletin: August's bulletin is out.

CFMS: None

Education: None

Field Trip: None

Highway Clean-up: Our next clean-up will be held September 12, at 8:00 a.m. Members will meet on the South East corner of Highways 101 and 166.

Library: None

Membership: None

Refreshments: Alexis Van Natta reported that the refreshment for August will be cookies donated by Dyanna Cridelich, Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm and Sally Griffith.

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt reported that Lucky Virgin is having blood transfusions due to a low blood count.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Program Notes: Wayne Mills will give a talk on his recent trip to Brazil at the August meeting and Wes Lingerfelt will report on some of the aspects of our show. The show wrap-up with pictures will which is usually our program in August will be held over to September since there was only two days between the end of the show and the General Meeting.

Dr. Gray will return in January, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dyanna Cridelich at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sylvia Nasholm filling in for:
Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
General Meeting
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA
August 11, 2015**

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Alexis Van Natta gave the invocation.

Mariah Martinez led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen gave the minutes from the August 4, 2015 board meeting. Wes Lingerfelt noted that it read \$350 for a show space instead of \$150. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Elaine read a notice from Diggins Productions regarding an up-coming show Sept. 12 & 13 in Hanford.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: There were 24 members and 3 guests in attendance. Our guests were Bill Royal, Bill Royal III and Betty Kern. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Refreshment for the evening was to have been cookies but Jeannie Lingerfelt had rum cakes left from the show and it was decided to serve those instead. However, Don Nasholm brought some wonderful cookies from a WWI recipe for those who might not want the rum cake. There was also a pie left over from our recent show.

Committee Reports:

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: None

Abused Children: None

Breakfast: August's breakfast will be held at the Girls Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande at 8:30 a.m.

Bulletin: The bulletin has been mailed and is on the web.

CFMS: None.

Door Prizes: Joseph Martinez reported donations of some mineral specimens from Wayne Mills as well as a belt buckle and some tumbled stones from Bud Burgess. There were lots more items as well.

Education: None

Gem Show: Wes reported that most everything went off without a hitch. There were a few people who brought dogs and had to be asked to take them back to their cars. Wes said because of the Saturday barbeque being done by GBrothers it was the most relaxed show Saturday he can remember. The raffle sold 1,600 tickets and took in \$1,371.00. Hospitality took in \$430 for miscellaneous sales while the Pie Sale took in \$955.20. The Junior Activities Booth took in \$260.00. Our ten percent from the caterer gave us \$280.00 and vendor fees came to \$9,100. Overall gross income for 2015 was \$14,411; up \$613 from 2014 and we will not have the expense of using the school kitchen and hiring their help, which came to approximately \$2,800 last year. So, after we've received a bill from the school we should have a nice little profit for 2015.

Historian: None

Field Trip: Nothing planned.

Highway Clean-up: Our next highway clean-up will be held September 12. Members will meet on the south east corner of Highways 101 and 166 East at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine announced new member, Robert Bischoff, had been voted in by the board. Robert was not in attendance but will be welcomed next month.

Junior Members: None

Political Action Committee:

Property: None

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wes mentioned that the club received some more boxes of agates from Sir Paul Howard and that there were five boxes up front and they are selling for \$20.00 each.

Alexis introduced Wayne Mills who gave an entertaining Power Point presentation on his 2009 trip to Brazil.

Dyanna thanked the people who had brought a display.

Alexis mentioned that we will be switching programs with Dr. Gray and Ralph Bishop in the next couple of months and will be looking for a program to fill in the one month where nothing is planned.

President Dyanna Cridelich adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

OMS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday, Sept 1 7:00 pm	Board Meeting 239 W. Teft, Nipomo
Tuesday, Sept 8 7:00 pm	General Meeting — Luis Oasis Senior Center Program: Show Wrap-up Wes Lingerfelt Display: Show Treasures, anything Dessert: Pies
Saturday, Sept 12 8:00 am	Highway Clean-up SW corner Hwys 101/166 East
Saturday, Sept 26 8:30 am	☉ Breakfast— Country Kitchen, Santa Maria

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Tuesday, Oct 6 7:00 pm	Board Meeting 239 W. Teft, Nipomo
Tuesday, Oct 13 7:00 pm	General Meeting — Luis Oasis Senior Center Program: TBD Display: Any 1' x 1' display Dessert: Cake
Saturday, Oct 24 8:30 am	☉ Breakfast— TBD, Arroyo Grande

CFMS SHOWS

SEPTEMBER 2015

- September 19 - 20: CHICO, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5 daily
John Scott, (530) 343-3491
Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.featherriverrocks.org
- September 19 - 20: REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Carol Corden
Email: cordencarol@yahoo.com
Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org
- September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Avenue
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
Contact: Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551
Email: nancyjbird@verizon.net

September 26 - 27: LODI, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411
Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 26 - 27: 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

September 26 - 27: SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Jolene, (707) 528-7610
Email: Jolene@srmgs.org
Website: www.srmgs.org

September 30 - October 4: YUCCA VALLEY, CA
Hi-Desert Rockhounds
Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree
Hours: 9 - 6 daily
Contact: Judy Thompson, (760) 902-5340
Email: rogerthompson@mac.com
Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

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October 3 - 4: BORON, CA
Mojave Mineralogical Society
Boron Park
12000 Boron Avenue
Hours: 9 - 4 daily
Contact: Steve Breckenridge, (760) 559-0872
Email: rock5b@starband.net

October 3 - 4: 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) 535-5524
Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com
Website: www.vistarocks.org

October 10 - 11: ANDERSON, CA
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
1890 Briggs Street
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Kelley O'Leary, (530) 772-7133
Email: shastagemandmineral@gmail.com
Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 10 - 11: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
 Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building)
 11228 McCourtney Road
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Wald-Tuttle, (530) 277-6195
 Email: anitaw1t3@gmail.com
 Website: www.ncgms.org

October 10 - 11: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
 SLG&MS Show Building
 13337 Main Street
 Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4
 Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
 Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
 Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 11: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility
 123 West Alvarado Street
 Hours: 9 - 4
 Contact: (760) 728-1130
 Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.fgms.org

October 17: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
 First United Methodist Church
 22700 Sherman Way
 Hours: 10 - 5
 Contact: Anita Niles, (818) 349-2943
 Email: info@rockchippers.org
 Website: www.rockchippers.org

October 17 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA

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

October 17 -18: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
 Whittier Community Center
 7630 Washington Avenue
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

October 24 - 25: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
 Los Altos Youth Center
 One No. San Antonio Road
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384
 Email: steve_job@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.pgggs.org

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