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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Communicating All the Year Through

As I write this month's message, our Fall Director's Meeting fast approaches. It provides a great opportunity for communicating within and between committees, with members of fellow societies from across the state, and with old friends. However, it represents one of just two times a year we all convene. Let's communicate all the year through! Here are just a few avenues from many:

We have our monthly CFMS Newsletter. All committee chairs should write regular articles and updates about their areas of responsibilities and activities throughout the year. Local society Directors should pick info from the newsletter each month to announce at meetings for their Federation report and should work with their society editor to select material to include in their local newsletter—for instance, announcements about Camp Paradise and Zyzxx, calls for member recognition via Education Through Sharing, notice of AFMS/FRA badges for kids, dates for CFMS-sponsored field trips, ALAA alerts, and more. Also, if you don't already, consider posting links within your society web site and posting web addresses in your newsletter that can lead fellow club members directly to the online versions of both the CFMS and AFMS newsletters so that all your local club members can access them. Those links are [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) for CFMS (click on "Newsletter" at the top of the screen) and [www.amfed.org/news/default.htm](http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm) for AFMS.

We also have the CFMS email list maintained by CJ Quitoriano. We've asked each local society to designate one to four people and to provide the designated recipients' email addresses and to make sure those addresses are kept up-to-date. Has your society done so? If not, please check with CJ. This list is intended for transmitting fast-breaking or time sensitive news that's meant to be passed along to your fellow society members in a quick and efficient manner by having the designated recipients simply forward the message to their own club's email distribution list. However, it doesn't sound like folks are doing so. This became clear to me when—weeks after we issued a posting about the California Mining & Mineral Museum—I was receiving messages from local club members asking if CFMS was aware of the museum's situation; their clubs' designated recipients on the

CFMS email list weren't passing the message along, as intended. So I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone about this list and its intent and function—and to encourage everyone to use it. CJ also uses the email list to pass along an electronic copy of the CFMS Newsletter each month, again, with the intent that the designated recipients might forward it on to other members of their local society to enhance communication between the Federation and individual members of individual societies.

Finally, while email is an efficient way for getting messages out quickly between individuals or to a wide group of people any time day-or-night, let's not forget the importance of good old-fashioned one-on-one talking! Email is great, but as I've learned from one recent experience, it can also lead to misunderstandings that could have been avoided with a phone call and a give-and-take personal conversation. All of our officers and committee members' phone numbers are posted in the monthly newsletter. Got a thought, a gripe, an idea, or a query you'd like to discuss? Give us a call! The only thing that can beat a phone call will be talking with you in-person in Visalia. See you there!

*Jim Brace-Thompson*

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### CFMS CALENDAR

Nov 12 Fall Business Meeting–Visalia  
Apr 1-7, 2012 Zyzxx  
Jul 13-15, 2011 CFMS Show and Convention  
Riverside

**Officers and Committees: send me event dates and due dates to include in this section.**

### ANYTIME

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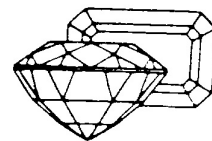
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## CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2012 Officers will be held November 11 - 13, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 5, 2011**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 12, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Susan Chaisson-Walblom will have a brief meeting of her 2012 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu:

### Chicken Cordon Bleu Supreme

Mixed Field of Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Breast of Chicken Stuffed With Imported Ham and Swiss Cheese Topped with a Mornay Cream Brandy Sauce Atop Wild Rice Pilaf and Served with a Fresh Vegetable Medley -OR-

### Ranch Steak

Mixed Field of Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Char Broiled 10 oz Ranch Steak Topped with Chipotle Butter with Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes and Medley Vegetable Medley

New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Drizzle

\$36 tax and gratuity included. Specify chicken or beef.

**Make banquet reservations by November 5, 2011.**

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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## ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler, Chairman

As most of you know, this program provides recognition and awards to those clubs who extend their interests and activities beyond club functions.

As the year has progressed, it is hoped that your club has collected all important data, and is now ready to start assembling your club's book in the All American Award Program.

With the AFMS wanting books for national recognition judging in April, the CFMS will continue to keep the February 28, 2012 date for regional judging.

Let's show the AFMS that the CFMS will be strong competition!

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## NOTES FROM THE EXEC SEC/TREAS

Committee chairmen should send their reports for the Directors packets to me by October 31 at the latest to allow time for duplication. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please bring your report to the meeting for distribution at the registration table.

A special mailing containing the minutes of the previous meeting, a meeting agenda and the proposed budget for 2012 went out during the first week in October. Also included in this mailing was a registration form which you should bring with you and turn in at the registration table. Please do not mail them to me in advance. Be sure to bring these materials with you to the meeting. If unable to attend, please give these to your alternate. Thanks in advance for your help. See you in Visalia.





**SCHOLARSHIP  
COMITTEE REPORT**

by Jo Anna Ritchey, Chairman

It is now October, and time for my article for the November 2011 CFMS Newsletter. The CFMS Fall meeting is in November and in Visalia and the occasion when the Scholarship Committee announces the current Honorees. Thus far I have received only one letter from a club nominating an honoree. We have funds for several scholarships but lack honorees. As you remember, we honor someone we think does outstanding work in the education field, both within a club and within the community. These are the people who teach others about our hobby. This could be the rockhound that goes to schools and give talks in the classroom. It could be someone that goes on field trips and shares their knowledge. It could be a College Professor that inspires his students to want to learn more. We want to honor a rockhound that advances our hobby by sharing their knowledge. The CFMS web site has a list of previous honorees. This rockhound honoree will in turn select a college/university, and then select a Junior or Senior at that institution for a scholarship.

The letter (or e-mail) that I need should include the name of the nominating club, the name of the person they are nominating and a brief bio of that person and a short paragraph basically telling the committee why you think they deserve the nomination. I would like the complete name and address of the person being nominated. This is not a difficult thing to do, so please help the committee have the pleasure of issuing scholarships!

Jo Anna Ritchey  
Scholarship Chairman

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As the president of ALAA I will continue to focus on getting more people active and involved. Some of the jobs that I have in mind require some basic computer skills (and time and interest). Most just require interest, time and a little dedication. If you would like to be involved and do more to affect the future access to and the use of our public lands, please contact me for more information.

**BE AN INVOLVED MEMBER!**



**ABOUT THE ALAA**

By Dick Pankey, President - ALAA

On occasion I have heard the American Lands Access Association referred to as a “negative organization.” The organization of “No!” That ALAA is always against some legislation. That we are always calling for members and rockhounds to contact their senators and representatives to vote “No” on some bill or another. That our “Call for Action” alerts are to tell the BLM or Forest Service that we are against a proposed Management Plan.

And I guess you could say that this is true. In 1991 the American Lands Access Association was formed to respond to the political challenges of increasing regulation and decreasing access to public lands that State and Federal Land Management agencies were imposing on amateur fossil and mineral collectors. Specifically to oppose these changes. For more than 20 years that ALAA has been advocating for the members of the AFMS and for all rockhounds we have opposed numerous legislation and regulations that were bad for rockhounds: legislation that restricts access and use of the public lands by the public. It has been only in the last 2 years have there been legislation that ALAA could support. ALAA is a relatively small organization that is led by a comparatively small group of dedicated volunteers. Organizationally there are 4 Officers, 14 Directors and about 20 State Representatives. We have a Newsletter that is published quarterly and a comprehensive web site that is growing and is updated almost daily. We monitor as best we can legislation and activity of the US Congress and whatever state legislation we hear about. As we are able we monitor and respond to land use planning and activities of BLM and FS. To affect legislation and BLM/FS actions we alert, inform and call upon our individual and societal members and all members of the AFMS to respond to the legislators and regulators. Information and calls to action are the main tools available to ALAA at this time.

With the involvement and participation of more interested and involved members we could do more; we could have more impact and affect. The best way to effect legislation and regulations is to be proactive and involved in the process. We are learning and understand the process but it takes *people* to be involved in the process to affect the outcome.

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## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

### Encourage Juniors to Write Newsletter Articles

By Jim Brace-Thompson

In serving as judge for juniors' entries in this year's AFMS Bulletin Contest, I made a notable observation. I've judged juniors' articles three times now. The first time, in 2007, I received **25** articles from **six** of the seven regional Federations. But this year, I received just **17** articles from only **four** of the regionals. That's quite a drop in a few short years, both in terms of the number of articles and the number of regional Federations participating. The biggest drop was in the 12-17 age category, which went from 12 entries in 2007 to just 7 this year.

So, to all newsletter editors of all local clubs and societies: *please encourage more pebble pups and junior members to craft articles for publication your newsletters, and then submit those articles into bulletin competition.* The benefits—both tangible and intangible—are many. Kids will feel more connected to their society and will experience a burst of pride seeing their words in print. Helping kids learn helps us fulfill our educational mission as 501(c)3 nonprofit educational organizations. Reading about the hobby as viewed through the fresh, enthusiastic eyes of a child can bring a smile to the most jaded of old jade carvers. Kids writing newsletter articles can earn the Communication badge in our AFMS/FRA Badge Program. Authors might gain national exposure should you also submit their work to Darryl "Diamond Dan" Powell, who is always seeking articles written by junior rockhounds to publish in *Mini Miner Monthly*. And articles can be entered into competition at both regional and national Federation levels for further recognition and awards. Finally, who knows? In crafting articles and stories about their lapidary and rockhounding adventures, you might just see some kids having fun!

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## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! CFMS LOGO PATCHES

Frank Mullaney secured a source for embroidered sew on patches in the shape of the CFMS logo. These are 3 X 2 5/8 with a blue background, yellow bear and lettering. Frank will have a supply of these available for purchase at the Visalia Directors meeting. Cost: \$3.



## CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE

By Merryan O'Neill, Webmaster

At its last meeting, the CFMS Executive Committee recognized that having the home addresses of our officers and committee members easily accessed by the public could be a security risk. For instance, as rockhounds and members of CFMS, it is known that we travel at certain times.

Effective immediately after the November Visalia business meeting, addresses will no longer appear on the online "Team" pages that can now be viewed by the public. The information on these public pages will be limited to name, committee affiliation and photo; telephone numbers will also be posted there unless the member chooses to not have his/her telephone listed. Another consideration is email addresses on the public pages. If you do not want your email posted in the public area, please let me know.

There will be a new list with all personal contact information in a password protected encrypted area on the CFMS website. The password for the new Members' Area will be dispersed to officers, committee members and directors in the Internet Report in meeting packets at the upcoming business meeting in Visalia.

Contact information will continue to be available to the involved groups when hardcopy or email lists are sent to them by the Executive Secretary.

*Note from the editor:* physical and email addresses will continue to be published in the hardcopy version of the newsletter officer/chairman list unless you request that this information is not made public to other members or recipients of the hardcopy newsletter. My partial solution to the physical address issue—get a PO Box. If someone really wants to know where you live, they can use any one of several web based data bases which gets its information from the public record. Getting spammed? It's just the modern version of what we used to get stuffed into our old fashioned mail boxes, just more of it. It's a pain, but if you don't mind building up the muscles in your index finger, it's easy to get rid of—just hit delete!!!

**Wiley's Well Annual  
Thanksgiving Rockhound  
Round-up**

By Adam Dean & Robert Sankovich,  
FTS co-chairs

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

**TRIP LOCATION:** The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

**WHEN:** Thanksgiving Weekend, November 24-27, 2011. There will be folks camping all week.

**SPONSORS:** CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs, and OBMS.

**LEADERS:** Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich

Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

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Robert Sankovich: (805) 494-7734

e-mail: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:**

From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow Rd. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the campground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

**COLLECTING TRIPS:** November 24th, 25th, and 26th. Open to all CFMS affiliated society members and their guests.

Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our Feast at 2:00 pm. Be sure to carry your lunch and water when we go to the collecting sites, we will not come back to camp during the day.

24th – Petrified Bay Laurel-Iron Wood by Colorado River, AZ

25th – Fire Agate/Chalcedony. Paisley Agates

26th – Geode and Nodules Beds

**VEHICLES:** On the 25th, a 4-wheel drive vehicle "is" necessary to get to Fire Agate. We will make arrangements for those without a 4-wheel drive to ride with those who do. On the 26th trip, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not a "must" for this trip, but is highly recommended. No low-clearance vehicles advised. These sites are remote, so bring food, water and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

**CAMPGROUNDS & FACILITIES:**

This is a dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilets. There is a dump station at the rest stop at the Wiley Well exit off I-10; however, there is no potable water. Blythe has a free dump station and good water 2-blocks south of I-10 at the Lovkin Ave. exit. Blythe is also good place to get food, supplies, ice and gasoline. It is approximately 25 miles from Blythe to the campsite. There are numerous good motels in Blythe with a wide range of rates. The closest town to the campsite is Palo Verde, approximately 16 miles through Coon Hollow and over the Mule Mtns. There is a convenience store (food, etc.), gasoline, a couple of restaurants and rock shop in Palo Verde, the road is okay for 4-wheel drive vehicles but not 2-wheel drive vehicle.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, when needed, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful, team up with a buddy and don't get lost.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER:** We are planning on nice weather—sunny days; cool, clear, star filled nights. But

remember it can rain this time of year so be prepared and plan ahead.

**MATERIAL TO COLLECT:** Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old Stromatolites. Also, we plan to search for the Paisley Agate Beds, Black Agates and nodules.

**COLLECTING MATERIALS:** There will be surface collecting and the use of sturdy bags will be all you need. However, if you plan on digging fire agates, you need hard rock tools, safety glasses, and a hand sledge and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first aid kit. If you plan on digging for geodes, you need hard rock tools, as well as, picks, shovels, and I recommend a dust mask, as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**TOOLS:** Sturdy bags, hard rock tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**CLOTHING:** Wear clothing in layers as it can be very warm during the day and extremely cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets.

**DINNER:** Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here is the guideline to follow:

- If your last name starts with A, E, I, M, Q or - please bring a main dish.
- If your last name starts with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starch.
- If your last name starts with C, G, K, O, S, W or X - please bring a vegetable or salad.
- If your last name starts with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a dessert.

**REMINDER:** Please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rockhounds. All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

## FIELD TRIPS-SOUTH

### No Collecting at Jalama Beach without Permits

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Jalama Beach County Park has long been a popular rockhounding site in Santa Barbara County for travertine onyx, rootbeer agate, and fossil whalebone and fish. In a case of “received wisdom,” I’ve been told by many an old timer, “Oh, sure! We’ve collected there since the 1940s!” It’s even written up in Gail Bulter’s book *Rockhounding California*. It was something of a surprise, then, that earlier this year several of us within the CFMS received an anonymous email via LA Rocks stating that rangers were issuing fines and even arresting people engaged in casual, amateur collecting at Jalama. The anonymous emailer further stated that authority over the park was transferring from county to state control.

To investigate this, I emailed the Santa Barbara County Parks department and received the following response from Sherman Hansen, SBCP Mid County Operations Manager. He stated categorically that the park is by no means passing from county to state authority and that there never has been such a proposal. However, collecting is definitely *not* allowed without special permission, and he referred me to Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 26-28:

*“No person shall dig up or remove any dirt, stones, sand, rocks, or other materials or substance whatever, or make any excavation, quarry any stone or lay or set off any blast or explosion or cause or assist in doing any such activity within any county recreation area without the prior written permission or license of the director of parks or deputy.”*

If people do violate this county ordinance, they could be warned, cited, and/or evicted from the park. Thus, if you wish to collect at Jalama Beach, be sure that you first contact the county parks department and seek advance permission in writing. Should you wish further details, contact Mr. Hansen at [jrauch@sbparks.org](mailto:jrauch@sbparks.org) or (805) 686-5076. Just as further background, this apparently is not some new regulation. Mr. Hansen noted he served as a ranger at the park going back to the early 1990s, and those regulations had already been in place for quite awhile when he came on board.

Wherever you choose to collect, I encourage all CFMS members to move beyond received wisdom and rumors—and even published rockhounding guidebooks—and to get in direct contact with the agencies charged with overseeing the locality you’ll be visiting so that we’re all on a firm, informed footing before setting out on any collecting trip. Our AFMS Code of Ethics states we will strive to keep informed of all laws and policies governing collecting and will abide by them. Always check before you collect!

## 1<sup>st</sup> AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR AT A REGIONAL LOCAL SHOW

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair

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This will be the first AFMS Judges Training Seminar in a local regional setting.

At Syracuse, 2011, the Directors approved a three year program to “take it to the Regional Federation club show”. Because of the rising cost of transportation for many of those who would like to attend this program, it was decided to try a different approach.

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, of Reno, Nevada stepped up and offered their show site for this program for May, 2012. You will have two options when attending this event. You can stay at the Holiday Inn, Sparks/Reno Hotel Call or contact the Hotel at: (775) 358-6900 – tell them you are with the AFMS Judges Training Seminar – for a total cost of \$75. per night for a king room or 2 queen room which includes taxes. Or you can make arrangements for camping space at the Reno club’s show site, Reno Events Center. **This is a separate application and will be up on the amfed.org website as soon as the club has it ready. (there is no camping at the hotel site, per city regulations)**

If attending, you may bring an exhibit, once again, a separate application from the Reno club is pending, and will be on the amfed.org website as soon as possible (this Reno application may be on one application page with camping). The club has a LIMITED SUPPLY OF EXHIBIT CASES, but are on a “first come, first serve” basis.

As in the past, one person from each Regional Federation will receive a stipend of \$350. to offset their expenses. The person receiving this will be determined by the Judges Training Chair from the applications received. This will not be paid until after the end of the class. All others who wish to attend will have to pay their own expenses. Everyone attending will have to pay \$20. for the classes and includes lunch Friday and Saturday. The Holiday Inn has a restaurant on the premises for breakfast and dinner.

We are fortunate in having Jay Bowman, who has done the class instruction since the inception of these training programs again be the instructor. Jay brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to this special event.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 16, 2012

All applications received, will be confirmed by Dee Holland

## SAFETY

by Bill Buckner

Concerns of safety issues in our shops, studios, or whatever we call our places where we work with lapidary concerns and jewelry making.

**Ventilation:** either have enough room or have some way to get enough fresh air that there is no danger of breathing problems.

**Eye safety:** a pair of safety glasses (either prescription or goggles) are needed when using machinery and rocks or minerals. In breaking stones, sawing stones, grinding stones, or polishing stones small pieces of rock could hit your eye and cause damage.

**Chemicals that we use:** care should be taken to be extremely safety minded when we use these toxic chemicals. Follow directions on the containers. Most chemicals that mix with water should be mixed into water, not water added to the chemicals.

**Storage of chemicals:** they should always be stored in a safe place with a good cover on them and out of reach of small children. I try to store mine in a wood rack with wooden dividers between the bottles or containers. They should always be labeled properly.

### A few DO NOT'S:

- A. **Do not** store gasoline or use it in a room where have a gas water heater or any gas appliances with pilot lights.
- B. **Do not** haul acetylene in a closed trunk or car or truck cab without at least two windows open at least two inches. When there is an acetylene leak enough gas might build up to cause an explosion.
- C. **Do not** try to use tools or torches when you are drowsy from medication. In fact it is a good idea to rest a little while before you go into your shop if you feel tired or sleepy.
- D. **Do not** forget ventilation.

### Some DO'S:

- A. **Do** be careful.
  - B. **Do** have a good time.
  - C. **Do** good work.
  - D. **Do** be available to help someone who needs it.
  - E. **Do** share your love of your hobby with others.
- Be careful and do good work.

From *AFMS Newsletter*, 6/2003



## EDUCATION THRU SHARING

By Loretta Ogden, Chair

Reno Gem and Mineral Society have a special person in our membership. Jim Welker has been on many of our field trips as a participant, leader, co-chair and chairman. He has directed our field trips successfully with a field trip committee where other individuals lead certain trips. Since he has taken over as field trip chairman, articles are placed in the newsletter describing the material, what tools to bring and directions on how to get there. When they arrive at the location, he gathers the inexperienced and shows them. Then he takes it a step further and **MAKES SURE THAT EVERYONE GETS GOOD MATERIAL.** I am so pleased to nominate Jim Welker as the 2011 Rockhound of the Year.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Rhodes, CFMS Director

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## SOME SAD NEWS



Joe (far left) and Bev receive Golden Bear Award in 1998

Jennifer Haley recently informed me that Joe Hafeli passed away during the summer. Although Joe didn't participate in CFMS activities following the loss of his wife Beverly in late 2000, many of us active in CFMS during that time remember his support of CFMS activities and his tenure as Safety Chairman. He and Bev were not only CFMS Scholarship honorees but were recipients of the Golden Bear Award in 1998.

Jennifer stated that Joe continued to serve as the silent auction chair for the Napa club up until 3 years ago. I quote from her email: "He was a great rockhound. Every year he would invite the club out to his workshop at home and teach members how to make a cab. He was one of the "great ones" in our club".

Our condolences go out to his family.

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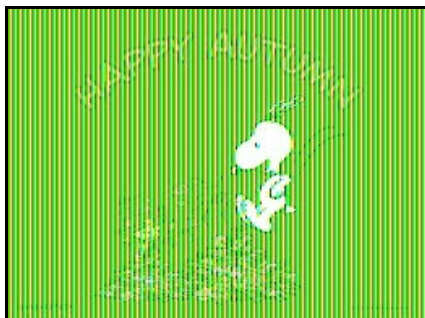


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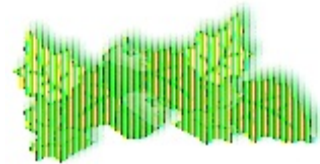
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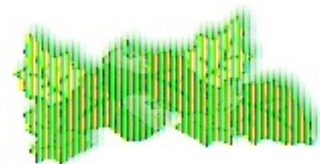


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This program/seminar is for judges and exhibitors, sponsored by the AFMS. This is the first of three authorized seminars to be held in the next three years in different Regions each year, and set up in conjunction with a local club and their show. Please fill out the application below and return to:

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair

PO. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

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REGIONAL FEDERATION \_\_\_\_\_

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DIVISION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

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YOU MUST HAVE AN AFMS RULES BOOK, updated to 2012

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursday evening, 7pm, Holiday Inn Orientation Session

Friday & Saturday 9 – 5 CLASSES (Lunch on Premises)

Sunday Morning 9am Reno Events Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave

Evaluation of exhibits -- Evaluation of the program immediately following.

There is a \$20. charge for the class for everyone, this includes lunch Fri & Sat.

Make check out to: Dee Holland and this must accompany the application

If you are staying at the hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION

Two Queen or One King room, \$75. including tax, etc per night

**Tell hotel it is the AFMS Judges Training Seminar.**

DO YOU PLAN TO STAY AT HOTEL? \_\_\_\_\_

Camping with the Reno Club at Events Center? \_\_\_\_\_

I'm bringing an exhibit for evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

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