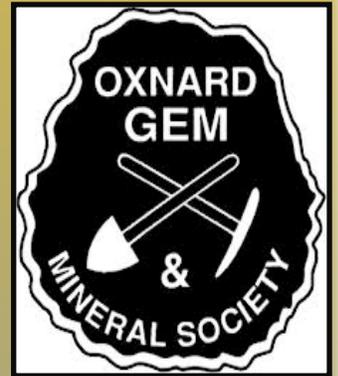
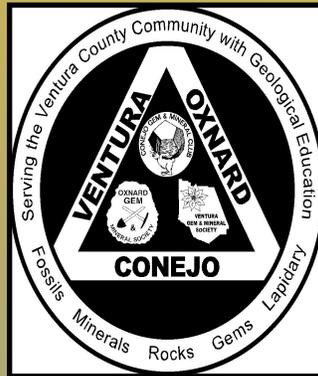
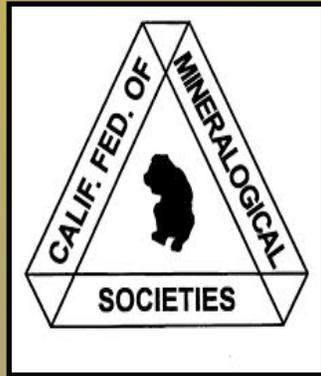


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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly field trips. We co operate with other clubs to encourage others to participate in our activity.

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

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### MEMBERSHIP IS PAST DUE!

**PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2013 DUES! AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CAROLYN HOWE YOU CAN ALSO PAY HER AT THE MEETING. THE DUES ARE \$15.00 PER ADULT, \$2.00 PER YOUTH (WITH AN ADULT PAID MEMBERSHIP) IF YOU HAVE ANY CORRECTIONS IN HOW YOU ARE LISTED IN THE ROSTER CONTACT CAROLYN HOWE, OR THE EDITOR.**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO OFFER AN ARTICLE OF INTEREST OR ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE AND WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE ROCK BAG. REMEMBER IT IS YOUR BULLETIN! ARTICLES CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL.**

**THANKS,  
EDITOR**

# MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2013 OGMS GENERAL MEETING

**Call to order:** Adrian Ruiz, presiding. Bob Driskell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion by Bob Driskell to approve April's minutes as printed in the Rock Bag, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Miriam Tetreault reports bills are paid, deposits made, we are solvent.

**Membership:** Two former members have renewed membership, Don Minster and David Potts. Welcome back!

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, Program:** CFMS Show Overview.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Show:** Saw plants at Conejo Show, started in soup cans covered with colorful paper. Thought it was a great way to recycle and make plants attractive. Suggestion to have Pebble Pups decorate cans as part of their class.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Field Trips:** Mentioned three trips coming up before CFMS show, calendar on Facebook page. Himalaya Mine, \$75 per person, 5 hrs. max, \$37.50, ages 12 -18, pets ok. Ocean View Mine, \$60 per person, 4 hrs. max, no pets. Kanan Road, Tuesday, May 28, free, organized by Tri-Club, Rob Sankovich, contact. Ron Wise is leading an Oregon field trip in June.

**Old Business:** Election for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs. A notice will be posted in the Rock Bag and sent out through email to all members, asking for nominations or volunteers.

**New Business:** None

**Federation News:** Sign-up sheets for CFMS Show duties, out on table. Need help for set-up, booths, food, tear down. Raffle tickets on sale now. Need donations for raffle and silent auction. Applications for Camp Paradise out.

**Education:** Donna and Larry Knapton and John Cook attended the 2013 Science Fair at Seaside Park as part of the Tri-Club Education Committee. Science Fair sponsored by CSUCI, theme was careers in Science and Geology. Saw over 1,000 students, passed out materials and educated!

**Correspondence:** Gem Faire coupons out.

**Displays & Exhibits:** Still need ideas for exhibitor gifts for 2013 Agate show.

**Classes:** On hiatus for summer construction. Brett will help get projects ready for the VC Fair, once equipment has been re-installed and electricity hooked up. Volunteers will be needed to re-install. Classes start officially in September.

**Library:** Kay's Book of the Month: Smithsonian Rock and Gem. New book purchase: Fluorescent Minerals. Kay will review for next Rock Bag.

**Refreshments** for June Meeting: Jo Martinez, Laura Driskell.

**Ways and Means:** No raffle tonight, but items out for guests.

**Announcements:** Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. next Weds. Break for Refreshments. Thank you, Jo Martinez, Donna Knapton!

## **Program: 2013 CFMS Show Overview**

1. Show hours are: Friday, 5/31 and Saturday, 6/1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 6/2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Setup begins Wednesday, 5/29 at 1 p.m. Admission for the show as follows: Adults, \$5. \$4 Seniors (60+)/ Military w/ID. \$3 Juniors (13-17). Kids 12 and under, free with paid adult. Show will be held in Anacapa Green, Callahan Center, McBride Hall, and San Miguel Hall (see map following minutes).
2. Brett Johnson is in charge of Exhibits, competitive and non-competitive. Exhibits will be in the Anacapa Hall (see Fair map following minutes). On

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, volunteers may help with set-up of tables, skirting, electrical, etc. On that day, exhibitors who volunteer may also set up an empty case. Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, is official set-up day for cases. Exhibitors should enter the fairgrounds through the main parking lot, gate 2 or 3, and pull up to roll-up doors in back of Anacapa Hall in Parking Lot C. Exhibitors check in at 1 p.m., pick up lanyards and tickets, and set up will go until 9 or 10 p.m., whenever finished. Exhibitors will not be allowed to touch their cases after set-up, until tear-down on Sunday. An information packet will be mailed to each exhibitor.

3. Show opens Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10 a.m. Volunteers start at 9 a.m. Volunteers who can work four hours or more per day, receive parking passes and lanyard with ID card. Volunteers who work "Event Staff" will walk the floors. Security is provided by Seaside Park, and any problems should be reported to the Security team. "Event Staff" should not attempt to stop anyone or interfere in any way.
4. Diane Cook is in charge of Vendors, who will set up in San Miguel Hall. She has contracted with 42 dealers, who are bringing great stuff. Dealers are ultimately responsible for their own goods. Camping is available for vendors on a first-come, first-served basis (see Diane for openings). An information packet will be mailed to each vendor.
5. Louisa Carey is in charge of Hospitality. Events are: Friday night at 7 p.m., a "Cracker Barrel" mixer, free. Saturday night, Banquet catered by Seaside Park, \$40 per person. Sunday morning, Editor's Breakfast, \$20 per person. San Nicolas Hall and Callahan Center will be used for hospitality, etc.
6. Donna Knapton is in charge of Education Booth. Rock bags are ready for kids drawing, etc. Two spinning wheels to cut down on waiting time. Schools may give extra credit to students who volunteer. Education booth requires about 21 volunteers for every hour.
7. Ron Wise is in charge of Silent Auction for Oxnard Club. Needs good donations to make sure auction is well-rounded and makes money for the club. (Education, Silent Auction, and Raffle are the only money-makers for the Oxnard Club.)
8. The California Museum of Natural History will be "lending" us the "California Golden Bear", which is actually owned by the CFMS and is on loan to the CMNH and housed by them. The Museum also houses authentic dinosaur bones and is a great place to visit. There will be speakers scheduled during the day on Benitoite, fossils, petrified wood, dinosaurs, Chumash tribes, and other interesting topics. Rock & Gem magazine published an ad and a three-paged article, which may attract more attendees. Seaside Park has this page on their website: [http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/13168/5/31\\_Gem\\_&\\_Mineral.htm](http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/13168/5/31_Gem_&_Mineral.htm)

**Adjournment:** Nothing further to report, Adrian Ruiz adjourned meeting at 9:20 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary

# MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2013 OGMS BOARD MEETING

**Called to order:** 7:38pm, Brett Johnson, 1st VP Presiding.

**Minutes:** Motion by Bob Driskell to approve April Board Meeting minutes as printed in Rock Bag. Motion seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills to be paid, deposits made, we are solvent. Carolyn Howe moves to approve report, motion seconded and approved.

**Correspondence:** Few things in the mail, coupons for gem faire.

**Membership:** Two members re-joined; **David Potts** and **Don Minster** now active.

**Old Business:** None.

## **New Business:**

1. Donna Knapton wants to donate arrowheads to CFMS for education booth prizes at summer show. Education booth has enough for Oxnard Annual show. Brett makes a motion that extra arrowheads be donated, Carolyn Howe seconds. All approve.

2. Kay Hara visited with a lady in Santa Paula who has a huge collection of cut, polished gemstones for sale, as well as high-end cabochons. Anyone who is interested in purchasing them can ask Kay for her information.

**Programs:** June 5th, Janie Duncan, "Beads Around the World". July 3rd, Member Potluck, 6:30 pm start. August 7th, potential Field Trip (TBA). September 4th, Dick and Mary Pat Weber, Condor Agates. October 2nd, Steve Mulqueen, on minerals. November 6th, Show meeting. December 4th, Holiday Potluck.

**Education:** Donna was contacted by a gentleman who represents the "Friends of Grand Staircase- Escalante National Monument" Organization, who has connections to the National Monument's ongoing Utah digs for dinosaur remains. The "Friends Organization" sponsors a traveling exhibit made up of casts of Dino skulls found in the park. He would like to consider partnering with our clubs and may be willing to sponsor us for a field trip to see one of the Monument's many digs. Donna will collect more information about the dig, and then turn it over to the Field Trip Committee. Science Fair went well at the Fairgrounds. Ventura County Star did not mention the Oxnard Club or Tri-County in the article. Donna saw a great book about "Our Earth" at TJ Maxx, and would like to purchase more. Let her know if you are shopping at a TJ Maxx outside of the VC.

**Field Trip:** Two May trips Cancelled, but CFMS lead-up trip is to Kanan Road in Agoura Hills. Brett made a motion to have the Field Trip Chair explore a field trip to the Gem & Mineral Pavilion at the Ventura County Fair for the August Members' meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

**Federation:** Discussion regarding banners, footings, signs, etc., that will be used at the CFMS show. Stephanie Hagiwara made a motion to loan our projector screen to the CFMS show. Motion seconded, approved.

**Editor:** Working on Rock Bag now, please turn in articles as soon as possible. Discussion regarding paper and printing, which is better for mailing now.

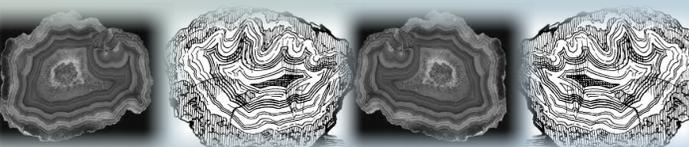
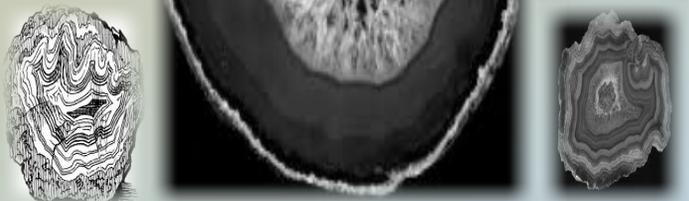
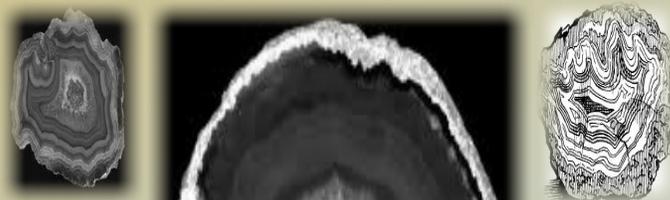
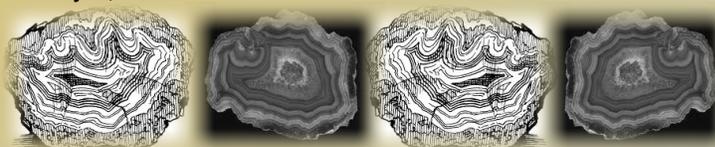
**Library:** Kay wants to know if he should continue doing the book review, when no-one checks out the books. Brett suggests that Kay gives his review of the book just before refreshments at meetings, so that interest is piqued.

**Displays & Exhibits:** Still need suggestions for types of gift agates for our November show.

**Classes:** Construction still in progress, on track for June completion.

No further items for discussion, Brett Johnson adjourned meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary  
May 8, 2013





# Ventura County Fairgrounds Map

**DERBY CLUB:**  
Awards Banquet  
Editors' & Webmasters' Breakfast

**McBRIDE HALL:**  
Cracker Barrel  
Directors Meeting  
Speakers/Presentations

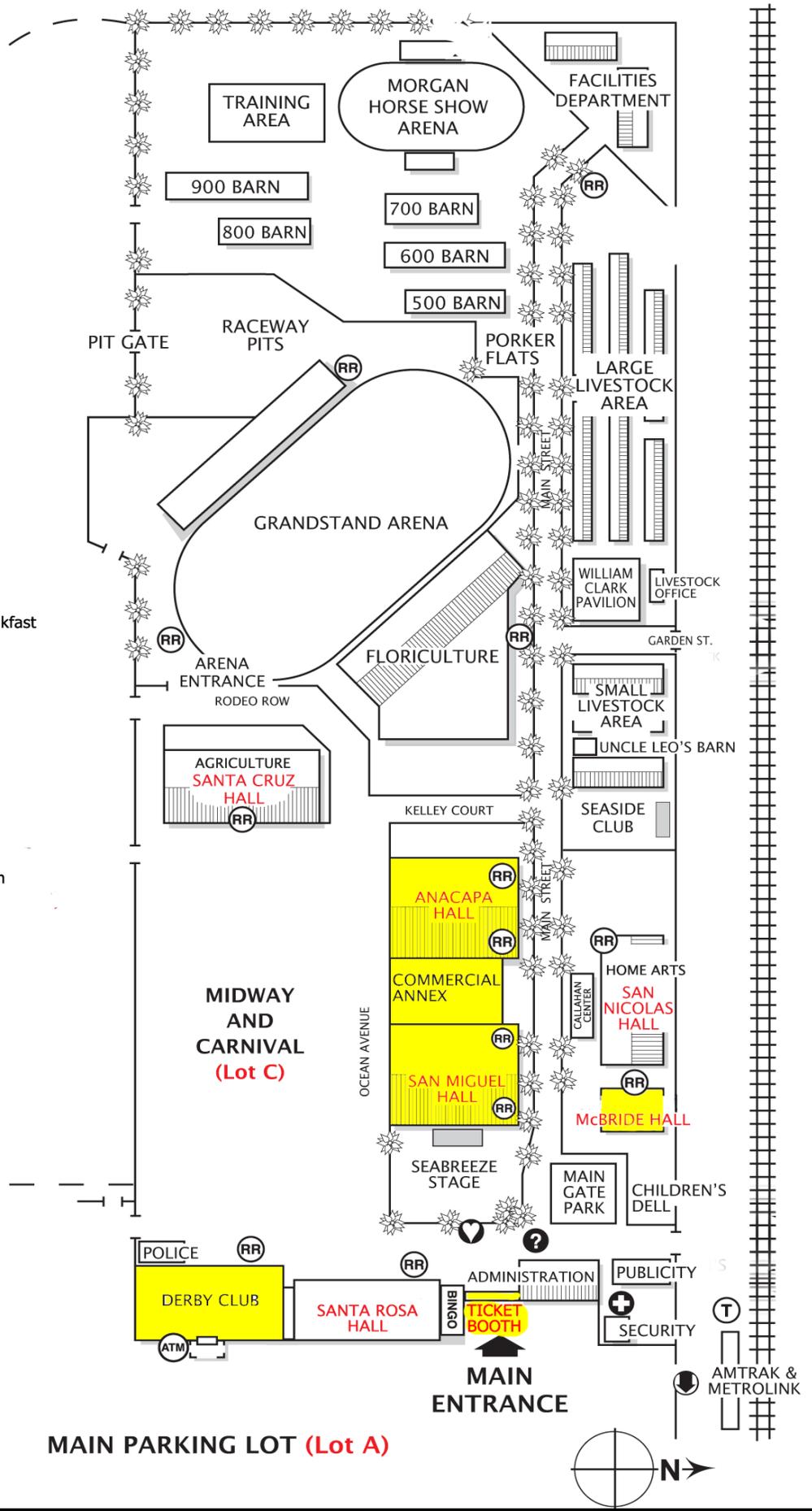
**ANACAPA HALL:**  
Exhibits  
Kids Activities  
Silent Auction  
Raffle  
Hospitality & Welcome Booth  
CFMS Info Tables

**SAN MIGUEL HALL:**  
Dealers

**COMMERCIAL ANNEX:**  
A.L.A.A. (1-3pm Sunday)

**TICKET BOOTH:**  
Entrance to Show

➔	GATES
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## JUNE PROGRAM

On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society will have a special guest...

### Janie Duncan: Beads Around The World

Janie will share her collection. She will be explaining about Beads through history & how they are made. Each bead is in a box & labeled. She passes them around for examination. Beads from 6000 years ago to today, made of stone, bone, glass, and metal.



The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard) at 7:30pm. The conversation will start after guest greetings and club business. Refreshments as always will be available.

Rocks Rock,  
Louisa VP-OGMS



## PEBBLE PUPS

Calling all Pebble Pups!

**We are going to put gold on hold for a month to welcome a special guest. So put your hands together and welcome Janie Duncan: Beads Around The World!**

Janie will share her collection. She will be explaining about Beads through history & how they are made. Each bead is in a box & labeled. She passes them around for examination. Beads from 6000 years ago to today, made of stone, bone, glass, and metal.

This will be different from the general meeting and geared towards us kids.



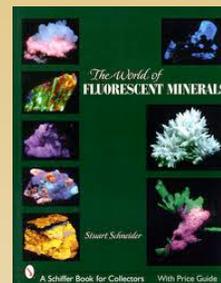
Hi OGMS,

Please Remember the rules when checking out a book:

1. You must be a current member with your dues paid, hopefully an active member.
2. Up to three books can be checked out at one time.
3. Books can be checked out for one month at a time you check them out at a meeting and bring them back the next following meeting. If you wish an extension, please arrange with the librarian.
4. Books must be brought back in good shape; any damage must be reported. If a book is lost, please make every effort to replace it or pay for it. Some books are very valuable.
5. If books are overdue a week, you will be called and reminded to return them ASAP.
6. Any book(s) you have that are relevant to our hobby and are fairly current, in good condition that you wish to donate to the library, it would be greatly appreciated.

## The World of Fluorescent Minerals

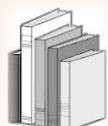
**By:** Stuart Schneider



This is a terrific book new to our OGMS library. I saw this book on sale at the last Conejo gem show and I could not resist purchasing it for the library since we have no books on fluorescent rocks. If you have gone into a fluorescent display at any of the shows and seen the minerals bathed in UV light, here's a book that will knock your eyes out! It explains what fluorescence is, the different types, the effects of different UV wave lengths have on the colors of the different mineral contents of a specimen. The author gives a whole table of what minerals react to short wave UV or long wave UV and what colors are activated by wave length. The short wave UV lamps with wavelength of about 254 nanometers is the most commonly used. Mid-wave UV is about 312nm, Long-wave about 352nm and 368nm. UV lights are dangerous and must be used with caution. Make sure safety glasses are used. The higher powered lights can cause serious skin burns. Remember that these are light waves and so will be reflected by mirrors. The author describes where and what kind of fluorescent minerals are found, types what are specific types and what is required and how to photograph the minerals in their natural state and under shortwave and long-wave UV lights. With his photography the author presents a whole gallery of beautifully pictured specimens in amazing color, what they look like naturally and under the different wavelengths of UV. Where each specimen is found, what mineral composition it's made up of, size of the specimen and what it's estimated value is. At the end of the book the author describes how you can build your own battery pack for your UV lamp also how to document and display your collection and advise on what do if you purchase specimens. So if you're into just seeing great photographs this is a book well worth perusing!

Again, enjoy!

Kay Hara - yore ole librarian



# Rockhound Rendezvous & Spring Picnic

Saturday, June 15th

9am - Noon (picnic starts)

11969 N. Creek Rd. in Ojai, Across From Camp Comfort



**Don Depue of Diamond Pacific** will again be bringing \$40,000-worth of equipment for members to try out, plus there will be material to purchase, as well as the equipment.

**Spring Picnic:** At noon, we will be having our potluck. VGMS will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments & drinks. Members can bring desserts, green or potato/pasta salads, chips, salsa (surprise us!). Bring your own chair, plates & utensils. OGMS & CGMC members welcome!



You are invited to join us at the VGMS facilities, at Camp Comfort near Ojai. Don Depue will be demonstrating some of Diamond Pacific's excellent equipment. You will be able to have a hands-on examination of equipment you might be considering purchasing for yourself or your club. Bring your check book if you are considering a purchase. Following are the machines he will be demonstrating:

1. Titan
2. Genie
3. Flat Laps for Titan or Genie w/polishing pads
4. Wizard 6" Trim saw
5. 18" Flat Lap
6. Gryphon Band Saw
7. Torres 3, Ring Saw
8. Freedom
9. Multiplex (cabbng, trim saw, carving, flat lap)
10. Tumblers (to show only)

If you know of a machine that Diamond Pacific sells and you would like to see it in action, let me know and I will ask Don if it is possible to bring it along.

The Rockhound Rendezvous will offer you a chance to share some of your great field trip finds and lapidary work. There will be plenty space for you to set up a table to display your wares for viewing and trading. Who knows, someone may want to buy something you display. You can bring sell or trade anything it doesn't have to lapidary involved. If you have used lapidary equipment for sale bring it by all means. With the Camp Comfort just across the road from our shop is a great place for a picnic. We will provide coffee and hot water for tea and cocoa.

To find the VGMS facilities across from Camp Comfort take the 101 freeway to highway 33 then turn right on Creek Road, continue until you see Camp Comfort and the VGMS facilities are on the left. Be careful with the left turn and if you get to Ojai you missed us. Parking will be on the west end of the area next to the buildings. If you need more information contact me at 805-647-4393 or [clintwise@hotmail.com](mailto:clintwise@hotmail.com)

**Ron Wise**

## SHOW CHAIR REPORT

I have been very busy getting ready for the coming California Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual 2013 show at the Ventura Fairgrounds this May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. One thing I haven't forgotten is our annual show this November. The show theme this year will be Agate We will be receiving a generous donation of polished agates to be given freely to all the children attending our show. This has been made possible by Dick and Mary Pat Weber and Lowell Foster, with help from Steven Wolfe. Thank you all for your support. Also, we will have a very special dealer in the foyer as you enter the show. Ana De Los Santos of STPGM will be selling her beautiful and spectacular Condor Agates. If you missed them at the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club's show, you can check them out at the CFMS 2013 show.

I am looking for ideas for the Exhibitor's "Thank You for Displaying" gifts. Agate has a wide range of style, looks, and character, so picking one that most of us like and don't have is going to be difficult. If there is an agate you like, don't have, and would like to receive as a gift for exhibiting at the our next show, let me know right away so I can shop for your "Thank you." Next on the list is Plants. After attending the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club's show last month, I saw the best solution to our Plant Container issue. They used old soup cans as flower/plant pots! They were dressed up with colorful paper wrappings and contained a little dirt and one or two plants. I thought it was an awesome idea. What a way to be "green." Start saving your soup cans, mayo jars, coffee tins, and milk jugs for the Plants. Bring the washed out/clean containers to the next meeting, and we will get them to our Plant Ladies. Also, start your plant clippings and starters now.

Well, that is all I have to say for now. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the CFMS 2013 Show. Hope to hear from you on the Agate Idea. And, Save That Can! There will also be a Show Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Thanks, Brett Allen Johnson VP-OGMS



## Count-Down to Show Time!

We're counting the days to *California Rocks!*, our 2013 CFMS Show & Convention. Every hour now counts in getting our ducks in a row. To help orient everyone, we've devised the following timeline. Please use this to plan out how you yourself might best volunteer and contribute to a successful show. First, a few words in general. Anyone volunteering in a 4-hour shift during the show itself will receive a **parking pass** for the entire show along with a one-day **show pass** for the day of participation. Anyone volunteering *significant* time during set-up on Wednesday and/or Thursday will receive a one-day show pass for each day of participation. If you haven't yet selected a show job on one of our **sign-up sheets**, we encourage you to go to our show website ([www.cfms2013.com](http://www.cfms2013.com)), where you'll see sign-up sheets listing the various show jobs and stations. When arriving at the Fairgrounds, all volunteers are asked to go to the **Hospitality Table** and sign in so we can log everyone's efforts.

**Now for the timeline:**

### Getting the Word Out: Today through May 30

Tell friends, family, co-workers, and (especially) people you don't even know about the Show. Pick up **Show flyers** from the supply given to your local club or **contact Jim Brace-Thompson to get some now ([jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com); 659-3577)**, and begin to post them on public bulletin boards, leave them on counters of local businesses, give them to acquaintances, and otherwise do all you can to get folks onto the Fairgrounds. In addition to our quarter-page flyers, we have larger posters that can be taped to a car window to create movable billboards—or you can use soap to write “Gem Show – Fairgrounds – 5/31-6/2” on your car window.

### Show Field Trip for Kanan Road agates: Tuesday, May 28 (starting 9:00 AM)

In conjunction with the show, we're sponsoring a CFMS field trip to collect Kanan Road Agates. To get details on the trip, and to help guide it, contact Rob Sankovich ([rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net); 805-494-7734). Info about the trip (where to meet, what to bring, map to the location) can also be found on our show web site, [www.cfms2013.com](http://www.cfms2013.com).

### Set-up: Wednesday, May 29 (9 AM – until we're done – perhaps around 6 PM?)

Please: everyone who is able, take a day or half-day off work on Wednesday to assist in set-up. It's important we have as many people possible help share the workload so it doesn't fall on just a few shoulders. Some jobs are physically demanding, but many are not, and we need all the hands we can get. We need help moving supplies from the three clubs' storage areas, adjusting the tables and chairs at the Fairgrounds, skirting tables and assembling display cases, arranging the Silent Auction, Kids Booth, Raffle, and other areas, etc. Sign-up sheets have been circulating; if you haven't yet signed up to help with set-up, **contact Andy Anderson ([lilliananderson@juno.com](mailto:lilliananderson@juno.com); 805-987-0043) to volunteer**. We'll have some basic sandwich lunch fixings for everyone helping, and we encourage everyone to bring extra snack items (sliced veggies, fruit, cookies, bagels, donuts, etc.) in sufficient quantity to share.

### Move-in: Thursday, May 30 (all day & evening, approximately 9 AM – 10 PM)

We'll officially open the doors to dealers, demonstrators, and exhibitors to begin set-up starting at 11:00 AM for dealers and Noon for exhibitors, but we know from our experiences with our own local shows that some people will start arriving well before then. So we need folks who can show up in the morning to help welcome and direct our dealers and guest exhibitors to their booths and campsites. This is also the day for us to set up our own displays. Here are some pointers on what to bring for setting up your case: liners or cloth, risers, masking tape, duct tape, your specimens, labels identifying your specimens, a name label so people will know whose display it is (for noncompetition entries; no name tags allowed in competition entries until after judging), and a lot of enthusiasm—it's contagious! As on Wednesday, basic sandwich lunch fixings will be available, and we encourage you to bring extra snack items (cookies, veggies, fruit, bagels, donuts) in sufficient quantity to share.

### Show Time! May 31 & June 1 (10 AM – 5 PM) & June 2 (10 AM – 4 PM)

We've been circulating sign-up sheets for the different Show jobs at local club meetings, and we're depending on volunteers to help upon arrival during the Show. **All volunteers should sign in on arrival at the Hospitality Table**. If you haven't yet volunteered for a specific job, check to see what hours are open at each station and help fill in where needed. Or pick an activity that most interests you, then call the committee chair today to offer your help. We need volunteers as well as donations of materials as follows:

- **Ticket Booth.** Channel folks into the show, sell 1-day tickets or 3-day passes, and give out lots of smiles. Check in with **Diane Cook (805-765-1252; CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com)** or **Nancy Brace-Thompson (805-746-3453; nbraceth@roadrunner.com)** to volunteer your help.
- **Hospitality.** Welcome people to the show, give them the Show Program and tell a bit about our Tri-Clubs, invite them to purchase Raffle tickets, and tell them about aspects of the show; contact **Louisa Carey (503-309-6147; big\_L76@yahoo.com)**. Louisa could also use assistance setting up for the Cracker Barrel welcoming event Friday night, the Awards Banquet Saturday night, and the Editors Breakfast Sunday morning.
- **Kids Booth.** Help **Donna Knapton (805-407-3968; dknapton@hotmail.com)** & **Mitty Scarpato (818-707-9972; mitty.scarpato@att.net)**, organize and run activities for kids. We need donations of small pieces of jewelry, tumbled stones, polished slabs, and rock, mineral, and fossil specimens as prizes. (The more colorful or sparkly the mineral, the better!) We'll also need plastic and paper grocery bags. And we especially need help in the booth itself managing the spinning wheel, grab bag sales, dino activities, Teacher Station, etc., etc. This booth will likely become especially hectic, so the more volunteers the better; we'll need 7 to 8 folks, at a minimum, at any one time.
- **Silent Auction.** **Ron Wise (clintwise@hotmail.com; 647-4393)** & **Greg Davis (647-9214; davisgr@outlook.com)** welcome help running our hourly silent auction. We'll need people to announce the auction each hour, hand out prizes, and set out new prizes. Even if you can't help run the auction, we ask that everyone please bring donations of rough material for lapidary work, large pieces of petrified wood, large mineral specimens, etc. The showier the material, the high the bids will be. We'll get much of this from our Tri-Club rock piles, but the club piles are growing smaller each year.
- **Raffle.** Along with the Kids Booth and Silent Auction, this is one of our three money-making events, so please contact **Kay Hara (kharafdoc@aol.com; 805-660-4464)** to offer your assistance. We especially want outgoing people who are willing to circulate and loudly "hawk" tickets and draw attention to the raffle. We'll be getting some donations from the three clubs and from our dealers, but let's dazzle the public with lapidary items crafted by, or mineral and fossil specimens found by, our own club members. These should be truly nice items of a quality you might see in a store window (fine mineral or fossil specimens, lapidary works, a new rock pick, or even non-rock-related things like a gift basket, gift cards, etc.).
- **Programs & Presentations.** Help **Deb Sankovich (sankovichdeb@yahoo.com; 805-494-7734)** with any details involved in setting up for our speakers and presentations.
- **Dealers & Demonstrators.** Help **Diane Cook (CFMS2013Dealers@gmail.com; 805-765-1252)** in welcoming and directing our dealers and demonstrators as they arrive and set up.
- **Exhibits.** Help **Brett Johnson (bj9709@yahoo.com; 805-822-3836)** with the exhibitor area layout, assembling the rental cases, and otherwise getting the exhibit hall ready for our guests.
- **Security.** Although the Fairgrounds will be providing "real" security guards, we ask members to circulate among the crowds in our bright yellow "staff" shirts to present a visible security presence. To help, check with **Angela Brown (805-218-2293; vgmseditor@gmail.com)**.
- **Other Stations.** Judging of competitive entries begins 9:00 AM on Friday and will likely slip over into the time after we open the doors to the general public. We could use a member or two to help keep the public out of the competitive exhibits area until judging concludes.
- **Cookies.** Help keep our volunteers, dealers, and demonstrators energized throughout the Show by donating cookies and pastries to provide near the coffee area.

### **Dismantling: Sunday, June 2, 4 PM**

It ain't over till it's over. So please don't pack up your own goodies and run at Show's end. We'll need *a lot* of strong arms and backs to help reverse what we did on Wednesday in order to pack everything and return it to its home/s. To thank everyone, we'll have our annual **pizza delivery** once all is packed away and the final floor is swept clean.

**Receipts:** If you've incurred expenses for jobs you've done on behalf of the Show, all receipts are due to **Sal Scarpato (805-797-8767; salscarpato@att.net)** by the time the show closes or before so he can balance the Show books. So please don't hold onto any receipts: get them to Sal as soon as you incur an expense. When submitting receipts, please accompany them with a cover sheet indicating: 1) your name, 2) category for the expense (e.g., publicity, kids booth, dealers, etc.), and 3) total amount of requested reimbursement.

**THANK YOU!!** Finally, a big thank-you to Show Chair Rob Sankovich and to all Show committee members for what has proven to be a very smooth count-down to the 2013 CFMS Show & Convention, as well as to each club member, our dealers, demonstrators, and our guest exhibitors. It's shaping up to be a great show, and I'll see you at the Fairgrounds!

*Jim Brace-Thompson, 2013CFMS Show Publicity Chair*

## JOIN THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE 2013 CFMS SHOW: DONATE MATERIALS

Have you ever participated in a silent auction? If the answer is "yes," please read this article and send me any suggestions you think will help. If the answer is "no," here is the way we propose to run the silent auction at the 2013 CFMS Show in Ventura. For both old-timers who have attended many a show and newcomers to our hobby, here's your chance to participate.

The three local Ventura County clubs (the Conejo, Oxnard, and Ventura clubs) have good local material we'll be donating to the auction. However, these clubs alone don't have the type and quality of material to run a silent auction for the full three days of the show. These three local clubs have pledged to provide the man-power to run the auction, as well as whatever rocks they can provide, but they'll definitely need your help to provide enough quality items for bidding. Anyone donating materials for the silent auction (quality rocks, fossils, lapidary materials, petrified wood, geodes, etc.) will receive a receipt for that donation. We ask that you label any items you donate to indicate what it is, where it was found, and a suggested value.

We're proposing the following Silent Auction procedures:

- Silent auctions will run on a cycle with start- and end-times announced on the loudspeaker (most likely, one auction round every hour).
- Items will be placed with a bid sheet, stating what the material is and a minimum or starting bid.
- After selecting a rock you would like to bid on, sign up with the minimum bid or a bid higher than the preceding bid.
- You may bid on as many items as you wish.
- You can bid as many times as you wish to win the bid. Note that near the end of the auction, other rockhounds often times swoop in at the last moment to out-bid you, especially on quality materials, so if there's something you really, really want, you'll need to guard your bid!
- Bid increments will start at the minimum bid or 1.00 dollar over the last bid. After a bid of 20 dollars the next bid is 5 dollars higher.
- Announcements will be made over the loudspeaker when five minutes are left in a round and the next announcement will end that round of the Silent Auction. All bidding ends at that time, the highest bidder wins the rock.
- Finally, we will add a "Buy It Now" price tag to items set out for that round of the silent auction. The "Buy It Now" price will be considerably higher than the minimum bid. Once a bid has been placed on that item the "Buy it Now" option is off and the item must proceed through the auction cycle.

We welcome suggestions and feedback you may have about these procedures. To provide your thoughts, call me at (805) 647-4393, or email me at [clintwise@hotmail.com](mailto:clintwise@hotmail.com).

Silent auctions are a great way for you to evaluate a great variety of materials and to purchase quality items at a good price, often at just a fraction of the item's commercial value. So plan to spend some time at the Silent Auction during the CFMS Show this June in Ventura. Bring some rocks to donate to the cause and bring extra money because who knows what wonderful material you may be able to pick up!

- Ron Wise

P.S. If you promise not to bid on the items I'm bidding on, I will do the same for you! ☺



## June Birthstone: Pearl



June's birthstone is the pearl, a brilliant gem that's organic in origin. Pearls, unlike most other gems, are created inside certain species of mollusks, such as oysters and clams. There are two kinds of pearls, natural and cultured. A natural pearl is formed when a small irritant, like a piece of sand, gets trapped inside the mollusk's soft tissue. This causes the animal to secrete nacre, a substance known as "mother of pearl." which builds up, layer by layer, to produce a smooth, hardened pearl. Cultured pearls, which make up the majority of pearls used in jewelry today, are made when an irritant is purposely introduced to the mollusk to facilitate pearl production. Unlike diamonds and many gem stones, pearls don't need to be cut. They come out of their home ready to wear. Many ancient peoples such as the Persians, Hindus and Romans were drawn to this gem and used them to display their wealth and status. Roman women even wore pearls in their sleep to remind them how rich they were. In India, legend has it that pearls were dewdrops from heaven that fell into the ocean and caught by shellfish during the first rays of the rising sun. Soldiers and warriors wore the gemstones on their swords to symbolize the tears and sorrow that the weapon brings. Pearls naturally come in many, different colors such as black, blue, gold, lavender, pink and peach as well as the traditional and popular white and off-white varieties. Pearls can also be painted. They hold color, including rich metallic's, very well.

Pearls can be found all over the world including Mexico, Indonesia, Bavaria, the United States, Japan and Sri Lanka. The pearl is a gem of modesty and purity. It is worn by many brides to denote these qualities. It has always been believed to be an agent of goodness and is supposed to bring the wearer comfort in difficult times. They are also thought to improve memory and solidify friendships. The gem was even used as a medicine. The Persians believed it could cure insanity, among other diseases. In Ancient China, it was given as an aid to increasing longevity. In modern times, some individuals utilize pearls in drinking water to stabilize hormones or wear them directly on the skin to alleviate headaches. Pearls are a very sensitive gem. They can become dull if you don't wear them often or if you expose them to chemicals, including perfume and makeup. They should also be re-strung often - at least every other year –which makes them a high-maintenance jewel.

~ Via: Rocky trails 6/09, Golden Spike 6/09

# FIELD TRIPS



## CFMS Show Lead up Trip: Kanan Rd. (CFMS) Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am



**What You Might Find:** This site is known for its agate in the forms of nodules, veins, and chalcedony, along with occasional vugs containing drusy and larger quartz crystal linings. Collectors especially search for the agate nodules containing plumes and inclusions of Saginite and Marcasite.

**Where & When to Meet:** Our field trip sites are located not far off the 101 Freeway between Thousand Oaks and the San Fernando Valley. From the 101, take the Kanan Road exit. Head south (towards mountains/ocean). Drive 1.7 miles on Kanan Road to a large pullout on right (north) side of the road. (See the pullout next to Site 1 on the accompanying map.) Look for a CFMS sign on Rob Sankovich's white F-250 Ford Pickup 4x crew cab. Gather at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. There will be a short briefing about the sites, and we'll ask all participants to sign the release form we'll have on hand.

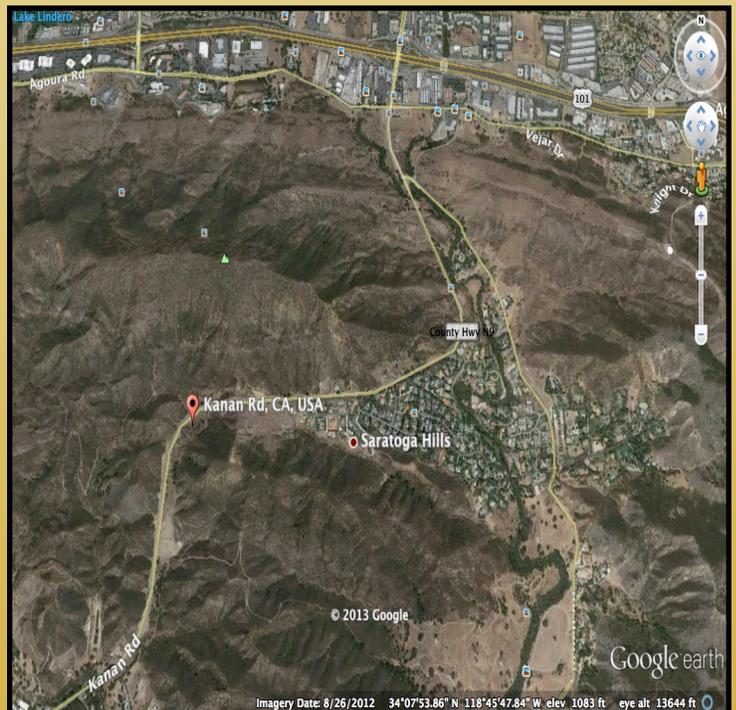
**Bring:** Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools (rock pick, trowel, small hand rake, pry bar), eye protection, gloves, wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. Also pack drinking water and a lunch or snacks.

**Conditions & Duration of the Trip:** We will spend 4 hours divided between 2 sites located in close proximity. These sites are easy to access but do involve hiking and moderate climbs. You might find agate fragments along the base of the hills, but the best specimens are found up in the hills, and be advised that the hiking does get more strenuous the more you go uphill. The truly adventurous might seek out specimens in the various ravines and rock outcroppings.

**Finally,** a lot of brush covers the slopes here, so check yourself for ticks afterwards.

For Further Information: Need more details?

CFMS Field Trips-South co-Chairs are:  
**Robert Sankovich**, phone (805) 494-7734,  
Email: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
**Adam Dean**, phone (909) 489-4899,  
Email: [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)



## UPCOMING SHOWS

### June 8 - 9: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Loretta Ogden, (909) 598-2456

Email: donogden@aol.com,

fbriktr1@aol.com

Website: www.nocgms.com

### THE VENTURA COUNTY FAIR July 31 to Aug 11



### 2013 CAMP PARADISE DATES:

1st week: August 25-30, 2013

2nd week: September 1 - 6, 2013

### June 14 - 16: WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society  
Pierce College Farm

20800 Victory Blvd

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: William Rucker,

(818) 428-7834

Email: rockhound@rockatomics.com

Website: Rockatomics.com

### Aug. 30 - Sept. 2: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society Town Hall

Corner of Main & Laurel

Hours: Fri-Sun 10 - 6; Mon 10 - 4

Contact: Jerry Sommer, (707) 937-1833

### June 28 - 30: SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Western Regional Little League Ball Park

6707 Little League Drive

Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily

Contacts: Ken & Jessica Gard, (909)

624-1782, (909) 887-5507

Email: kengard@roadrunner.com

Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com>

### July 13 - 14: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium

4117 Overland Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Rick Shaffer, (310) 391-8429

Email: [info@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:info@culvercityrocks.org)

Website: [www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org)

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 1505 Plumas Avenue  
 Modesto CA 95358-5939  
 Phone: 209-538-0197

**Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st, 2013 at 1:00 PM**

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CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

**Please Note:** There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.

\*\*\*\*\* CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY \*\*\*\*\*

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received information.

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(explain briefly)

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Animals will be allowed in the **RV Area Only** and must be kept on a leash and picked up after. Any violation could result in adherence to their No Pets Rule.