



# The Paradise Gem

This bulletin is to get out information that is important to our membership. My name is Carol Eggleston and I am the current 1<sup>st</sup> vice president of the Club. Because she has some pressing family health issues Michelle Blowers, our editor, has given her resignation. I know this is not the usual form but things will get better as we go along.

## **New meeting address**

As most of you know, the Terri Ashe Center is going to be demolished and rebuilt. We will not be able to use the hall for the next several months. Members Paul and Anita Carter and Mary Schisler have volunteered the use of their store for our meetings. Our meetings will be held there on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, beginning in April, until further notice. The address there is 633 Pearson Road—across from the elementary school. The machinery will be set up and ready for use on our activity night. The potluck and business meeting will be as usual but be aware there will be no facilities for heating or cooling foods so you will need to bring your food ready to serve. You will also need to bring your own plates and eating utensils.

## **Our club show**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Paradise Gem & Jewelry Show is April 11 & 12, 2009. Anita Carter, our show chair, reports that preparations for the show are moving along smoothly. The biggest concern now is the need for volunteers. We need help with the set up on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am and again with the take down on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Also, we need volunteers for the different booths during the Show. Contact the following department chairs and let them know when you will be available.

Grand Prize Table	Mary Schisler	877-7374
Admissions	Judy Heckinger	873-6240
Half-hour Door Prize	Pam Garcia	877-7324
Books and Plants	Vernita Wright	534-8364
Kid's Zone	Crystal Roth	534-8364
Gold panning	Tari Durant	873-2164

Please support us with a few hours of help. It will be greatly appreciated and add to the success of our Show.

## **New members**

New members that were added this month:

Parry Freeman of Chico

Jane and Jay Kitchen of Magalia

Bob and Cindy Davis of Corning

Shirley and Kenneth Reid of Corning

Welcome. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

## **Librarian**

Vernita has a new book called "Crystals: The Science, Mysteries and Lore." Also a new VCR tape about basic silversmithing. The title is "Squaw Creek Silver" by Terry Starnes.

We have a very extensive library. If you would like to check out books or tapes please contact Vernita Wright. Her phone number is 534-8364 and her e-mail is [vernitawr@hotmail.com](mailto:vernitawr@hotmail.com). She should be able to bring your requests to the next meeting.

## March Field Trip

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, will be the field trip to Black Butte and maybe Stoneyford depending on conditions. We will be gathering jasper and fossils. We will meet at the club parking lot at 9:00am. Bring a lunch. This trip is rated at a 5 level.

## Field trip leader's report

Mike Eggleston, our field trip leader, attended the CO-OP Field Trip Chairmen's Association meeting on March 7, 2009 in El Dorado.

Brett Keller of the Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society gave a presentation about the California state gem stone, benitoite. He had an impressive collection of specimens and lots of techniques for cleaning them. He is finding most of his stone in the estates and backyards of old collectors. The road to the mine where benitoite is found has been closed by the EPA for two years. The land may be returned to the public but without any vehicular access. Unless the mine owner can find a loop hole we may have lost access to another treasure.

The CO-OP has implemented a "Trip difficulty rating scale". It consists of two parts: vehicle access difficulty and collection or viewing access difficulty. Both are a rating of one to ten with ten being the most difficult. Access example—1 to 2 flat ground or paved handicap access to and at site. A 5 is a ¼ to ½ mile trail to site with moderate difficulty. There will be copies made available for those interested.

Our club will be putting a display case in the CO-OP tent at the Snyder's Powwow. The Powwow is held at Valley Springs, CA on May 1, 2, & 3, 2009.

The Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society of Oroville has applied for and been accepted as a member club in the CO-OP. Gerald Hill, their field trip leader, will be submitting a field trip site for approval at a later date.

Field trips offered by CO-OP clubs in April:

April 4	Calistoga, CA	Tour of petrified forest	Fossils for Fun Club	Debbie Bunn
April 4-12	Topaz Mt. and Dugway	Topaz, red beryl and geodes	Roseville	Jim Hutchings
April 10-12	Black Butte	Jasper	Mother Lode Club	Al Troglin
April 17-19	CFMS Show in San Jose		Santa Clara Club	

## Superior Cal

Manuel Garcia, our Superior Cal director, wants to remind us of the Superior Cal Show in May. The dates are May 15, 16 and 17. It is held at the Shasta District Fairgrounds in Anderson. Volunteers are essential for the success of this show as well as our own. Contact Manuel at 877-7324 to find out how you can help.

## Shows

MARCH 28-29: Angels Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras *Frog Town USA* Fairgrounds  
Highway 49 in Angels Camp  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579  
Website: [Calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://Calaverasgemandmineral.org)

MARCH 28-29: Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers  
Placer County Fairgrounds  
800 all America City Blvd., Roseville  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun., 10-4  
Jim Barton (916) 847-7321  
Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

## April 17, 18, 19, 2009, San Jose, CA

54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase  
Hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

334 Tully Road  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

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