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## Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society

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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly fieldtrips. We co-operate with other clubs to encourage others to participate in our activity.

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

**Meeting held:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)  
**Dues:** \$15.00 per adult; \$2.00 per junior member (age 12 to 18 years)

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**Classes:** Silversmithing & Casting: Nancy Bogart, Albert Rubio & Jean Smith  
Lapidary, Opal & Wirewrap: Kay Hara, Dan Gealy, Brett Johnson & Don Minster  
Location: Durley Park, 950 West Hill Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

**Editor:** All members are encouraged to offer an article of interest or any suggestions as to what their interests are and what they'd like to see in the Rock Bag. Remember it is your bulletin! Articles can be submitted by an e-mail attachment or in writing by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Thanks, Editor

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## The Prez Sez...

It has been a crazy couple of months with lots of ups and downs. But, I will survive! With ideas going strong, and new programs to develop, there is a lot to learn. I haven't had any pebble pubs yet, but a little birdie told me that at least two will be there to help make crystal structures out of regular house hold items. This is my last Rockbag for the year...(I think anyway), and I would like to say thank you to everyone for your help.

Can't wait to see your loot at the auction. Your Prez, Louisa May

## APRIL PROGRAM

On April 6th, We will have our Member Sponsored Silent Auction. This is open to everyone interested in getting something new to add to their collection and an opportunity for anyone wanting to get rid of some things from their collections.

Everyone is requested to bring at least three items from their collections to donate to the Auction. We would like to see those extra minerals, spare cabochons, miscellaneous jewelry, assorted tools, various nonessential fossils, additional rough stones to be worked, surplus slabs ready for cabbing, and all other gems of plenty.

The General Meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on April 6th. After some brief announcements and guest greetings, the Auction will start at 7:45pm. Refreshments will be available all evening.

This will be fun for all ages and a great way to start a collection for your junior rockhounds. Bring the kids and show them all about this exciting hobby.

So, bring as many of your donations as you can carry and do not forget plenty of cash (small bills, please), because you never know what might be on the Auction tables that you can not live without.

**Brett VP-OGMS**

***Don't forget to visit our neighbors***

**Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Annual Show April 16-17**

### **NEWBURY PARK, CA**

Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reno Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4:30  
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>



**So many good things so little time!**

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**Afton Canyon & Basin Road  
San Bernardino, CA**

Tri-club fieldtrip  
April 9 & 10, 2011

- Fieldtrip:** This is a two day fieldtrip but you can attend either Saturday, Sunday or both days. We will be collecting rocks and camping in the Afton Campgrounds on Saturday, April 9. On Sunday, April 10, we will proceed to Basin Road for rockhounding. Afton Canyon offers a variety of spectacular scenery and can be reached with regular vehicles. If you are interested in the scenic views of Afton Canyon and some pictures of rocks found there, Google Afton Canyon images. This is a dry camping site with pit toilets, fire rings and tables. In Afton Canyon we will be looking for lace, banded, moss, flame agate; sagenite; various jaspers & chalcedony. For the Sunday trip into Basin Road you will need a four wheel drive vehicle. I would appreciate advanced notice from rockhounds with 4wd vehicles so car pooling will be possible for the trip into Basin Road. In Basin Road area you can find various materials such as; seam agates, jaspers, nodules, sagenite, travertine, fluorite and various crystals. If we have enough adventuresome people with four wheel drive vehicles we could try the back road to Basin Road. Any takers?
- Directions:** From Barstow proceed east on highway 15 towards Baker. Take the Afton Road off ramp, exit 221 turn right, south and proceed south 4.4 miles to the Afton Canyon Campgrounds. Pick a site if you are staying for the night. Jean and I will be in the campgrounds on Friday afternoon for those interested in an early start on the week end. I will try to find some fire wood so we can have a campfire.  
I have a white Ford 150 pick-up with a shell; note I have a rockhound sticker in the back window. Note; we have the large 16' Terry trailer.
- Meeting:** On Saturday we will meet at 9:00 am. and walk to the collecting site. From the campgrounds you just walk under the bridge and you are there. I will return to the campgrounds at 10:00 am. to pick up those driving up from Venture. On Sunday we will depart at 9:00am. for Basin Road. Please check with me before Friday April 8 so you know which route we will take to Basin Road.
- Tools:** Bring your regular rockhounding equipment plus a chisel, gad and hammer. You will need a bucket or pack to carry back your finds:  
Do not forget hat, sunscreen, water and lunch.  
Bring a variety of clothing for everything between sunny and hot too windy and cold weather.

Ron Wise

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## CFMS Field Trip– April 23rd/24th 2011 Sat/Sun. 9am.

### Kingston Mountains in the Kingston Range, CA

CFMS Co Chair south field trips

Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734 [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)

Adam Dean 909-489-4899 [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)

It is important to let us know if you are going or think you might be going. The weather can change and if the field trip is canceled we won't be able to notify you. It is important that you get the map for this field trip. Some roads might not have signs. With the map and the directions you should be able to find the site. There is also GPS coordinates. Please let us know at least 1 week prior to the field trip.

**Field trip:** Our April field trip will be to the Kingston Mountains in the Kingston Range. Come out for a fun weekend of digging for, clear and milky quartz crystals, and possibly amethyst crystals, the weather should be nice, warm during the day, but cool at night. The main road to the collecting area is well graded. The drive, from camp to the site area, 4-wheel drive is recommended. The site enters the Kingston Range Wilderness Area and no vehicles are allowed to precede any farther you will need to walk. The hike is not bad, and there is plenty to be found along the way to the primary collecting spot. The best material is up higher up and is moderate to hard hike.

**GPS:** N 35 46 29.47 W 115 54 41.23

**When:** April 23rd/24th 2011, Sat, 9am-3pm. Sun 9am-noon. Deb and I will be camping Friday 22nd to Sunday the 24th. I will be there late afternoon/evening Friday.

**Directions:** 15 freeway North, to the town of Baker, from Baker 15 freeway drive north 26 miles more to Cima Road turnoff. Turn left, north. Drive .05 miles to Excelsior Rd/Kingston Rd continue North 34.5 miles. About halfway the Excelsior Rd/Kingston Rd will slowly curve going West. Continue West on Smith Talc Rd 4.7 miles, Continue West Mesquite Valley Rd. 1.3 miles, There will be a fork in the road, go left West on Western Talc Rd 2 miles. Don't go on Furnace Creek Rd. From the 15 freeway to the site it is about 43 miles. I will have a map for reference, use my directions and the map. Some roads might not have signs.  
You should be able to see our tent, which is white and blue. Look for my White Ford F-250 Crew Cab. There will be a CFMS sign in the window. We will also have hand held radio's/walkie talkies on channel 7 (287 miles from Thousand Oaks to site, 5.5 hours drive time) It can be real windy.

**Tools:** Rock pick/hammer, gad pry bar, chisels, hand sledge, heavy sledge, sifter, large pry bar, shovel, garden rake, hand trowel, pick, eye protection, gloves, collecting bags, buckets, wide brimmed hat, suntan lotion, There is no shade morning, afternoon, and it can be hot, but it will probably be cool, so dress accordingly, layers. I would recommend a daypack, to put your tools in. Lots of water, lunch, food, camping gear.

**Material to Collect:** Clear and milky quartz crystals, and possibly amethyst crystals, The best collecting is accomplished by carefully examining the boulders and rock at the base of the mountains, but single crystals can be found just about anywhere from the main road all the way to the

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foothills, especially in the washes. Inspect any boulders you encounter for cavities or seams. You will need hammers, sledges, safety glasses, gloves to split the tough host rock. Turning the soft sand in the wash with a garden rake or hand trowel will also sometimes expose buried crystals. There are veins throughout the mountains at the head of the wash, at one time there was an amethyst claim there. Be patient and willing to do some work, and you should return with many fine specimens.

**Points of interest:** The wilderness is botanically one of the most diverse areas within the California Desert. Botanists have identified 505 native plant species and 32 are viewed as endangered, rare, or limited in distribution. Cresote bush scrub vegetation is found at lower elevations and juniper-pinyon woodland at higher elevations. The only stand of giant *Nolina* in the eastern Mojave Desert is found in Kingston Range, and a relic stand of white fir trees clings (one of only three stands found in the California Desert) to the slopes of two drainage's just below Kingston Peak. Also located in the wilderness is a portion of the Shadow Valley-Cima Dome Joshua tree forest (one of the densest concentrations in the world). The vegetation and perennial water support a variety of wildlife species, which do not occur in nearby drier habitats. Bird densities are many times higher and contain higher species diversity. The Kingston Mountains are one of the four localities in California in which confirmed sightings of the banded gila monster have been made. Other wildlife species include bighorn sheep, wild burros, coyote, black-tailed jackrabbits, ground squirrels, kangaroo rats, roadrunners, quail, rattlesnakes, tarantulas, and several species of lizards. The southeastern portion of the wilderness provides critical habitat for the threatened desert tortoise.

**Map:** E-mail us and we will send you the map to the Kingston Range

**Also:**

**CFMS Field Trips Dates set:**

**April** 23rd/24th Sat/Sun 9am. Kingston Range- (amethyst, pyrite, sphalerite)

**May**-28th Sat 9am Calico (agate)

**Tentative:**

**June**-Cadys (agate)

**July**-Greenhorn Mtns (rose quartz, epidote, tungsten ore sheelite)

**Aug**-Oceanview (Tourmaline)

**Sept**-Jade Cove (nephrite jade, serpentine, actinolite, abalone shells)

**Oct**-Lavic (agate)

**Nov**-Wiley's Well

**Dec**-open

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2011  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.  
**Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as written.  
**Hospitality:** There were 25 members and 6 guests present. The guests were: Mary Meeker, Kitty Merrill, Tina Holme, Adrian Ruiz, Krista Thomas, and Sam Thomas.  
**Treasurer:** We are solvent.  
**Membership:** We have 48 paid members. Don't forget to pay your dues.

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- Correspondence:** Show notices and ads were put out on the table.
- Pebble Pups:** Programs are being co-ordinated for the Pebble Pups.
- Ways and Means:** The guests were given gifts.
- New Business:** The new machines for the lab are to be delivered soon. They are to be delivered between the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. The machines were purchased for \$200 under what was budgeted for them.  
The Ventura show is this weekend. Signup for the Petrified-Wood Identification Seminar.
- Old Business:** Measure O money was discussed. A group needs to be formed to approach the city council. The lab cannot be moved this year. The wirewrap room will be cleaned out. The police beat-commander needs to be talked to about his schedule. Brett finally got the key he has been patiently waiting for.
- Program:** Tonight's program was a LuNeal Silent Auction. The video program was "Faces of Earth".
- Officer Reports:** 1stVP- The next program will be a member sponsored silent auction. Bring Money.....  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP- The show posters are ready.  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.
- Federation:** The Federation show in 2013 will be at the Ventura Fairgrounds. It will be sponsored by the Oxnard, Ventura, and Conejo clubs. An idea for the theme is needed, as well as volunteers. Info is avail. on the classes at ZZYZX and Camp Paradise. The annual Federation show in May at Anderson was discussed.
- Editor:** Submit articles. Send them to Louisa or the website.
- Education:** A Diamond-Dan signup was discussed. A motion was passed for \$100.
- Classes:** Classes are doing well.
- Refreshments:** Donna and Louisa volunteered for the April refreshments.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.

Lee Leighton,  
Recording Secretary

### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2011 BOARD MEETING

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- Membership:** We have 54 paid members and two juniors. Don't forget to pay your 2011 dues this month. A motion was passed to approve four new members. The new members are Samuel & Krista Thomas, Tina Holme, and Adrian Ruiz. Welcome!
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills. The bank switch is proceeding nicely. The website is paid for 3 years.
- Correspondence:** Routine correspondence was discussed.
- New Business:** Job descriptions are needed for each Officer's position.  
Delegation of officer duties was discussed.  
Brett knows where we can get nice free petrified wood for the show. All we have to do is go pick it up.

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- Old Business:** The show fliers are done.  
The Ventura show was last weekend.
- Officer Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP- Stephen Wolfe, petrified wood dealer, would be a good dealer to have at our show. He would need appx. 30 ft. of space. Perhaps he could go into the lobby.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP- The show budget was discussed.  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP- See Rock Bag for field trips.
- Federation:** ZZYZX Mar 27-Apr 3. Apps are available. May 13-15 is the Federation Show at Anderson. Camp Paradise- Sept 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets are available.
- Editor:** Submit articles.
- Education:** Donna Knapton is no longer the Education Officer. The Board discussed finding another person to fill the position.
- Displays:** The budget for the Display Chairman was discussed.
- Classes:** All classes are going well. We need to know the Oxnard Beat person Jeff Long. Raymond Arcero is the Adult Soccer Co-ordinator for Oxnard City. Night soccer is not allowed. We need to work Senior participation into our programs. The wirewrap room needs work. The vent over the lab is not secured. A Youth Education class was suggested by Diane. Ideas and locations were discussed. DVD programs were discussed.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M. by Pres. Louisa Carey.  
Rec. Sec. Lee Leighton

## **Membership:**

**Thank you everyone who got their dues in on time!  
Look for your friends on the roster and get together  
for a fieldtrip or head out to a local show.**

## **CFMS**

The **Earth Science Studies Workshop at Camp Paradise**, up in the north country, offers two sessions this fall: **September 4-10** and **September 11-17**. (**Please note:** These dates have moved up a day from what was originally advertised.) Classes include faceting, ming trees, lapidary, soft-stone carving, silversmithing, lost wax and silver casting, wire art, copper enameling, lampwork bead making, beading, PMC3 clay and dichroic glass. An application form is available on the CFMS website, [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org), plus we'll have the forms on our take-one table at our monthly club meetings. At \$350 per person per week (which includes rustic housing and food in addition to the classes), this is a real bargain. And if you're really, really lucky, you can go for just \$5! CFMS is raffling off a spot for a week at Camp Paradise. The raffle will be held during the CFMS Show in May. If you'd like to buy one of the \$5 raffle tickets (or get 5 tickets for \$20), contact:

*Jim Brace-Thompson*

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### Measure "O" Update:

Kay and I met with Richard Arias, Oxnard Park & Rec Supervisor, using Measure "O" as a means to talk about obtaining a better classroom situation. We discussed what we need to do to be successful in applying for Measure "O" money. To be successful we would need the support of other groups. Richard gave us valuable contact information for individuals/groups. It is suggested it would help us, if we could expand class enrollment of seniors and youths.

The Park and Rec department plans to use Measure "O" money to expand the Durlly Park building the classes are in - to create more bathrooms and renovate the Snack Bar. Snack Bars in Ventura County need to meet restaurant level Health Codes to serve hot food.

Richard doesn't believe it would be possible to move the classes within the next year. Currently, the only building available large enough to meet our classroom needs is the storage building for the Cowboy Training Camp. The Cowboys bring in a lot of revenue for the City. We would only be able to use the building if we remove all the equipment each summer. This does not appear to be a good fit for us.

An immediate result of the meeting is action will be taken to clear out the items stored in the wire wrap room and repairs will be done to the interior roofline of the room. Afterwards, we would have more wire wrap space and can decide what to do to make the room welcoming to students.

Overall, it was a very usefully meeting that gave us direction on what we could do to help our class program immediately and for the future.

**Stephanie Hagiwara**



### **May 13-15 - ANDERSON, CA**

#### **CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION, "Northern California Treasures"**

Hosted by:

Superior California Gem & Mineral Society

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club

Shasta District Fairgrounds - Anderson, CA

Briggs Street (8 miles south of Redding)

Exit 677 off Interstate 5 to Highway 273; 2.5 miles to Fairgrounds

Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4

Show Chairman: Steve Puderbough - [steve@applyaline.com](mailto:steve@applyaline.com)

Website: [www.superiorcal.com](http://www.superiorcal.com) **Forms are on this site** Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

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### April 2-3 - LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 - 32nd Street West  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Rod Skillings (661)400-5198  
Email: [rodneyskillings@ymail.com](mailto:rodneyskillings@ymail.com)  
Email: [av\\_gem@yahoo.com](mailto:av_gem@yahoo.com)

### April 2-3 - LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem and Mineral Society  
Trinity Hall  
470 Champion Street  
Hours: 10-6 daily  
Judy Pereira (559) 924-4052

### April 8-10 - VISTA, CA

San Diego County Council of Gem & Mineral Societies  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Ray Pearce (769) 726-7570  
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987  
Simon King (619) 991-2226  
Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

### April 9-10 - MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society  
Mariposa Co. Fairgrounds  
Fairgrounds Road  
Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of Mariposa  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Diane (209) 742-7625  
Email: [mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

### April 9-10, PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
Elks Lodge  
6309 Clark Road  
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4  
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
Email: [mmpeg@earthlink.net](mailto:mmpeg@earthlink.net)  
Website: [www.paradisegem.org](http://www.paradisegem.org)

### April 15-17 - 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](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

### April 16-17 - NEWBURY PARK, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Road  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net)  
Website: <http://www.cgamc.org>

### April 23-24 - SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Corner of Church and Center St  
Hours: 10-5 daily  
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675  
Email: [wdeanwelder@yahoo.com](mailto:wdeanwelder@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.scmgs.org](http://www.scmgs.org)

### April 30 - May 1 - ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4:30  
Beth Pelfrey (714) 774-2754  
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Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

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### May 6-8 - BISHOP, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society  
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)  
Corner of Sierra Street & Fair Drive  
Hours: Fri. 6pm-10; Sat. 9:30-4; Sun.10-3  
Francee Graham (760) 876-4319  
Email: [franceem@quet.com](mailto:franceem@quet.com)

### May 7-8 - RENO, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall  
1350 N. Wells Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4  
Ann Johnson (775)544-4937  
Email: [ann.johnson.e@gmail.com](mailto:ann.johnson.e@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

## “Rock and Equipment Sale”

**April 2nd & 3rd, 2011**  
**and**  
**April 9th & 10th 2011**

Location: 6265 Altura Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214

8:00am. to 4:00pm.

Agates, jaspers, obsidian, turquoise, **petrified wood slabs and (logs .75 cents a lb.)**, numerous slabs and rough, pink limb casts, shells, drop saw, slab saws, trim saws, diamond laps/discs, tumblers galore, drill presses, vibrating laps (Rose and others), vertical disc sander for polishing geodes or rough, small kiln, expandable drum sanding units, grit and much more!

.25 -.75 cents a lb. on rough material. Some will be sold by the milk crate as a lot. Bring plenty of 5 gallon buckets or containers.

\*\*\*Any large equipment to be picked up after 3pm on Sunday.

Cash preferred

Hope you can make it.

Directions: 210 frwy. going west, exit on Lowell Ave., turn North on to Lowell Ave. and then left on Altura Ave.

\* Event will be postponed if it is raining. Call 714-904-2181 to check if rained out.



Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Oroville, CA is pleased to announce the

### Third Annual World Rock Tumbling Championship



2010 Winning stones

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST YEAR'S WINNERS!**

First place \$250 prize - Jim Miller of Bothell, WA;  
 Second place \$100 prize - Tom Kula of Beacon Falls, CT  
 Third Place \$50 prize - Susan Ogebay of Ephrata, WA.

[www.oroillerocks.com](http://www.oroillerocks.com)

It's time to challenge the champions! The Third Annual Rock Tumbling contest is open to everyone, any age, worldwide, who enjoys tumbling rocks and wants a shot at being the best in the world. Here's how:

- Send in a completed application (below) with a \$40.00 entry fee postmarked no later than May 6, 2011.
- Nevada Royal Jasper mine owner, Randy Messer, has agreed to provide the contest material this year. Each contestant will receive almost 4 pounds of rough sent USPS Priority Mail by the end of May.
- Contestants will have over three months to tumble the rock in a rotary or vibratory tumbler and mail a half-pound (1/2 lb) of the best pieces for judging. The entries must be received no later than September 23, 2011.
- Steve Hart, author of Modern Rock Tumbling, will evaluate each entry on the basis of smoothness, shape, shine and overall appeal. He will select the top five entries to be displayed at the FRLMS Rock and Gem Show held in Oroville, California the first week-end of October.
- Everyone attending the Rock and Gem show will examine the top five entries and cast a ballot for their favorite. The top three popular vote winners will be announced following the show.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$250.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$100  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50

**Note to Rock and Gem clubs:** Get your club noticed! Consider sponsoring a contestant from your club. This year we will include club affiliation when announcing the name of the winners! Also, this is a wonderful opportunity for your junior members to learn more about tumbling and competition.

*(FRLMS is actively seeking a source of tumbling rough for the 2012 contest. Please contact the club at the address below or through the website [www.oroillerocks.com](http://www.oroillerocks.com) with suggestions.)*

2011 Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

USPS Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail applications with a check or money order by May 6<sup>th</sup> to  
**FRLMS Contest Headquarters, PO Box 2545, Oroville CA 95965**