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Puffs from the Chief

By Marshall Havner

Thanks goes out to everyone who helped make to the Instillation of Officers a big success. The food was catered and was very good. The entertainment was excellent thanks to Miss Pearl's Sister. The music was an unexpected pleasure thanks to Patrick Harrison. A big thanks to Don Viera for turning his gavel over to me. Thanks goes out to our new Vice-President Laura Riggs and to our new 2nd Vice-President Bill Manser. Thanks to our new Membership Chairperson Janet Loyd. Thanks goes out to our new Newspaper Editor and Public Relations Officer Heidi Lane. Thanks to my lovely wife Debbie for all your support and for wearing all that beautiful silver and turquoise jewelry to the Instillation Ceremony. Your an impressive first Lady of Rocks. Thanks goes to Corene Keys for all the hard work you do for the club. Thanks goes to Patrick Harrison for the exemplary accounting of TGMS funds. A thank you goes to Hiley and Neal Wallis for all you do for the Web site the Newspaper and for TGMS. Thanks to Tony Hart and to Charles Reed for all your support. Thanks to Rob Milner and Tony Lane for all the Field Trips you set up and offer to TGMS members. Thanks to Betty, Steve, Marie Hayward and Ferlene Schultz for consistently and unselfishly working to make TGMS better.

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2010 Yearbook Items Needed (Part 2)

By Hiley Wallis

This is part two of 2010 Yearbook. The club would like to enlist your help in collecting items for the 2010 All-American Club Award. Below are the sections for the Yearbook:

- Service to Members or Guests
- Publications and Publicity
- Support for Regional Federations, AFMS and Other Clubs

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Minutes from the March 2, 2010 Meeting

Respectively Submitted by Corene Keys Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by President Vieira, followed by the flag salute led by Tony Lane. President Vieira welcomed all the members and guests to our annual March banquet. The invocation was given by Patrick Harrison.

A delicious meal was prepared and served by Caterers, Larry and Grace De Hoog. Thank you for another wonderful meal Larry and Grace.

A big thank you to Adrienne Vieira for all the work she did on planning the banquet, also for the beautiful decorations she did. We had the honor of having Cousin Minnie Pearls sister, (AKA Adrienne Vieira) install the 2010-2011 officers, President Don Vieira presented the Pins and Bars to last years Officers. Our new officers are:

President.....	Marshall Havner
Ist Vice President.....	Laura Riggs
2nd Vice President.....	Bill Manser
Designated Past President.....	Steve Hayward
Secretary.....	Corene Keys
Treasurer.....	Patrick Harrison
Auditor.....	Robert Goddard
Historian.....	Don Sheldrick
Parliamentarian.....	Don Lieb
CFMS - AFMS Director.....	Sherry Honnold
Alternate CFMS - AFMS Director.....	Janice Robertson
Club Director.....	Charles Reed
Club Director.....	Fereleen Schultz

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This may be your last newsletter

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Thanks to Pepper Okata and Margaret Buckmann for making the Gemboree Show operate like a fine oiled machine. Thanks to Don Leib for being a part of this wonderful club. Thanks to Laura Heberling and Debbie Havner for always being ready to assist with Rock Talks. A Special thanks goes to Don & Adrienne Vieria for always being there for me. How many times and ways can I say thanks to so many people for doing so many things? Thank you every TGMS member for making TGMS a good club with good people. I am very pleased to be President of a club which is full of people who are all colors, all sizes and all shapes. Just like the rocks we love so much.

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- Community Relation sections
- Government Agency and Legislative Relations
- Overall Format and Presentation

There are many sections and something for everyone. For the full application you can go to the www.amfed.org/downloads.htm and click on the All-American Club Award.

Over the year I will detail some of the sections in the newsletter to remind all members of the items needed. I went over the first section in February 2010

The Second section is "Publications & Publicity".

This section includes: Newsletter; Meeting notices posted in public places; Meeting notices published in local media; Show Filers posted in public places; Show info published in local media; Free or paid adds on TV or radio.

I will be turning in info to the Yearbook committee on the show filers I posted in every Starbucks in the Visalia Area. So if you to participate in any of the above items or any from last month's newsletter and have any photos or would like to share your experience please send your items to me at my e-mail hrwallis@yahoo.com. Or give them to me at our monthly meeting.

Together we can make the 2010 Yearbook a great historical record of our club's activities. Let's reach for the "Gold All American Club Award for 2010"

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A ROCKHOUNDER'S WEDDING

By Marshall Havner

While reading the October CFMS Newsletter I noticed an article on "A Rockhoulder's Wedding" and thought this was a good opportunity to meet rockhoulders from around the state. I packed the truck with a weekend's supplies and took off with Molly on Friday November 6th to Afton Canyon.

I had never been to Afton Canyon before and was surprised how easy it was to find. You go 35 miles past Barstow on highway 15 and you'll see the Afton Canyon Road exit. This intersection has a small store on the left and Afton Canyon Road is on the right. I traveled a good dirt road approximately three (3) miles and came to a BLM Campsite. There are about 20 campsites here and most of them have a table covered by a canopy. The campsite has pit toilets and no drinkable water. All the sites are dry but were well maintained. Campsites were \$6.00 per night. Anthony, Heidi and Bryce arrived Friday evening early and we had dinner together with a good campfire that night.

The wedding group were parked in RV's on a ledge approximately ½ mile before you get to

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the lower campsite. This area is not a regular campground but allowed the wedding group some privacy and provided an area to set up uninterrupted. Early Saturday morning we could see people moving around preparing for the wedding. We had already prepared food to bring to the wedding and during breakfast we could look up to the ledge and appreciate the fact that we were not part of the crazy goings on that usually precede weddings.

The wedding was scheduled to start at 10am and we arrived about 9am so we could meet family members and rockhounds from throughout the state. Several people brought dogs so Molly fit right in and was very popular. All the dogs were well behaved and did not seem anxious at all about the large crowd gathering. I had an opportunity to meet the groom before the wedding. Adam Dean seemed rather nervous as the bride had not yet arrived, but very pleasant so we exchanged greetings and contact information.

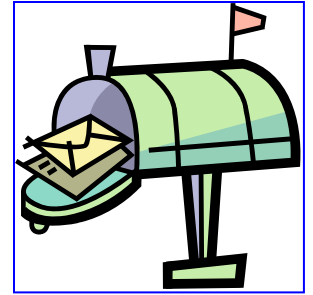
The bride, Teresa, arrived 45 minutes late which almost seems customary. She wore a beautiful white dress and seemed to glow with happiness. After another 45 minutes she reappeared coming up the isle to unite with the groom. They were a very charming couple. Teresa is American Indian with beautiful long black hair. The groom was dressed in Western attire which included a gorgeous Turquoise and silver bolero which his grandfather made. The pastor was also American Indian. They consecrated their wedding by pouring sand from two separate containers, one red and one blue into a single container. The container with the mixed red and blue sand was blessed by the pastor so that as long as the sand stayed mixed their marriage would be blessed with prosperity and happiness.

Looking around the group we counted about two hundred people. The wedding went well and afterwards people were invited to make comments. I jumped on the opportunity to congratulate the couple while promoting Tule Gem & Mineral Society. Then it was time to eat. I was surprised at the enormous amount of food which had been laid out. Molly took advantage of the opportunity and put on her starving face then began fleecing the crowd. While eating we exchanged greetings and contacts with additional rockhounds. After lunch Adam led a group to one of his favorite collecting areas. A large group went along with lots of rock being collected.

All in all we had a really good time and are thankful we had taken advantage of the opportunity to attend this unusual, interesting and fun Rockhoulder's Wedding.

Sunshine News

Please let Debbie Havner know if one of our club members would benefit from a card or note. Debbie can be reached at 559.562.4133 or mdhavner@verizon.net



Refreshments

Monthly refreshments will be supplied by the following members:

- ★ April - Peper Okada, Margaret Buchmann, Pat Aharonian
- ★ May - Roxie Olmstead, Hiley Wallis, Laura Heberling
- ★ June is our Pot Luck Month

Please contact Ferleen Schultz to volunteer (559) 592.5052

This May Be Your Last Newsletter

We are moving to the electronic world. If you have a current e-mail address, this will be your last printed newsletter.

If you would prefer to have your Newsletter mailed to you, please contact Hiley at hrwallis@yahoo.com.

Note: Only one newsletter will be sent to an address unless additional copies are requested.

2010 Annual Dues are now due.

Dues can be paid at the meeting or via mail. If mailing, make checks payable to Tule Gem & Mineral Society (TGMS) and mail to:

Janet Loyd
3726 S Fairway Street
Visalia, CA 93277

Dues are \$20 per year.

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Gary Robertson our new
Life Time Member



Master of Ceremony
Adrienne Vieira
And Past President
Don Vieira

Class Schedule

NEW - Mineral Arts by David Scott. Please contact David to set up a time and day for these classes. 559.972.1303. Also visit his [web site](#) to see some of his work.

Faceting class every Tuesday from 9 AM to 12 PM contact Joe Navarro at 747-1824 if you would like to learn to Facet!

Cabochon cutting and polishing Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM. Contact Mike Obert at 733-2543 for more information.

Cabochon cutting and polishing Thursday from 4 PM to 6 PM. Contact Don Vieira at 732-7739.

Silver Smithing - Charles Reed is available to teach a class on silver smithing at his home in Porterville.

Open Shop Schedule

Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM Mike Obert

Wednesday from 6 PM to 8 PM Judy Link on call

Thursday from 4 PM to 6 PM Don Vieira

Friday from 4 PM to 6 PM with Steve Hayward on call.

Saturday early morning Judy Link on Call



Mosaic Canyon in Death Valley
Neal Wallis on Vacation

Up Coming Field Trips

Field trip ideas needed - contact Marshall
559.562.4133

April 23, 24 & 25 Butler Onyx outside of Barstow. The camp site is a great place with a natural hot spring, fire pit, small patio room and bathrooms.

May 1 & 2 2010 Earth Science Play Day with Diamond Pacific at Tony Hearts
Contact Rob Milner at 559.359.6174 for more information, visit the clubs web site or see flier below.

June 2010 Sunstone in Oregon

TGMS Lapel Pins



(Example only-not actual pin)

\$5 each

Now available - TGMS lapel pins. All proceeds go to the Schools Scholarship Fund

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day to all of you born in MARCH

- ★ Paul Kellam
- ★ Blaze Frauenholz
- ★ Janice Robertson
- ★ Tony Hart
- ★ Ignacio Rojas

March's birthstone is aquamarine and bloodstone. They mean courage.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to

- ★ Cristina Contreras & Ignacio Mendoza
- ★ Anthony & Heidi Lane

The name of March comes from ancient Rome, when March was the first month of the year and named *Martius* after Mars, the Roman god of war. From Wikipedia Encyclopedia

Have you been on a rock hunting trip or have a new addition to your family and would like to share. Let me know and we can add it to our newsletter

Meeting Schedule

2010-2011

- April 5, 2010
- May 3, 2010
- June 7, 2010 Pot-Luck & BBQ
- July 5, 2010
- August 2, 2010
- September 13, 2010 Pot-Luck & BBQ
- October 4, 2010
- November 1 2010
- December 6, 2010 Christmas Party
- January 3, 2011
- February 7, 2011

Board Meeting

All members are welcome at the board meetings. The meeting will be held at the Farmersville Senior Center.

*TULE GEM AND
MINERAL SOCIETY
AND
DIAMOND PACIFIC TOOL CORPORATION*
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

“EARTH SCIENCE PLAY DAY”

DATE: May 1st and 2nd, 2010 TIME: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

LOCATION: Meet us at the country ranch of the famous sphere maker and jade collector Tony Hart and his wife Kathy. Enjoy the hospitality with barbecue provided by Don Depue of Diamond Pacific.

DIRECTIONS: To 1381 N Strathmore Ave in Lindsay, Ca = from south of Lindsay on Hwy 65 turn east for 1.1 miles to Rd 228/Strathmore Ave turn left, going north 1.3 miles to location at end road.

EVENT: For the people that are interested in rocks, this is a *one-of-a-kind event* that allows for a *hands-on* opportunity to *see and use* some of the newest and best tools and equipment for cutting, shaping and polishing stone. It is hosted by the Tule Gem and Mineral Society and the Diamond Pacific Tool Company. Diamond Pacific, with 40 years of tool manufacturing experience, has been a leading supplier of quality equipment for commercial applications and the hobbyist.

There will also be staff present to *help teachers who instruct earth science* classes in identifying rocks. We will also have instructors to give in-class presentations for the purpose of helping students meet California mandated education requirements. There will also be *sample specimens available* including igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rock.

SEE AND USE: Bigfoot, Genie and Titan grinders / polishers, MK wet grinder, Taurus II ring saw, Band saw, 18” rotating flat lap with magnetic diamond grit laps, Mini-Sonic vibratory tumblers, Foredom power tools, including Nova miniature sanding and polishing points for carving stone, the “sculpture” rock lathe, adhesives for rocks and new polishing compounds.

LEARN: From some of the best instructors of earth sciences and the lapidary arts with demonstrations in cutting, shaping, polishing and preserving a variety of rock specimens. There will be a special demonstration making art out of rocks, using the trim saw as grinding tool to produce dragonflies and leaves out of agate.

ARTIST’S CRAFTS & ROCK SALE: Equipment, jewelry and other lapidary arts and crafts will be on display and for sale.

For more information contact: Rob Milner
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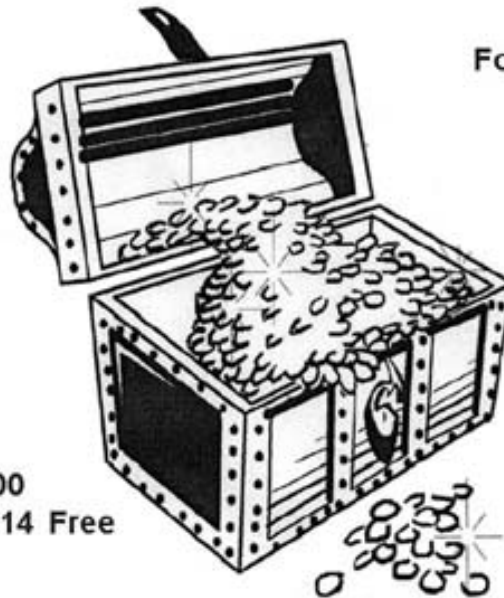
AFMS/CFMS 2010 Gem Show



Hosted by:
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Games
Displays
Raffle Prizes
Gems & Jewelry
Sponsoring:
La Habra Youth

Admission: \$6.00
Children under 14 Free
(with an adult)



Fossils
Kids Room
Food

**Free
Parking**

HIDDEN TREASURES

June 18 - 20, 2010
Fri. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



So. CA University of Health Sciences
16200 E. Amber Valley Dr. Whittier, CA 90604

Information: (626) 330-8974 - odwarthen@verizon.net
or (909) 598-2456 - donogden@aol.com
cfmsinc.org - nocgms.com



CFMS Club Shows April 2010

April 10-11, 2010, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society

Lancaster High School

44701 - 32nd Street West

Hours: 9-5 daily

Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309

Email: Vivea22@yahoo.com

Email: av_gem@yahoo.com

April 10-11, 2010, Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society

Mariposa Co. Fairgrounds

Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of Mariposa

Hours: 10-4 daily

Mineral Museum (209) 742-7625

Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net Website:

www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/

April 10-11, 2010, Paradise, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society

Elks Lodge

6309 Clark Road

Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4

Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324

Email: mmpg@earthlink.net

April 16, 17, 18, 2010, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

334 Tully Road

Hours: Fri 9-5, Sat & Sun 10-5

Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422

Email: info@scvgms.org

Website: www.scvgms.org

April 24-25, 2010, Newbury Park, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Show

Borchard Park Community Center/dd>

190 Reno Rd. & borchard Rd.

Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 10-4:30

Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734

Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net

Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>

April 24-25, 2010, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Gem & Mineral Society

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Church St. & Center St. (corner)

Hours: 10-5 daily

Dean Welder (408) 353-2675

Website: www.scmgs.org

April 30 - May 1-2, 2010, Bishop, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society

Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)

Corner of Sierra St. & Fair Drive

Hours: Fri. 6-9, Sat. 9:40-4, Sun. 10-3

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TGMS needs your stories, pictures, and any other items. Articles are due by the 10th of the month. Send your submissions to:

Hiley Wallis

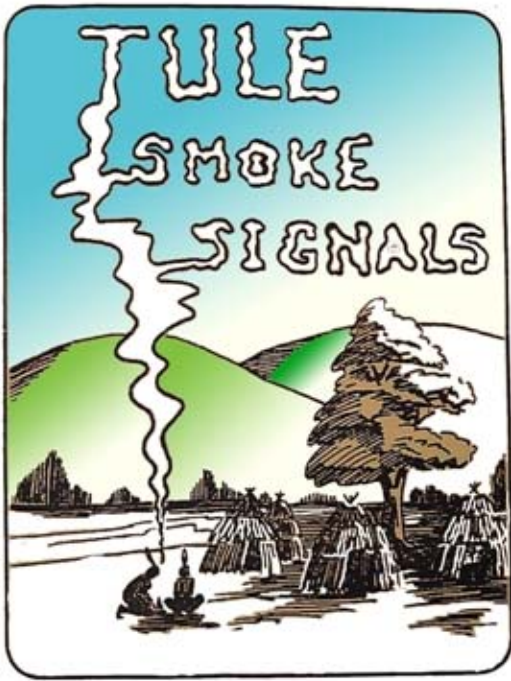
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For more show dates check out the CFMS web site at www.cfmsinc.org/

"Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."



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