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## **Puffs from the Chief**

*By Marshall Havner*

This month's meeting had a BBQ Potluck which included lots of good food and Tony Hart's great Tri-Tip. Everyone seemed to have a good time and it was nice to talk to long time and new members. We've been doing this event for a long time and it continues to be a success. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this a success.

I'll be going to the AFMS/CFMS Annual Convention and Show in Whittier on June 17, 18, 19 and 20 and will represent TGMS as it's President and will also represent TGMS as a member of ALAA (American Lands Access Association) with the intention of forming closer working relationships with other ALAA members throughout the state. TGMS has been very supportive in my participation with ALAA of which I am thankful.

Be sure to take advantage of our workshop as we have a lot of very good instructors available to TGMS members. The workshop is set up to do rough cutting through finish projects with your favorite rocks so if your a new member you don't need to purchase any equipment

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## **Camp Paradise**

*By Debbie Havner*

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend one week of Camp Paradise, from Sunday evening May 16, to Saturday morning, May 22. This is located just north of Clipper Mills, in the hills northeast of Marysville. It is at an elevation of 3500 ft, and is a very beautiful forested location. Camp Paradise is an old church camp which the Earth Sciences Program of the CFMS has been using for the past 15 years. There are single person dorms, couples' dorms, and RV facilities available.

I arrived on Sunday afternoon, checked in to find out what room I was assigned to, and ran off to find my new digs. I hauled

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## Minutes from the June 7, 2010 Meeting

*Respectively Submitted Coreen Keys Secretary*

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The meeting was called to order by President Havner, followed by the flag salute led by Betty Hayward.

There were 28 members and 1 guest, Charla Patterson.

The AFMS/CFMS Convention and Annual show is being held from June 17, through June 20, 2010 in Whittier Ca. President Havner will be attending the ALAA Business Meetings during the Convention. He will write a report for our Web Site when he returns.

Debbie Havner wrote a article on Paradise Springs which will be featured in the News Bulletin and on the Club Web Site. Thank you Debbie.

There will be a field trip on July 10, 2010 to the Lake Elsinore area to gather Rose Quartz, contact President Havner for more information if interested in going.

There will also be a Field trip to the Lake Success area to gather California Jade. The club was invited to use the area by Park Ranger, Jim Snider which is in the Land Management area.

Sunshine Girl, Debbie Havner reported that she was circulating a card for Club Members to sign which will be sent to a long time member, Wayne Estes. Thank you Debbie for taking the time to send cards to ailing members birthday cards, etc.

Thank you Tony Hart for the marvelous job you did on the BBQ Tri-Tip for our annual June potluck/meeting.

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### *Puffs* from page 1

before you first go to the workshop and talk to other members and instructors who are always helpful. So get out to the workshop and have a good time while you are supporting TGMS.

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my sleeping bag & pillow to room 204, to find a very small room with 2 sets of bunk beds and a few hangers on a dowel under a small shelf. Very Spartan! As I stood and took in my room for the next week, another camper came down the hall and greeted me. "Is this your first time here? Are you in shock at the accommodations?" (Yes!!) "Well, the place may be pretty rustic, but the classes and the camaraderie will more than make up for it," she advised me. She was so right!

The instruction/classes were in "the barn", just up the hill from the dorms and dining hall. They began at 9:00 am to the call of the cow horn which was sounded by Tom Burchard, the lapidary/cabochon instructor. Participants were lined up outside the door, chomping at the bit to get inside and get started. Beginners and "newbies" were given preferential treatment on the first two days; they were allowed in the door first to get one of the few seats at each table. Instruction ran from 9:00 to 11:45, and 1:00 to 4:45 each day, with the horn signaling the beginning and end of each session.

The level of instruction and knowledge was phenomenal! The choices included beginning and advanced wire wrapping, copper enameling, beginning to advanced beading, Ming trees, glass bead making, glass fusion, silver fabrication, metal casting, PMC3 (precious metal clay), lapidary/cabochon making, chain making, soft stone carving, and faceting. Whew!!

Every instructor was enthusiastic about sharing his/her skills, and often was assisted by other experienced participants. It was a very comfortable and stimulating learning environment for beginners and the more skilled artisans alike. There was also a gold panning field trip Thursday; panners reported finding flakes and one small nugget for the day's work.

In addition to the class time, there were other activities in the evenings. There was a Sell-A-Rama, where individuals offered anything from cabs to jewelry to books, with 10% of the sales going back to the Earth Sciences program. A couple of evenings offered impromptu beading groups with instruction on a specific pattern or project. Thursday evening was the Silent Auction, with several exciting bidding wars, and all proceeds going back into the Earth Sciences program. Friday afternoon the barn closed at 3:00, and we gathered in the dining room at 4:00 for Show and Tell: we put our week's projects out on display and were able to see what camp participants had accomplished. After dinner on Friday, we had a very fun Graduation/closing time. Marion awarded each participant a certificate and a bear hug, and the air was thick with cheers, applause, and ribbing.

In spite of the rustic accommodations, the food was very excellent. The kitchen crew served three excellent meals each day of the week, with healthy choices and options available. My favorite dish was the strawberry/rhubarb crumble!! They even prepared special dishes on request for individuals with specific dietary needs. To round out the kitchen help and to keep costs down, camp participants were asked to sign up for two kitchen-duty slots for the week, either dish washing or serving line. These were actually a lot of fun, as you met new people and were able to greet everyone as they came through at meal time.

The CFMS Earth Sciences Program puts on two camps per year; this one in May at Camp Paradise, and one in November at Zzyxx, south of Baker. Zzyxx offers daily field trips in addition to the various disciplines. This is the 25th year of the Earth Sciences Program, and the anniversary will be acknowledged at Zzyxx in November.

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Marion Roberts is the person behind the scenes who makes the camp and the Earth Sciences happen. He is currently the Chair of the CFMS Earth Sciences Committee, and is a past CFMS President. He has a passion for learning and teaching, and for this program. He and several other committee members arrive a week early to help repair, clean up, and set up camp, and put a lot of time and energy into the facility and the program.

I can't say enough about the excellence of this camp and program. The cost is a real bargain: \$350/week for room, meals, all the lapidary disciplines you can handle, and some of the best experts and experienced artisans in the state; all in one location! That's not to mention the new friends and contacts you will make during the week there. I highly recommend it and if at all possible, I will be back next year

I want to say a big THANK YOU to TGMS for assisting me to attend Camp Paradise!



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Don Vieira reported that anyone wanting to enter a display case at the Kings County Fair please contact him for dates and times. He reported that Debbie Havener's picture was in the Visalia Time Delta for receiving the "Excellence for Service award in October 2009, congratulations Debbie, and that Leila Parkinson had her picture in the Visalia Time Delta with the Mountain Ramblers Hiking Club. Good going Leila. Don and Adrienne Vieira are having an equipment and rock sale on the July 19, 2010. They will be out of town for a few days so President Havner will be opening the Rock Shop in his absence.

George Silva will have information for anyone wanting to gather Jasper off of I-5 on Little Pinoche Road. Contact George for more information and directions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### Member Updates

Don't forget to update Janet with any changes with your address or e-mail

All newsletters will be e-mail. If you would prefer to have your Newsletter mailed to you, please contact Hiley at [hrwallis@yahoo.com](mailto:hrwallis@yahoo.com).

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

### ROCK TIPS

**To spot cracks** and vugs in a rock before sawing it, first soak it in a tub of water at least an hour. Then remove it and place it in a sunny spot. The surface will dry quickly, but the fractures and vugs will not. Use a soft pencil to mark the rock for guidance in sawing.

(From Roconteur via OSAGE HILLS  
GEMS 7&8/92)



**Asaphid Trilobite**

## 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.

## Up Coming Field Trips

Field trip ideas needed - contact Marshall  
559.562.4133

*July - To gather Rose Quartz*

*October - To find Jade*

*November - To Gill Ranch for Thulite*

George Silva will have information for anyone wanting to gather Jasper off of I-5 on Little Pinoche Road. Contact George for more information and directions.

## 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



For more Field Trip dates check out the  
CFMS web site at  
[www.cfmsinc.org/](http://www.cfmsinc.org/)

## Members in the News

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

- ★ Charles Eastman
- ★ Adrienne Vieira
- ★ Dick Scott
- ★ Raul Gonzales
- ★ Christina Guzman

The traditional June [birthstone](#) is the [pearl](#). The June [birth flower](#) is the [rose](#), or the [honeysuckle](#), as roses and honeysuckles bloom throughout June. June is also sometimes called the "Rose month." From Wikipedia

### *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO*

- ★ Charles & Alice Estes
- ★ Gary & Janice Robertson
- ★ Steve & Marie Hayward
- ★ Doug & Lisa Hall
- ★ Jay & Betsey Peterson
- ★ Jorge & Olga Vazquez

- ★ Happy belated birthday wish to one of our life members Ruth Wilcox. Ruth has been a member since 1955 and has 20 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren
- ★ Debbie Havener's picture was in the Visalia Time Delta for receiving the "Excellence for Service award in October 2009, congratulations Debbie.
- ★ Leila Parkinson had her picture in the Visalia Time Delta with the Mountain Ramblers Hiking Club. Good going Leila

## Meeting Schedule

### *2010-2011*

- 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

Meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. on the first Monday of each month and are located at the Farmersville Senior Center, 444 N Gene, Farmersville.

## Board Meeting

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

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



**2010 AFMS/CFMS Gem Show**  
**HIDDEN TREASURES**

Hosted by: *North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society*

**June 18th, 19th & 20th, 2010**  
**Fri, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm**

Located at:  
**Southern California University of Health Sciences**  
**16200 E. Amber Valley Drive**  
**Whittier, CA 90604**

**NOCGMS supports the youth of La Habra!**

For more information, visit our website at: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)  
 Show Chairman: Don Warthen (562) 946-0828 or [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)  
 Dealer Information: Ofelia Warthen (626) 330-8974 or [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)

**FREE Parking**

Jewelry & Gems  
 Fossils  
 Displays  
 Raffle Prizes  
 Games  
 Food  
 Kid's Room



## ROCK AND EQUIPMENT SALE

Don & Adrienne Vieira, 214 N. Linwood St, Visalia CA  
 Saturday, June 19, 2010 - 8 am to 12 pm

### Equipment:

- ★ 8-Electric Motors, ¼ - ½ Horse Power
- ★ 3 Trim Saws
- ★ 1 Vibralap . 10" - 2 Trays
- ★ 1 Poly Arbor for 2 Wheels
- ★ 2 6" Aluminum Oxide Grinding Wheels
- ★ 1 10" Aluminum Oxide Grinding Wheel
- ★ 3 Vee Belt Pulleys
- ★ 1 Blue Devil Cabochon Cutting and Polishing Tool
- ★ 375 Slabs, Agate, Jasper, Wood others
- ★ 100 Pieces of rough rock: Agate, Jasper, others
- ★ Grinding and Polishing Material
- ★ Trim Saw Blades
- ★ Carbide Sanding Disc
- ★ 4 6" Vertical Wheels
- ★ Dopp Wax

## CFMS Club Shows July 2010

July 10-11 19-20 2010, Culver City, CA  
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veterians memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677  
Email: [thirlawr@earthlink.net](mailto:thirlawr@earthlink.net)  
Website:  
<http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

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

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Visalia CA 93292

[hrwallis@yahoo.com](mailto:hrwallis@yahoo.com)

For more show dates check out the CFMS web site at [www.cfmsinc.org/](http://www.cfmsinc.org/)

## 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](mailto:mdhavner@verizon.net)

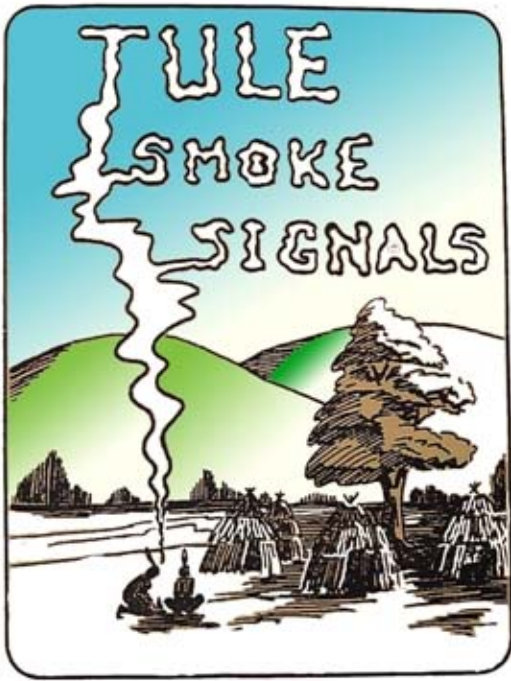
## Refreshments

Monthly refreshments will be supplied by the following members:

★ July - Debbie Havner, Janet Loyd

Please contact Ferleen Schultz to volunteer (559) 592.5052

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



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