

Fossilized, extinct Ammonites from Madagascar and shark teeth from Morocco were among items available from Paso Robles-based Rocks and Relics at the 53rd Gemboree gem and mineral show Jan. 17 at the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building. (GERALD CARROLL)



Don Vieira of the Tule Gem and Mineral Society chooses the future shape a raw decorative stone. (GERALD CARROLL)



Rockhounds buy and sell products at the Gemboree gem and mineral show. (GERALD CARROLL)



Judy Link, 56, polishes a freshly trimmed decorative rock known as a "caboshon" at the Tule Gem and Mineral Society's cutting shop in west Visalia. (GERALD CARROLL)

TULE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

- Affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.
 - Chartered in 1952 to promote interest in the art of lapidary and earth sciences as well as the study and preservation of nature.
 - Promotes the collection, study, exhibition and exchange of mineral specimens (and their sources) within the federation and the presentation of our findings to the general public during various shows and events
 - Conducts regular meetings starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Farmersville Senior Center, 444 N Gene, Farmersville.
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