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Newsletter of the Monrovia Rockhounds, Monrovia CA

September 2015

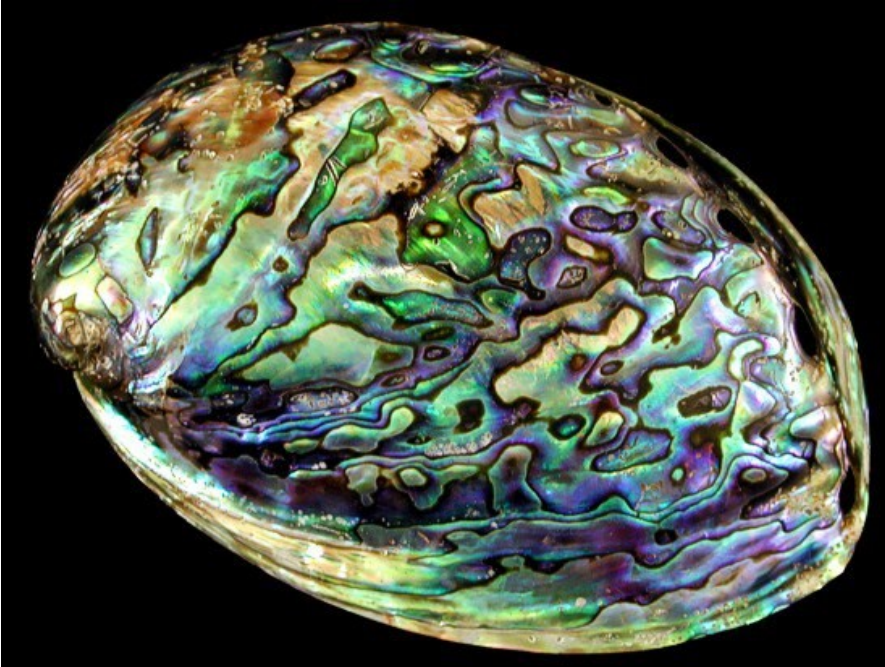


Why the
Abalone King
isn't just about
Abalone
anymore

Lou Hernandez will be the guest Speaker for the September 17th MOROKS Program . Come hear his story and see some beautiful specimens and jewelry.

Photo above left: Lou and Sandy Hernandez enjoying some time away from the workshop.
Bottom Left: A polished abalone shell.

(Photos courtesy of Lou & Sandy Hernandez)



MONROVIA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS THIS MONTH

PLEASE SIGNUP TO WORK OUR BOOTH

MOROKS SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



MONROVIA ROCKHOUDS



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Mission Statement : Our Purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects. We also support promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) education non profit organization.

Membership: Dues are \$20.00 per member per year due by April 1st and \$10.00 per each additional member at the same address. Initiation Fee is \$10.00 per name per new member and includes membership packet and MOROK name badge.

Meetings: Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. at 7:00 pm, in the basement of the United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The building is on the corner of Ivy & Palm Ave. We use the door where there is handicapped access in the alley on the west side of the building. Do not try to enter from the front of the building. Guests are always welcome at our General Meetings. Please come and share our love of rocks.

Mailing Address:
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PO Box 553
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Newsletter: We reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication. If you have any submissions for this newsletter or need to contact the editor Denise Davis please call 626-294-9043.

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SIGN UP FOR MAFA See Page 6.

From The Desk Of...President Cal Matthews

The board had a good meeting; discussed show options and reviewed our budget for the current year. It is going to be a struggle to stay within our goals and balance our income with our spending - always a very worthwhile goal. Adjourned by 8:30 - in time to go home and watch at 9:00 PM the KLCS (PBS chan 58) Mineral Explorers TV show.

Cal Matthews

A Message from Michele I would like to say thank you to Mark Nelson for this program on field trip safety and first aid. Denise & Colleen made lovely sundaes and root beer floats at our last meeting. Next month is our booth at MAFA. Please sign up to work a shift. It would really help. I hope everyone had an awesome summer. I went up to Paradise to see my family up there, and I was able to do some rockhounding and gold panning too. I found some lovely items. Hope to see you at the September meeting! *Michele Silcock*

Happy Birthday to You!



The following members have September birthdays & we hope they all have the best birthday ever! Rex Chambers, Janie Duncan, Ralph Fregoso, Harold Vannatta.

AUGUST 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

Date: August 6, 2015, Location: Hastings Ranch Public Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena.

Meeting Called to Order at 7 PM

Present: Board of Directors: Cal Matthews – President, Michele Silcock - Vice President, Denise Davis – Secretary, Jim Lloyd – Treasurer. Auditor - Kevin Doran

Chairs: Custodian-Jim Lloyd, Show/Webmaster/Federation-Jo Anna Ritchey, Newsletter/Membership- Denise Davis, Programs-Michele Silcock, Field Trips-Kevin Doran. Not present: Fellowship- Linda Doran, Education-Janie Duncan.

Representatives & Members: Representative-Ray Ritchey. MEMBER Em Matthews.

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes: Motion: Kevin

Second: Michele

Approved: Yes

Unfinished Business:

A. President's Budget Submitted to meeting as printed but not passed by membership yet. Will follow-up at August meeting.

B. Show- Jo Anna wanted flyers done so vendors could be handing them out. Denise will get flyers done at estimated cost of \$75 for 2000 mini flyers and 25 8.5 x11 inch flyers on green paper. Paper to be obtained from Janie Duncan with mailing labels as Janie purchased these in April. Denise will contact Janie.

C. Roster- Members to be asked to put in writing at the next meeting what they want as far as personal info on the roster. Denise will do a short form.

D. Cal will do the State of California raffle permit for March Show Raffle by September deadline. It has never been done before.

E. Jo Anna questioned Em Matthews' membership. Jo Anna had taken & audited Jim's books for membership payments & said she didn't find a receipt for Em's dues. Jim found that he had not made the deposit but had recd dues from Em as well as an additional \$5 x2, as Cal personally made up for several members who only paid \$15 for 2015. Jo Anna again stated she did not find receipts or deposits for some previous members who have claimed they paid 2015 dues. No documentation of payment has been received from those members.

F. Treasurer Report- Not updated yet because deposits had not been made. Listed 35 paid members and 2 honorary.

Chair reports: Fellowship. Last meeting with 15 present and 3 guests. Cards are being sent out.

Membership: No new members past 30 days.

Custodian Jim will move items for the MAFA Festival at end of September. Jo Anna stated items needed. Michele will have sign-up sheet at next meeting for help with the booth.

CFMS Representative- Jo Anna plans to go to CFMS Meeting in Visalia in November. Michele may go also. Expenditure of \$30 approved for Michele's dinner.

Field Trips- Next trip planned for Nipomo Show and beyond per Kevin.

Show Chair -Presented new booth for outside at cost of \$800 to the Club. Questions answered and Cal told Jo Anna to see if she could go ahead and book him. Show meeting is scheduled to be Aug 16 at the Ritchey home. Kevin offered to get Geodes needed in Quartzite. Jo Anna stated she was not going to Quartzite in 2016.

Board meeting - Next Board Meeting September 3, 2015, 6:30-7PM setup; meeting 7 to 8:30 PM Location: Hastings Ranch Public Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 744-7262: Map <http://tinyurl.com/q3xv8m4>

Motion to Adjourn: _____ Second: _____ Time of Adjournment: 8:30pm.

AUGUST 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 2015 MOROK Regular Meeting Minutes

7:07PM Call to Order & Pledge

President Cal Matthews welcomed the members . He announced the Rock Raffle .

Fellowship: Linda Doran gave the list of birthdays for the month of August.

1. Guests: Chris & Eli Strother, Lori Kule (sp?)

2. No one knew of anyone in the hospital. However a card was passed for signatures wishing Ray Ritchey well.

VP Michele reported that next month's meeting is the Abalone King. She also had the signup list for the MAFA event next month. Response was good but some more shifts need to be filled yet. Shifts are only 2 or 3 hrs long.

Previous Business:

1. Budget- Cal presented the 2015-16 budget to the membership again. There were a few questions including why there would not be vendor booths outside the building this year. There was discussion regarding the proposal by Jo Anna Ritchey for a new booth outside to saw geodes. The booth would cost \$600 plus \$200 for 2 saw blades that the club would own after the show. Jo Anna was not present to discuss it so it was tabled. The members voted for the proposed budget with 1 opposing vote by Denise Davis. The new booth was not included in the budget that was approved by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Rock Raffle Winner: Frankie Greenham won a banded agate.

The speaker was Mark Nelson CFMS Safety Chair who gave a basic safety presentation and demonstration as well. Much thanks to Mark for the presentation as well as graciously tolerating a 1 hour meeting beforehand.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

The Program for September will feature Abalone King Lou Hernandez. Lou and his wife Sandy are vendors at our shows. I

In addition to Abalone, their booth has some pretty amazing rocks and jewelry from their workshop in Joshua Tree CA. A short biography relates that Lou began to learn the art of lapidary at age 20, and he began to teach as well. Lou will be bringing an assortment of specimens and jewelry to our meeting.



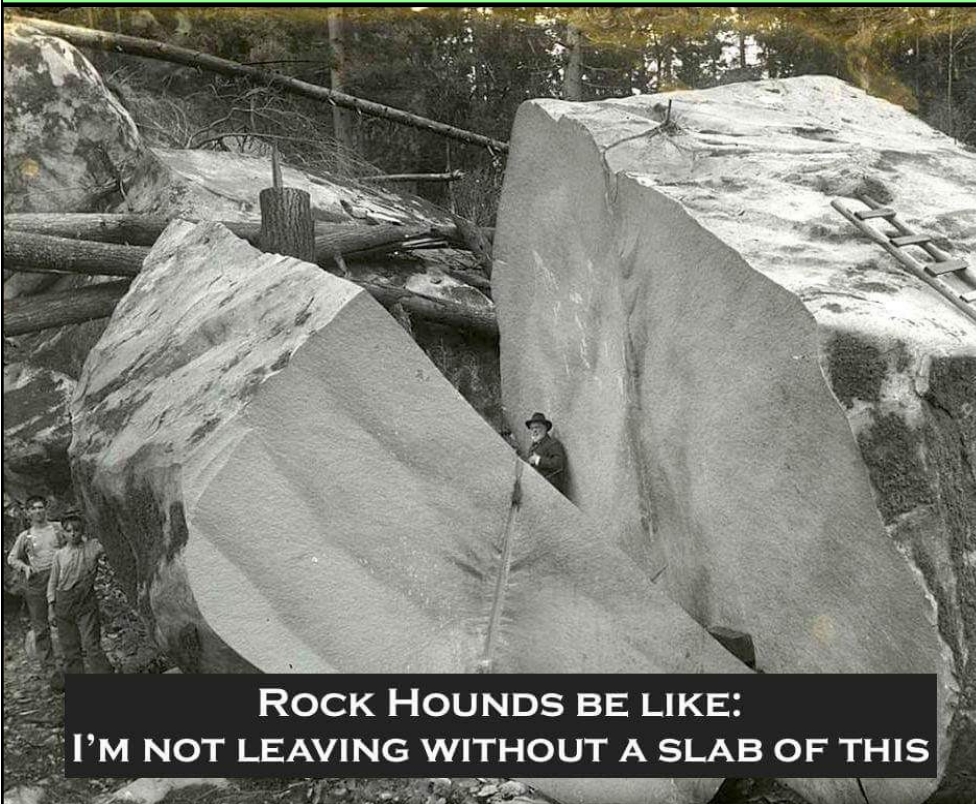
Above Left: Pendant from Abalone King Etsy website.

Above Right: Cow Balone— an artist’s use of abalone.

(Photos courtesy of Lou & Sandy Hernandez)

Donations/Sales

If you wish to make a donation to the Club or hear about a sale of rocks, tools or equipment please contact President Cal Matthews at 626-798-7481 or VP Michele Silcock at 626-260-1132 regarding any and all donations or sales. They will arrange for pickup or in the case of a sale they will inform the members of your event. Remember, one man’s junk may be another man’s treasure.



**ROCK HOUNDS BE LIKE:
I’M NOT LEAVING WITHOUT A SLAB OF THIS**

DELVERS SHOW in DOWNEY

Speaking of shows, did you know that MOROKS longtime friend Nancy Bird has become an entrepreneur? Besides being a member of multiple clubs and being very active in CFMS, she will have her own booth at the Delvers GMS show this month. Nancy said: “I will also be a vendor here with my friends in a huge Black & Grey RV and I’ll have a sign up that says “NancyRocks.” If you attend the show, please stop by and say hi to her. Nancy has helped out at our annual shows thru the years so let’s show her some support on her newest endeavor.

September 10th-13th Greenhorn Mountains Field Trip

This Trip is to be a weekend field trip, but I know that many can only do a Day Trip. Thursday-Friday will be the "Drive to the Campsite and Set Up" day. Friday morning, we will head out to the Rose Quartz at about 9am to 10am. Friday late afternoon, we will head out for the Epidote and Garnet source. There will be some hiking up hill on this Trip, but mostly on dirt forest roads. As it gets dark we will collect Scheelite/Tungsten. If you have a short wave ultraviolet light bring it. I have one, but it would be great if others brought theirs. Saturday morning, we will head out to the Rose Quartz at about 9am to 10am. This is to accommodate those driving up that morning. It should take about 3.5 to 4 hours to drive to the Campsite from Ventura, so get up early and drive safe. Friday, Saturday those who have been there before will leave earlier for the Rose Quartz. Sunday morning, we will be packing up and going home, some will still go to the Rose Quartz again and will start early, about 9am, as we need to pack up and head for home that afternoon. There will be a potluck Saturday evening.

Information: The campsite is a Dry Site. No Water, No Hook-ups. If you are camping over, you will need to bring water for drinking and cleaning. I recommend filling a five-gallon water cooler jug with your tap water and bottled water for the Hiking and stuff. This is a Pack In/Pack Out trip. We are responsible for our own trash and we need to set an example as Rock Hounds. Fire permits will be required. I have one. You can get them free <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit/> or in Bakersfield on the way up to the campsite. Campfire Permit BLM office in Bakersfield at: 3801 Pegasus Drive. They will be open from 7:30 am - 4:15 pm on Friday. Telephone: 661-391-6000 and Kernville Office at 105 Whitney Road Kernville, Telephone: 760-376-3781. **You can only use propane stove, grills, no wood fire rings.**

Online: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sequoia/passages-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev3_059516

Directions: Frog Meadow Camp, 13 miles north of Greenhorn Mountain County Park off Highway 155 in the Sequoia National Forest. N35 52.23.10' W118 34.44.12' Look for my CGMC posts.

What to Bring: bug spray, warm clothes for the cool nights, light clothes for the sunny afternoons, hiking shoes, sunscreen, large brim hat, shovel, rock hammer or pick, gad or chisel, sledges, collecting bags, buckets, day pack, eye protection, sturdy shoes, drinking water, trash bags and the usual stuff you bring when you camp. Food for the potluck. Flash Lights.

What to find: Rose Quartz, a semi-translucent quartz colored pink to lavender by small amounts of Titanium atoms. This variety of rose is reported to have an asterism or six-ray star when polished properly. The quartz is in the cliff face that you will be walking down. You will need to bring heavy sledges & chisels to break away large pieces of quartz although there is lots of small stuff. The quartz is somewhat fractured but well healed. There are lots of small gemmy pieces down the hillside. GPS=35d 51m 22s North, 118d 31m 46s West, Elevation 7244' (http://www.caltelephone.com/lamps/rose_quartz.htm)



Rose Quartz

Epidote

Grossular Garnet

Tungsten

Epidote, a Yellowish green to Brownish green to Black crystal that is long and transparent to translucent The crystals are shaped like Slender Prisms (e.g. tourmaline)

Garnet, of the Grossular variety. These well-formed crystals, are Brown to Orange in color and transparent to sub- translucent.

Tungsten Ore, of the Scheelite variety. A fluorescence mineral has been found in many of the mountains and road-cuts. We will venture out for this collecting after dark, as the use of a Black light is vital.

E-mail for maps: Robert Sankovich rmsorca@roadrunner.com (805) 494-7734 Chuck Borchart, borchartcmc@gmail.com (805) 551-9946. **Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip, weather changes. If we don't know your going on the field trip, we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is canceled. Even if you might not go, still contact us for the information and maps. Don't wait until the day before, sometimes we leave days before the field trip and we won't be able to reply to you.**

From: Mark Nelson : Ladies and Gentlemen, I contacted CFMS Public Lands expert, John Martin regarding the Forest Service permit issue. He said that, because of recent policy decisions, the USFS does not require permits for recreational rock collecting. Permits for non-recreational activity (mining) are not being issued at this time. Hence, our casual collecting will not require a permit.

Rob Sankovich is leading the Conejo-Ventura-Oxnard clubs on a field trip to the area in September. He has contacted the owner of the rose quartz mine and has obtained permission for his group to access the mine for rock collecting. Be sure to fill any new holes.

Rob has also extended an invitation for our club members to join him and his group that weekend. The Pasadena club is opting to join the Conejo-Ventura-Oxnard trip on September 10th - 13th. Our field trip leader, Joe Goetz, has named Philip Lahr to coordinate the questions from club members who have not been there and want to know what to expect. His contact info is: **Philip Lahr**

plkslahr@att.net 818-926-3163

2015 MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Expanded and current information for these collecting opportunities will be published in the Bulletin for the particular month. As always, you should to contact the field trip leader ahead of time because: 1. Sometimes field trips are canceled or changed for various reasons including inclement weather or areas being closed. 2. If we don't know you are coming we won't wait for you and you may not find out the planned camp site was moved until too late. Distributed to the representatives of the Delvers – Long Beach – North Orange County – Pasadena – Whittier – Searchers Gem - Monrovia Rockhounds Mineral and Lapidary Clubs For up-to-date information on these field trips and how to join the trip please see Kevin Doran, our club's field trip leader or call Joe Goetz at (626)-622-9420.

SEPT 10-13 GREENHORN MOUNTAINS - Kernville Rose Quartz, Epidote, Garnet . **This is a NEW Date!**

OCT 10-11: SEARLES LAKE SHOW & field trips: Pink halite crystals & borax minerals.

NOV 7-8: WHITTIER CLAIM AREA - Barstow for honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root.

NOV 27-29: THANKSGIVING TRIP - Owens Valley or Afton Canyon.

DEC 12: SALTON SEA - YUHA Fossil Beds, Tour Geothermal Power Plant, Mud Volcano Field.

JAN 24-25: QUARTZSITE ARIZONA

Education News

Boy Scout Pack 361 from West Covina came to Janie Duncan's home and Museum and earned their WEBELOS Geology pin on Saturday August 12th. The requirements have changed with a new book out this year so the curriculum has changed. 13 boys attended with 6 parents supervising.

August 23rd.

Cub Scout Pack 66 will come to do the same class at 12:30pm. You will hear an educational Rock Talk, tour the Good Old Days Museum and do the paperwork requirements and get rocks to identify and take home! If there are any youth out there who wish to come to the free class just RSVP Janie Duncan 626 358 8157.

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Calcite on Amethyst - Antiguas, Uruguay
Photo by Jeff Scovil©

Monrovia Association of Fine Arts- CLUB BOOTH INFO

Monrovia Rockhounds need your help this year at our Booth for the Fine Arts Festival. The Festival is September 26th & 27th, 2015. Please support your club by signing up for shifts to work the booth. We also need help setting up on Saturday & breaking down the booth on Sunday afternoon. Please call Michele Silcock with the times you will be available. 626-260-1132. Shifts are no more than 3 hours.

Some of the fun planned in the Park will feature the **first ever ChalkFest, quality entertainment, a book sale in the Library, a new car display**, and a nice **food court** featuring local restaurants. This is in addition to the artist displays. By working at the Club Booth you will enjoy all of this. The Festival is 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. both days.

MAFA Apparel

We ask that if you have a MOROK Vest, T Shirt or Badge that you please wear one if you are working the MAFA booth in September.

If you need a T shirt, please see Linda Doran at the September Meeting. There are a few available in limited sizes. Linda also has MOROK pins for sale. If you need a badge, please contact Denise Davis at 626-294-9043.

MOROKS Annual Show March 2016

We need every one of our club members to participate in this show. Right now you can work on Raffle prizes and start forwarding your donations to Michele Silcock. We ask that the prizes have a value of at least \$15-\$20 and are new items or specimens of value. Your items need to be clean also. We only have 6 months to get ready for the show at the Arboretum. Please make sure that Michele gets your donations at least 2 weeks before the raffle as she has to log and mark all of them. That is approximately February 21st, 2016. She plans to identify each donor and prize in the case.

We usually start selling tickets for the show at our January meeting. We hope to have a Grand Prize this year for our Raffle. We need your help in selling tickets to your friends and families as well.

At the time of the show we need your help at the show. If you live far away and still want to donate something, please email Michele Silcock at mamaworm1196@gmail.com or call her at the number on Page 2. She will arrange for pickup if you cannot get them to her. Tickets will be available by mail starting in January. More info to follow.

Bench Tips by Brad Smith



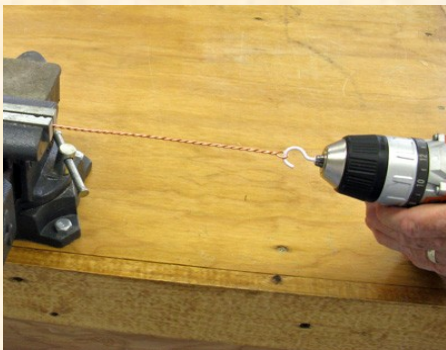
TWISTING WIRE

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun.

Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.

Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.



More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at Facebook.com/BenchTips or at groups.yahoo.com/group/ Get all of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon.com

SEPTEMBER SHOWS

September 19 - 20: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5 daily. John Scott, (530) 343-3491
Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 19 - 20: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society, Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue. Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Carol Corden
Email: cordencarol@yahoo.com
Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge
11233 Woodruff Avenue, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
Contact: Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551
Email: nancybird@verizon.net

September 26 - 27: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club Lodi Grape Festival
Grounds 413 East Lockford St. Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411
Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 26 - 27: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net

September 26 - 27: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Rd Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Jolene, (707) 528-7610,
Email: jolene@srmgs.org

September 30 - October 4: YUCCA VALLEY, CA

Hi-Desert Rockhounds, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree-
Hours: 9 - 6 daily Contact: Judy Thompson, (760) 902-5340. Email: rogerthompson@mac.com
Website: www.itsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

Consult <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>
For more show information.

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**September 7th-
Get some R&R**



**September 17, 2015
Program Meeting-
Abalone King**



**September
26th & 27th**



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