



## From the President's Pen

This year brings us a solar eclipse across our nation that may find some of you chasing the full path. So just be careful out there when you're getting to your final destination. But, if you are going to chase it consider Arkansas! You can take the time before/afterwards to go to the diamond mines or even on a quartz crystal dig (Murfreesboro, AR; diamonds, Mt Ida, AR; quartz crystals). Take a look; you get to knock out two birds with one stone, and in the complete path of the eclipse.

A story I found to be really interesting and not completely surprising due to what they were used for, prehistoric man was perhaps the first rock hound. They were picky on what rocks they chose to make their tools, and we have all seen the arrowheads and other various tools created. Have a look at this short article and enjoy a view as to why these stones were selected. <https://eos.org/articles/stone-age-humans-chose-their-rocks-with-care>

Hope you all enjoy our mild Spring and enjoy it before we get swamped with our normal Summer heat.

— Glenn Fiala

## Vice President's Corner

Greetings and hoping for better weather ahead, Roseville Rock Rollers.

For everyone out rockhounding, buying online, trading rocks with members or friends, stumbling across an accidental find in a parking lot, or ever been asked by someone else: "What is this rock, or mineral?"; you don't want to miss a dynamic presentation by Jim Hutchings on The Tools and Processes used to properly identify what makes us so curious.

Sometimes the location where these come from is a significant step in the right direction. The color; host rock; whether the item is striated, transparent, or crystalline, and a myriad of other observations become considerations in this process of correctly identifying our treasures.

I urge you to consider assisting Jim at one or more of the upcoming shows where he does mineral identification for a little different perspective, and an incredible lesson on organizing such a complex set of samples and details. The logical order alone, will inspire you!

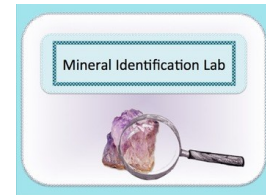
Looking ahead to our May Educational Meeting, Patty Holbrook will be presenting what the Junior Rock Rollers have learned, and some of the projects they completed this past year. The group brings a solid foundation from a teaching perspective, to establish a life-time understanding of the world around us. Please make plans to be schooled by our youth at our May 14th meeting

Keep ROLLING, ROSEVILLE,

— Vernon Deck

### Educational Program

This month's educational meeting will be @the Grounds in Roseville on April 9th at 7 PM in the Garden Room. Join us for a presentation on The Processes and Tools Used in Mineral Identification by Jim Hutchings. Hope to see you there and as always, feel free to bring a friend!



**EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION:  
@THE GROUNDS IN THE GARDEN ROOM  
700 EVENT CENTER DRIVE, ROSEVILLE, CA**

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## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING MARCH 12, 2024

Call to Order by President Glenn Fiala at 7:06 PM

Flag Salute

Attendance Present were 47 adult members, 6 juniors, and 5 guests.

Business Meeting

Sunshine Report (Chair Heather Crane) Absent. Get well cards were sent to Jim Barton, Barbara Manganello, and Steve Bruce.

Juniors' Report (Junior's Advisor Patty Holbrook) Current junior membership is 17. Program report: Geologic Timeline and Chemical Fossilizations with Epsom salt sponge experiment. Attendance: 7 junior members.

Financial Report (Treasurer Kim Fiala) Feb 1st – Feb 27th, the cash receipts totaled \$808.66, disbursements totaled \$1,440.16. Detailed report was available for review at the Officer's table.

Membership Report (Secretary Jacqueline Parker) Current membership is 201 members. 5 adults members renewed, and 2 adult members returned since the last meeting.

Program Report (Vice President Vernon Deck) April Program: The Processes and Tools Used in Mineral Identification by Jim Hutchings.

CFMS Report Linda Thompson formally resigned from her position on the board. Teresa Johnson has volunteered to serve the remaining term, and the Board will hold a business meeting after the Educational Meeting.

Society ID Items (Chair Steve Todd) RRR merchandise (t-shirts, vests, patches) for sale.

Field Trips Report (Chair Gene Doyle) Report on the Traverse Creek, Stifle Claim field trip on Feb 24th. 5 members attended and collected material, but no crystals were found. Report on the Cache Creek field trip to collect jasper material on March 16th.

Library Report (Librarian/Historian Karla Shannon) Books on gold, meteorites, and California jade, The Frugal Collector by Bob Jones, and Arizona Highways May 1972 edition magazine were available for members. Received donations of Rock & Mineral magazines.

Bulletin Report (Bulletin Editor Leesa Dixey) Deadline for April bulletin articles is March 29th.

Show Report (Show Chair Jim Hutchings) Report on Turlock Show, attendance down about 20%. Teresa assisted Jim with the Mineral ID booth and passed out about 150 flyers. Jim needs volunteers to sit in at his booth during the upcoming Calaveras and El Dorado shows. Vendor contracts will go out end of March or early April. Wiley Evans volunteered for the Facilities/Trailer position. Volunteer needed for Show Secretary. Flyers were available for members to distribute. Second Show Meeting will be April 16th 7pm at the Lapidary Shop.

Lapidary Shop (Chair Sherri Collins) Report on collection of rock and material. Introductory Cabochon class has openings. Juniors Lapidary Open Sessions will begin April 13th and available every 2nd Saturday for Junior

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING MAR 12, 2024 cont'd

members who have completed the Introduction to Cabochon class.

Lapidary Craft Classes (Chair Cathy Nelson) Intarsia Class with Bill Simpson in Meadow Vista is still available. Bill is also considering instructing a class on polishing yard rock with a wet angle grinder. Tumbling for Beginners with Lindy Summers-Bair on Sunday, April 14th. Chainmail with Cathy Nelson TBA next month. Volunteers are needed to instruct craft classes.

Old Business

Tailgator (Martha Nichols) This year's Tailgator will be held at the Carmichael Elk Lodge Annual Parking Lot Sale on Saturday June 1st 8am-4pm. Waitlist for vendor spaces, possibility of more available spaces. Business or resale license are not required for informal selling of goods. Volunteers needed to lead and assist with the RRR Booth: set up and take down, transport equipment and materials, promote RRR events and membership, and sale slabs. CBS News, Good Day Sacramento might advertise the event.

General Announcements

Upcoming Shows are displayed on the Greeter's table.

Santa Clara Valley Show this weekend March 16th-17th. Calaveras Show is March 23rd-24th. Remember to wear your RRR Name Badge.

RRR Flyers were available at Greeter's table for members to handout to businesses and locations who would allow us to advertise our Society.

Standing Rules with Duties of the Lapidary Shop Chairperson amendment is available on the Membership page of the RRR website, rockrollers.com. Amendment details the chairperson's duty to form and lead a Lapidary Committee and their duties. The committee will oversee all Lapidary Shop activities, establish new policies, and report recommendations to the Board.

Refreshments (Chair Christine Davis) Reported no sign-ups for April. Cheyenne Sandow volunteered for April and May. Thank you, Ann Casebolt and other members who have brought refreshments.

Door Prize (Chair Nancy Hood) Winners are Adult Member Jim Barton, Junior Member Doris Z., and Guest Paul Lee. Jacqueline Parker donated a Rock Rollers lapel pin. Gary Zang donated handmade toucan glass bead with sterling silver chain. Door prize donations will be under the prize tree in April.

Program (Vice President Vernon Deck) Introduced guest speaker, Gary Carter, whose presentation was the Vulture Gold Mines in Arizona.

Silent Auction (Chairs Sherri Collins and Holli Hinkle) Auction closed at 8:35pm.

Adjournment by President Glenn Fiala at 8:30 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline Parker, RRR Secretary*

## **MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 2024**

Call to Order by President Glenn Fiala at 8:46 PM  
Attendance: Quorum present. Absent: Patty Holbrook, Leesa Dixey, and Denise Coyne.  
Membership: A motion was MSA to approve membership applications: Barb Rodriguez, S.E. Blake, and Justin Schnell.  
Federation Director: A motion was MSA to appoint Teresa Johnson to serve the remaining term as Federation Director.  
Adjournment by President Glenn Fiala at 8:52 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline Parker, RRR Secretary*

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## **MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING MARCH 26, 2024**

Call to Order by Vice President Vernon Deck at 7:00pm.  
Attendance  
Roll Call (Librarian/Historian, Karla Shannon) Present: 11 Board members. Via phone: Glenn Fiala, Jacqueline Parker, and Leesa Dixey. Absent: Denise Coyne. Guests: Gloria Marie, Sherri Collins, and Les Holbrook.  
Business Meeting  
Minutes (Librarian/Historian, Karla Shannon) A motion was MSA to approve the minutes for February 27, 2024 Board Meeting and March 5, 2024 Educational and Board Meeting.  
Membership (Secretary, Jacqueline Parker) Current membership at 207 members, including 7 renewals and 3 new members.  
Correspondence: CFMS Officers Change Form resubmitted, and Federation Director materials were forwarded to new Officer, Teresa Johnson. Teresa confirmed she had the materials.  
Financial Report (Treasurer, Kim Fiala) February 21, 2024 - March 25, 2024, the cash receipts totaled \$627, disbursements totaled \$2,220.88, and the current accounts balance total is \$90,669.05. Financial report of income and expenses for February 21, 2024 - March 25, 2024, RRR cash flow report for January 1, 2024 - March 24, 2024, Show cash flow report for December 22, 2023 - March 24, 2024, and liquid assets report was prepared and distributed to the Board for review.  
Program Report (Vice President, Vernon Deck) April Educational Program: The Processes and Tools Used in Mineral Identification by Jim Hutchings. May Educational Program: Juniors with Patty Holbrook.  
Juniors' Report (Juniors' Advisor, Patty Holbrook) Current Junior membership is 17. April Juniors Program will be on dinosaurs, fossils, and other extinct organisms.  
CFMS Report (CFMS Director, Teresa Johnson) RRR can submit an entry for Rockhound of the Year, which has

## **MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING MARCH 26, 2024 cont'd**

been done previously. Jim Hutchings explained the procedure. RRR can submit a yearbook and members can submit articles to CFMS, which has been done by RRR and members previously. There are specific requirements for each. The joint AFMS and CFMS show will be in Ventura, CA May 24th – 26th, 2024. RRR members can submit competitive and non-competitive cases for display. Camp Paradise 2024 registration is open.

Field Trips Report (Field Trip Coordinator, Gene Doyle)  
Cache Creek field trip for agates on March 16, 2024, was good. Nine adults, including 6 new members, and 2 children attended. The trip to Pillikin Mine on April 13, 2024, is on hold as the mine owner has not yet been reached. Albie and Janet Longueira of the Reno Club, and former RRR members, have invited club members to join them on a field trip to the Wonderstone area near Fallon on April 6, 2024. The military has not yet closed the surrounding area. Jim Barton also announced a field trip to Hauser Geode Beds in Southern CA on April 19 - 21, 2024. This is a joint trip organized by CFMS (Jim Barton) and the CO-OP (Gina Malcolm).

Library Report (Librarian/Historian, Karla Shannon) 15 new books, magazines, and videos were added to the library with few more to add. Book covers were made for some paperbacks. Received a donation of Rock & Gem Magazines and currently only a few issues are missing in the collection. At the meeting, members donated new books to the library. The library list will be completed soon and sent to Glenn Fiala for editing.  
Bulletin Report (Bulletin Editor, Leesa Dixey) Deadline for March bulletin articles is March 29th. On time submissions are appreciated to be finalized and published on time.

Lapidary Craft Classes Report (Chairperson, Cathy Nelson)  
Bill Simpon needs a second wet angle grinder in order to offer a class on polishing yard rock. Unable to schedule a chainmail jewelry class due to family illness.

Lapidary Shop Report (Chairperson, Sherri Collins) Final portion of the Gary Hunt Donation was received on March 15, 2024. Mike Hunerlach reported RRR members only rock sale at the Lapidary Shop on May 4, 2024, 10am - 4pm. Materials for sale include calico lace, old Montana and Brazilian agates, Vesuvianite or California Jade (white with green), and petrified wood. Prices will generally be \$1 to \$5 a pound, with limited purchase for certain materials. There will be some equipment for sale. BYOB Members will be asked to bring their own buckets. Teresa Johnson reported the Lapidary Shop Committee has rewritten the RRR Cabochon Class Training Guidelines. Students will complete 3 cabochons within 8 weeks. Otherwise, students must pay \$5 fee for each additional shop day.

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING MARCH 26, 2024 cont'd

### Directors Report

1 Year (Cathy Nelson, Denise Coyne) No report

2 Year (Holli Hinkle, Mike Hunerlach) No report

Show Report (Show Chair, Jim Hutchings) Jim Hutchings was at the Calaveras Show last weekend for Mineral Identification. Wiley Evans volunteered as the RRR Show Facilities/Trailer chairperson. A quote for power and an insurance waiver was obtained. Kim Fiala reported the show raffle permit was obtained. Many vendors are interested in the Show. Last year had a total of 73 vendors. The Delta Gold Diggers, who were set up outside last year, will be inside this year. A gold mining show in Downieville, CA is being held the same weekend as the Show, some of the gold vendors will be there instead. Gloria Marie passed out Show flyers to club members, more have been ordered and Les Holbrook will prepare postcards for shipping.

### Old Business

Bookkeeping Software purchase cost is \$199. Glenn Fiala asked Bookkeeper Chair, Steve Smith to review the 2022 books for the show and club. Kim will provide Wells Fargo Statements. Steve cannot audit books. They are working on these matters.

RRR Tailgator Holli Hinkle and Gene Doyle have volunteered to manage the RRR booth at the tailgater.

RRR Exhibit Case Show Chair, Jim Hutchings would like to update and improve the RRR Specimen Case. Work in progress, may be ready by the RRR Show. Need RRR members to donate nice specimen to update exhibit case.

### New Business

Dino Day at Sierra College is on Sunday, May 5, 2024. RRR will be present with Jim Hutching and his Mineral Identification booth, in the same location. He will talk to George Bromm at Sierra College about dropping off the fossilized rock at the college. The rock is located outside the Lapidary Shop.

Work Party for the RRR Show's Silent Auction and Kid's Junction will be at the Lapidary Shop on May 11, 2024.

### Closing Remarks

Next Educational meeting: April 9, 7pm in the Garden Room @the Grounds.

Next Show meeting: April 16, 7pm at the Lapidary Shop.

Next Board meeting: April 23, 7pm at the Lapidary Shop.

Adjournment by Vice President Vernon Deck at 7:45pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karla Shannon, RRR Librarian/Historian*

## Welcome New Members:

**Barb Rodriguez**

**S.E. Blake**

**Justin Schnell**

## Volunteer Needed

### RRR Annual Show Committee

If you're interested in playing a vital role in our event as the Show Secretary, please reach out to Jim Hutching (916)995-7380 [jhutchings22@hotmail.com](mailto:jhutchings22@hotmail.com)

The Show Secretary is a key player in ensuring the smooth execution of our event. If you possess strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and love being at the heart of event coordination, this role might be perfect for you.

Responsibilities include: manage show documentation, develop agenda and record minutes, send notices to Show Committee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Roseville Rock Rollers

[www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

## TAIL GATOR- ROCK SWAP- SALE



**SATURDAY, June 1, 2024**  
**8:00AM-4:00PM**

Location: Carmichael Elk's Lodge parking lot sale  
5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

RRR Tailgater Vendors located along the  
Cypress Avenue side of the parking lot

For information regarding the Tailgater,  
contact Martha Nichols at [rocksac@gmail.com](mailto:rocksac@gmail.com)



## “Members Only” Rock Sale

Saturday May 4th  
10 AM to 4 PM at the Lapidary Shop

BYOB (Bring-your-own-bucket) and come down to the Lapidary Shop on May 4th to check out the recent collection donated by Gary Hunt. This collection goes back over 50 years from Gary’s father, Ellis Hunt. There are many rocks from old collecting areas and it would be hard to find anything comparable today in some of these collecting areas. Prices for the rocks and lapidary materials will range from \$1 to \$5 per pound and be limited to 1-5 gallon buckets per person. Some higher quality slabs will be individually priced. Mike Hunerlach will be on site to assist with material identification and location history.

**Please bring your own bucket or container.**

Some materials include but are not limited to:

- Calico Lace Travertine
- Montana Agate
- Brazilian Agate
- Arizona Picture Wood
- Picture Jaspers
- Porcelain Jasper
- Vesuvianite (California Jade)
- Rhodonite
- Mixed Geode half’s and other end cuts

Thanks a bunch to Sherri Collins, Holli Hinkle, Martha Nicols, Mike Hunerlach, Gene Doyle and Steve Todd for all the help. Stay tuned for the “Special Club Member” sale coming this Spring.

Mike Hunerlach,  
Lapidary Advisory Committee

## Work Party

Work Party at the Lapidary Shop on May 11, 2024, starting at 9 am, for the RRR Show Auction and Kid’s Junction.

Rock and other materials will be cleaned and sorted outside, for the Auction. Inside, for Kid’s Junction, jewelry beads and findings will be sorted, cloth grab bags will be filled with polished stones, stickers and trinkets, and specimen boxes for the spinning wheel will be assembled, labeled and the specimens added.

For questions contact Gene Doyle and Karla Shannon.

## Thank You For Your Donations

A big thank you to Jacqueline Parker who donated a Rock Rollers lapel pin. And another big thank you to Gary Zang who donated a handmade toucan glass bead with sterling silver chain.

Karla Shannon, our librarian, also had many book donations to our club’s library. Please see the following section, “From the Librarian, Karla Shannon,” to see the wonderful books that have been added and to recognize those members.

We greatly appreciate the continued generosity of members.

Nancy Hood, Greeter

*thank you*

## From the Librarian, Karla Shannon

Recently, the Roseville Rock Rollers has received several nice donations from members, which we wish to acknowledge and thank.

Tina Campbell Bell donated 6 recent issues of Rock and Gem Magazine. These are very much appreciated as we are having difficulty restarting our subscription.

Florence Brady generously donated the National Audubon Society Field Guide to Fossils, and several other books.

Cathy Nelson gave us two new children’s books: Outdoor School and A Field Guide to Dinosaurs.

Steve and Heidi Smith donated The Mineral Kingdom, by Paul Desautels.

The History of the Comstock Lode, Gem Trails of Colorado and Gem Trails of Oregon were given to the club by Mike Hunerlach.

The club really hit the jackpot with many books and periodicals from Holli Hinkle, including Skystone and Silver, A History of Jewelry, Art Nouveau and Art Deco Silver, and Southwestern Indian Designs. Thank you!



Karla Shannon

## CFMS Federation Report

Camp Paradise Sign Ups are Open!

Early Bird sign ups will receive tickets for a mystery prize! 12 different classes are offered and two one week sessions are available.

**First session begins: August 18,**

**Second session begins: August 25**

Beginning Lapidary, Advanced Lapidary (with Bob Rush), Beginning Silversmithing, Intermediate and Advanced Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beading, PMC-3 Clay, Fused Glass, enamel, Cold Connection, Intarsia, Wire Wrapping and Chainmail.

**More information and sign up sheets:** <https://cfmsinc.org/camp-paradise/>

The joint CFMS & AFMS (California & American Federation of Mineral Societies) Gem & Mineral Show is both a Statewide and National Show. Once in every 7 yrs it's held in CA. Beautiful - Ventura, CA May 24-26!

Exhibits are currently open in Competitive and Non Competitive categories: Master, Advance, Novice, Junior, Society, Jr Society. This gives your exhibit the opportunity to be judged at the National level!

**More info:** [2024cfms-afms.com](https://2024cfms-afms.com)

Teresa Johnson  
CFMS Federation Director  
email: [momsforscouts@gmail.com](mailto:momsforscouts@gmail.com)

# Roseville Rock Rollers Field Trip

## RRR Field Trip - Bear River Park

April 13, 2024

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip are expressly prohibited.

TRIP LOCATION – Bear River Park near Colfax.

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE:

Vehicle Access & Parking - # 3 - 4 vehicle access and parking good for all vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking.  
Collection or View Site - #3 - 4 easy access. Walking on rocks and sand at beach.

WHEN – Saturday, April 13, 2024.

SPONSOR CLUB – Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO – RRR Field Trip Leader, Gene Doyle, (408) 605-9457.

MEMBER'S GUESTS – Open to RRR Club Members, juniors, family, and friends.

COLLECTION MATERIAL – Gold, Chinese Writing Rock, Carnelian, Quartz.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE – We will be walking from the parked location at 9:30 am to an area where we will look for the collection material and pan for Gold. With walking time of 5 to 15 minutes. We should allot a minimum of 3 to 4 hours of time for this trip.

MEET - Meet at Bear River Park Day Use Parking Lot (free). Meeting time is 9:00 am. The parking is on the right side of the road past the old Camping area.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE – Take I-80 east to exit 133 for Canyon Way toward Placer Hills Rd. Turn left onto Canyon Way. Turn left onto Illinoistown Rd. Turn left onto S. Auburn St. Turn left to stay on Placer Hills Rd. Turn right onto Plumtree Rd. In 0.2 miles turn left to stay on Plumtree Rd. Bear River Park Day Use Area will be on your left in 1.1 miles.

VEHICLE REQ'S – Any vehicle is okay.

CAMP/FACILITIES - Bathroom facilities are available at this location.

TOOLS – Gold Pan, small bottle, baggies, collecting bucket, rake and/or small shovel. Sluice box if you have one. I will have a few extra gold pans for use if you need one.

SAFETY CONCERNS – Watch out for rattlesnakes and poison oak. Bring suntan lotion and Mosquito repellent. Be very careful of the fast-moving water, it's been a problem this year after the rains.

CLIMATE/WEATHER – Typical April weather for this area, cold to warm.

CLOTHING - Wear clothing that will protect you from the sun such as a hat, long sleeves shirt, pants, and comfortable shoes.

FOOD – Bring water, snacks and/or lunch. There are places to eat nearby for lunch (Colfax).

OTHER REMARKS – There is fishing, and photography.



<https://www.placer.ca.gov/5951/Bear-River-Fishing-Access>

## Upcoming Gem and Mineral Shows

### April 13-14, 2024 – Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact: (530) 676-2472, office@edcmgs.org  
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

### April 27-28, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society  
307 Church St., Santa Cruz, Ca 95060. Corner of Church and Center Streets  
Hours: Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Admission is \$7. \$1 off with show advertisement. Scouts in uniform free. Children under 12 free with paying adult.

### April 27-28, 2024 – Paradise, CA 95967

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club  
475 Pearson Road, Paradise, CA 95967  
NorCal UNEARTHED – Paradise Gem and Mineral Club's 68th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Come and join us for a weekend full of prizes, auctions, raffles, a kids zone, food vendors, demos, geode cracking and shopping!  
This year is going to be our BIGGEST show yet!! You won't want to miss this...please invite your rock loving friends and family. We can't wait to see you.  
Vendor Contact: [paradisegemmineral@gmail.com](mailto:paradisegemmineral@gmail.com)

### May 11-12, 2024 – Jackson, CA 95642

Almador County Gem & Mineral Society  
Kennedy Mine, Highway 49/88, Jackson, CA 95642  
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM Both Days  
GEM AND CRAFTS FAIRE. Available will be rough/slabs of rock, lapidary items, arts & crafts vendors, handcrafted jewelry, beads and findings galore. Food and drink will be sold. Mine walking tours available. No dogs please.  
Vendor information call (209) 296-4061 use this number to the public please.  
Contact: (209) 304-9622

### May 24-26, 2024 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society and The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
**AFMS/CFMS GEM AND MINERAL SHOW AND CONVENTION**  
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001  
Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
CFMS-AFMS National Show and Convention. 100 gem, mineral, fossil & lapidary arts exhibits; speakers & programs; on-going demos of lapidary arts, jewelry making and gold panning; raffle prizes & silent auctions; 50 dealers; children's activities & free resources for teachers. Proceeds support scholarships to college students in the earth sciences and/or jewelry arts & also support free educational outreach for schools, teachers, home-schoolers & youth groups.  
This regional and national federation show is being run and sponsored by the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Contact: (805) 312-8467, [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)  
Website: <http://www.2024cfms-afms.com>, <http://www.vgms.org>



El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
Presents Our 37th Annual  
**ROCK & GEM SHOW**  
April 13 & 14, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *See You There!*  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds—Placerville, CA

ADMISSION: Adults - \$7.00 Seniors (60+) or Military - \$6.00  
Kids 12 & Under Free with Paid Admission

Fairground Parking Extra

**SILICA: Agates, Opals, & Quartz !**



Visit [EDCMGS.org](http://EDCMGS.org) for more details

## Lapidary Craft Class

Join Lindy Summers-Bair for a Beginners Class on Tumbling and Polishing Rocks scheduled for Sunday, April 14th, 2024, from 1pm to 5pm. The class fee is \$30.00 per student. The location will be disclosed upon registration and payment. RRR members can register with Cathy Nelson, the Classes Coordinator, at (925)321-2024 or via email at [canelson2@netscape.net](mailto:canelson2@netscape.net).

## Intarsia Class

Bill Simpson is offering Intarsia Classes to our members. They are by appointment and held offsite in his shop in Meadow Vista. Each class is two 1/2 days.

The class fee is \$90.00 which includes a \$10.00 RRR shop fee.

Or have you taken Bill's class, and would like some more shop time? Bill has offered 1/2 day studio time for \$30.00 which includes a \$5.00 RRR shop fee.

Contact Bill Simpson at 408-799-3243 to schedule.



## CFMS Newsletter

All RRR members also belong to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies-CFMS.

The CFMS Newsletter is available at:

<https://cfmsinc.org/newsletters/>





# Lapidary Shop News

**Lapidary Shop:** Things are hopping at the shop; classes are filling up. Make sure to call if you want to get into the Introductory Cabochon Class. We have a wait list for the daytime class.

Still openings in the Wednesday evening class with Fran.

The schedule is:

**Mondays:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Instructor is Vernon Deck. Please call him to set up an appointment. (805) 598-3206

**Wednesdays:** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Instructor is Holli Hinkle. Please call her to set up an appointment. (916) 579-8011

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Instructor is Fran Todd. Please call her to set up an appointment. (310) 987-0642

**Thursdays: OPEN SESSIONS** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Instructors are Sherri Collins (916)704-2682, Gene Doyle (408)605-9457. Please call one of them to set up an appointment. **(These open shop times are for those who have completed RRR's introductory cabochon class\*\*\*\*).**

**Thursdays: OPEN SESSIONS:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Monitor is Holli Hinkle. Please call her to set up an appointment. (916) 579-8011. These open shop times are for those who have completed RRR's introductory cabochon class.

**Mineral ID:** with Jim Hutchings. Please call him for an appointment. (916) 995-7380

*Sherri Collins , Shop Chairperson 916-704-2682*



**April 2024**



Birthstone: Diamond

| Sunday   | Monday                           | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--------|---|
|  | 1                                | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5      | 6   |
|  | Lapidary Shop:<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |  | Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | *** Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |        |   |
| 7  | 8                                | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12     | 13  |
|  | Lapidary Shop:<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | Meetings:<br>Rookies 5:30 PM<br>Club 7:00 PM | Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | *** Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |        | JRs Lap Class<br>El Dorado Gem &<br>Mineral Show<br>RRR Field Trip<br>Bear River Park |
| 14   | 15                               | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19     | 20  |
| El Dorado Gem &<br>Mineral Show<br>Beginners Class<br>on Tumbling &<br>Polishing Rocks | Lapidary Shop:<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | Show Meeting<br>7:00 PM                      | Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | *** Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |        |   |
| 21   | 22                               | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26     | 27  |
|  | Lapidary Shop:<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | Board Meeting<br>7:00 PM                     | Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM | *** Lapidary Shop:<br>11:00 AM - 3 PM<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |        | Paradise Gem &<br>Mineral Show  |
| 28   | 29                               | 30   |   |   |        |   |
| Paradise Gem &<br>Mineral Show   | Lapidary Shop:<br>5:00 - 9:00 PM |  |   |   |        |   |

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