



Nuggets From The Prez

The year is whizzing by and it is July already. Not sure we really had much of a spring before it got red hot. And with that, happy birthday to the July folks and your red ruby birthstone!

The Club's July Picnic is again at Pioneer Park in Nevada City, picnic details below, and I think the plan is to also have everyone bring a rock to show off – maybe something you found on a special trip?

I'm going to hold off on the planned weekday July trip to Devil's Postpile on the Tahoe National Forest until late summer or fall (hoping we don't have a nasty fire season). There are lots of other trips planned with our club and co-ops – hopefully you are taking advantage.

I want to express my appreciation for this year's board and chairs ensuring we have programs, trips, newsletter, accounting and business continuity, on and on. All of this important to ensure we continue as a valuable program for the greater Nevada County and nearby areas. We have a lot of coming business that will need additional volunteer support. Critically, we need leadership for the Earth's Treasures show 1st weekend of October. Signup sheets went well at the June meeting, and we will be reaching out to see who can take on a little bit more to ensure the needs for each area are met. We still need an overall show chairperson – note, you will have lots of support and not have to do it all by yourself!

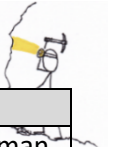
It is not too early to think about next year's board and stepping up to support as a board member or as a program lead. Relatedly, a panel to seek candidates is needed, let me know if you are interested. And I believe we are also required to audit finances annually; I'll be asking for volunteers at the September meeting for that effort.

And dare I say it, but Christmas is around the corner. We pulled off the party last-minute in 2023, but with a little better planning, it won't be as much of a rush job.

I'm not certain at this time if I'll make the picnic as I already have other outdoor plans, but if it is hot, I'll come to the picnic since it is a shady cool place next to Little Deer Creek!

I've said it before, and bears repeating -- Get out there, go on a field trip, enjoy summer, find some rocks, and **please volunteer to support your club!** -Blaze

NCGMS 2024 Field Trips *(please double-check before the trip to ensure it is still planned):*

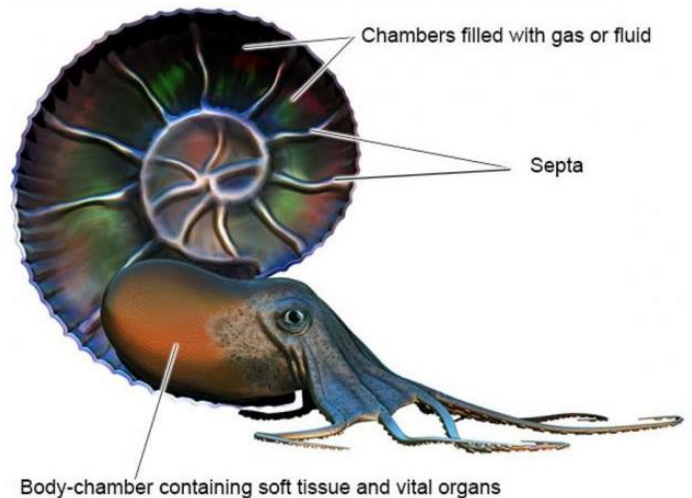


2024 Proposed Trips		HOST
June 27	Highway 20 Argillite	John Dolman
Jul 4-6	Crystal Peak – quartz, feldspar, chrysocolla	John Dolman
July 11	Devil's Postpile geology tour (Tahoe National Forest), possible gold panning	Blaze Baker
Jul 18-21	Davis Creek	John Dolman
Aug 30-31	Bagby	John Dolman
Sep 1-2	Bagby	
Oct 5-6	OUR GEM & MINERAL SHOW!!!	
Oct 11-14	Tuledad	John Dolman
Nov 28-30	Big X area or Dec 7/14/21/28 (weather replacement dates)	John Dolman
TBD	Do you have an idea for a field trip? Maybe you know a nice place for rocks and don't mind sharing with the club? Please contact us with your trip ideas!	varies

Fieldtrip Report – Tahoe National Forest for Ammonites (6/9/2024)

(Editor)

Fossils are rare in this area, but do exist. Our local Sailor Canyon Formation contains fossil ammonites, alive and doing mollusc things around 180 million years ago. Some of these fossils are a fantastic iridescent color, thanks to pyrite and chalcocopyrite.



I was stoked to go, but was cautiously aware it was unlikely I would be able to reach the fossil site. And sure enough, last winter's storms produced a new crop of downed trees, and the road is blocked near the very beginning. I carry a chainsaw, but if it was blocked that early, odds are the bad spots are really bad. Plus, it was a hot day.

I went looking for quartz crystals instead, and found one that was nice enough to satisfy. I made a final stop at a Martis occupation site to check out their scattered tools, noting a couple manos and various broken bits, just a nice meadow in the mountains. Such a great place we live!




Ammonites

June Board Meeting Minutes (6/4/2024)

The regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Vice President Lori Woodhall.

Present: Lori Woodhall, Edwina Swansen, Cathy Field, Mike Field, Eric Trygg and Sheila Baker

Others Present: John Dolman, Frank Van Hecke, and Charles Lindquist.

Absent: Blaze Baker 

Motion I: Edwina made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting. Eric seconded, the vote carried unanimously.

Lori gave an update on the club picnic scheduled for July 13, 2024, at 1 pm. The site at Pioneer Park has been secured. We only need to finalize the club's insurance for the event. Deposit of \$25 has been paid and the balance due of \$155 has been paid to the City as well. This will be a potluck event and the club will provide drinks. We will ask club members to bring rocks to swap. This is a BYO chair event, also.

Discussion of what to do with the storage unit at Amsel Way took place. Consensus was that we can consolidate some things, give others to Restore and move some items to the area at the Grange we currently have. We will ask Restore if they will pick up the pie case speakers and other miscellaneous. The unit is paid through June, however, it was felt we needed to go another month until the end of July to get this done. When Blaze returns from Alaska we will see what date he has in mind for this work party to get things done. Mike will give Amsel Way Storage a heads-up that we will probably be vacating the unit by the end of July, in case we need to "give notice."

Our junior program, which is in need of a leader, was discussed. Eric said there was a person "interested" in doing this but we do not know their name. It was noted that we are near the end of the school year, making it difficult to go to the schools at this time. We should pursue this in August with the schools.

Lori reported that the May tailgate show at the Banner Grange was a success for the vendors. The Grange also made \$340, which made them happy. We may do another tailgater at a later date.

Motion II: Sheila made a motion to send a donation of \$550 to the Underground Mining Museum. Cathie seconded, the vote carried unanimously.

We can give the check to Anita Wald-Tuttle to get to the museum.

Mike gave the treasurer's report.

Motion III: Edwina moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Eric seconded, the vote carried unanimously.

Frank talked about our show "Earth Treasures," and the fact that we do not need to do "skirting" for all the vendor booth; let them do their own thing. Admission will be \$5.00 and under 12 free, along with those who present military ID. Frank has the food vendors covered. He said there were 20 people for set up last year and 15 people for tear down. We need **more** folks to step up to help this year, making it easier on everyone. A signup sheet will be passed around at tonight's regular meeting along with a talk about folks stepping up to help. It is their club!

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You letter was received from Evan Vanderwouw, our scholarship winner who plans on attending CSU at Humboldt in Arcata majoring in forestry. (*Editor's note: Go Lumberjacks!*)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Discussion on Camp Paradise took place with it being noted that registration is online this year. Go to CFMS website to access it. Brief discussion about a scholarship for Camp Paradise and that it should be for a person going for the first time. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Baker, Secretary



June General Meeting Minutes (6/4/2024)

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Vice President Lori Woodhall.

Lori welcomed 4 guests and each was given a rock!

Lori updated the group on the fact that we are going to vacate one of our storage facilities, Amsel Way, by the end of July, 2024. We are doing this to consolidate our things and save money. There will be opportunities to help with this project.



We are looking for an interested party to take over the children's program, Pebble Puppies. See Lori if interested. The children are our future!

Lori reported that the May 18th tailgate show at the Banner Grange was a success and we might do another one in the future. We made \$340 for the Banner Grange and they were happy!



A Member's Rocks For Sale/Swap

Our Earth Treasurers show has been going for approximately 57-58 years. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet tonight to get things going. We need everyone to step up and not leave the work to the same few folks. It is your club!

Lori reported that our annual club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, at Pioneer Park (East side) in Nevada City. This is a potluck event and the club will provide drinks. BYO chairs. Also, bring rocks for our impromptu "rock swap".

John Dolman reported on several upcoming trips he has planned. See him for details!
They are:

6/8 with the Great Basin Gem & Mineral Club, Gaslight Rd in Nevada

6/15,16 to Markleville for Crystals and Rhyolite

6/22, 23 to Wellington for Nevada Lapis, pink, green and white

Raffle held, earning our club \$78.00.

A presentation was given by Jenn Ulatowski from New Era Gems. They started in 1970 and specialize in Tanzanite. They deal in many parts of the world including Africa, Thailand, Tanzania, and Bordeaux. She had many samples for our perusal. Very pretty stuff!

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.
 Respectfully submitted by Sheila Baker, Secretary

CFMS Updates & Shows (<https://www.cfmsinc.org/>)



2024 CFMS Shows

<p>June 1, 2024 – Roseville, CA Roseville Rock Rollers Rock Sale and Swap Tailgater 8pm – 4pm Carmichael Elks Lodge Parking Lot 5631 Cypress Avenue Carmichael, CA. 95608 Join the fun & have a nice day out with fellow rockhounds FREE ADMISSION, family friendly event, food & soft drinks for sale</p>	<p>June 8-9, 2024 – Escondido, CA Palomar Gem and Mineral Club California Center for the Arts – at the Conference Center, 340 North Escondido Blvd., Escondido Hours: Saturday 10AM – 5 PM, Sun 10AM – 4 PM Conference Center, 340 North Escondido Blvd., Escondido. Admission: \$5.00, Children under 12 Free Contact: 425. 281.6218, tonifloyd41615@gmail.com</p>
<p>August 3-4, 2024 – Roseville, CA Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society The Grounds Roseville, 700 Event Center Drive, Roseville Hours: Saturday 10AM – 5PM, Sunday 10AM – 4PM Over 70 vendors, inside/out, featuring: Crystals, Fossils, Minerals, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, plus Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID – bring your rocks for a no-cost Scientific Identification! Fun for Kids in “Education Station”, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings, many special exhibits. Demonstrations, Huge Rock Auctions. General admission \$10.00, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Tickets at the door, online, or grab a discount coupon on our website: www.rockrollers.com/</p>	<p>September 21-22, 2024 – Monterey, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey, CA Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days Rocks, minerals, fossils, vendors, gems, silent auction, beads, equipment, exhibits, kind’s stuff, and jewelry Contact: susieharlow@gmail.com Website: http://cvgms.rocks</p>
<p>October 12-13, 2024 – Redwood City, CA Peninsula Gem and Geology Society and Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM daily Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Jewelry, Beads, Demonstrations, Kid’s Activities Contact: cci@pacbell.net Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/sgms-gem-mineral-show.html</p>	<p>October 26-27, 2024 – Sacramento, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento Hours: Saturday 10AM – 5PM, Sun 10AM – 4PM 88th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. Free parking, \$8 adult admission, kids under 12 free with paid adult Contact: (916) 662-5819, gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org Website: www.sacgemshow.com</p>

October 5-6, 2024, Grass Valley, CA
Our Show!

Also, search online using phrases like “Oregon gem and mineral society shows”
 Other events, closer than the SoCal shows – and no state tax, show up.

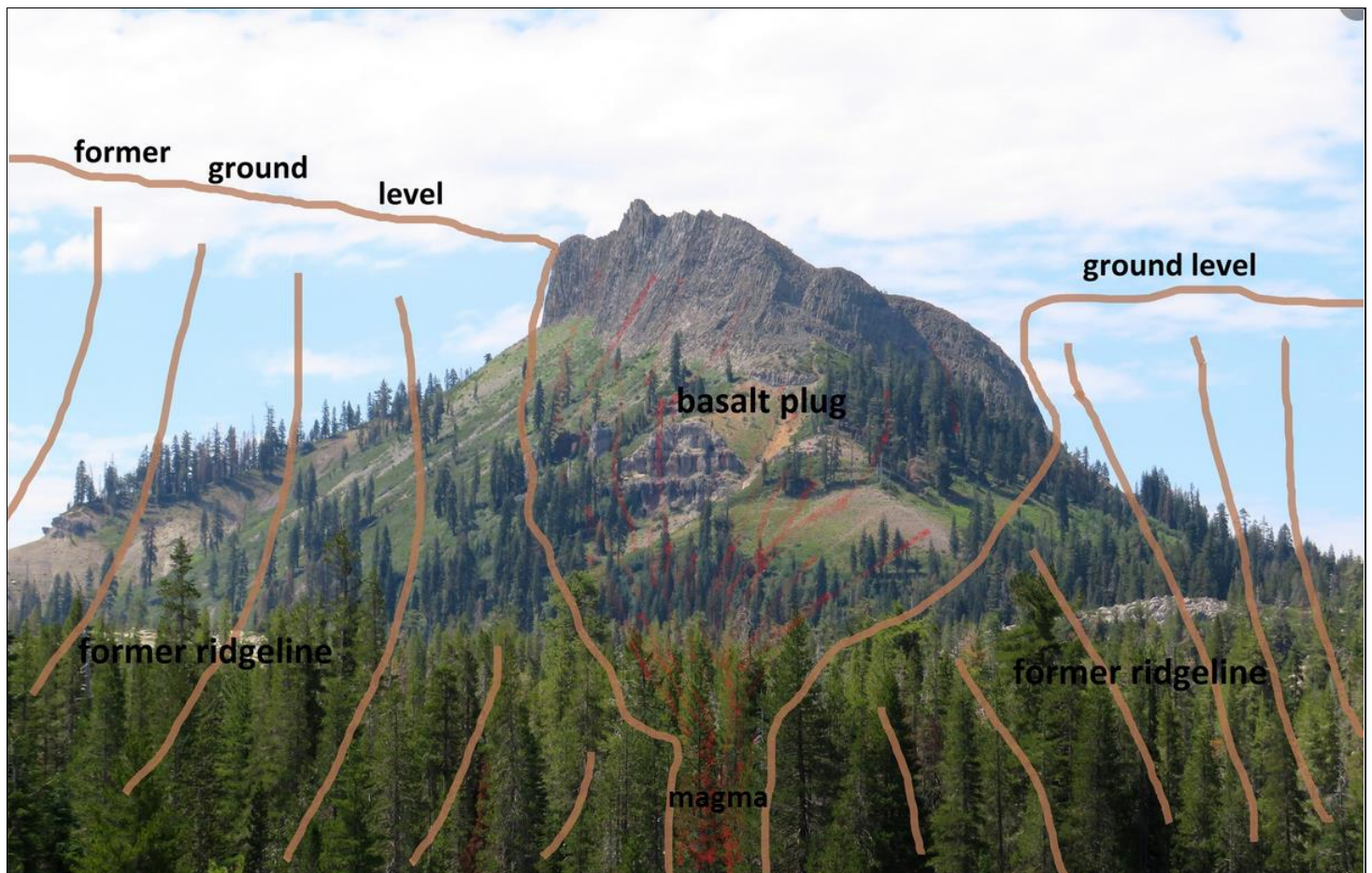
Nationally: http://www.amfed.org/fed_shows.htm

Devil's Peak Explained

(editor)

Sitting along the southern edge of Nevada County, Devil's Peak towers above Interstate 80. A closer look (or better yet, a walk up it!) reveals basalt columns like those found in the more famous Devil's Postpile. Such formations are actually fairly common in this area, cyclopean ramparts topping the ridges. Sites like Nevada County's own Devil's Postpile and Placer's Steamboat Mountain are typical.

Devil's Peak is young, formed about 3-6 million years ago, when basaltic magma oozed up from the depths of the earth to just below the ground's surface. The magma stopped flowing and solidified rapidly, forming those hexagonal shapes. The basalt is harder to erode, so over the last millions of years, the surrounding dirt has washed away, leaving the plug exposed. In the case of Devil's Peak, geologists have determined that glaciers are responsible for scraping this peak clear, with the ice reaching just short of the summit. Glacial erratics still mark the path of the ice.



Devil's Peak

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**(Call, Text, or Email, no voicemail)*

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**When I find another cool
rock to take home.**



Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society meets monthly with few exceptions. Membership is informed of exceptions on the website, at meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

General Membership Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange Building, 11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA

July's Meeting: *Club picnic at Pioneer Park, in lieu of our normal meeting.*

When: Saturday, July 13th, 1-5pm, set up at 12:30pm, plan to eat shortly after 1pm

Where: Pioneer Park, Nevada City, east side of park, along the creek

What: Bring your favorite potluck item to share: salad, side dish, main dish, dessert, bread, or whatever!

Details: Lemonade will be provided. Bring your own plates and utensils, and possibly lawn chairs. Bring your favorite outdoor game to share if you wish, or horseshoes for the horseshoe pits nearby. If you have a rock or treasure to show and tell, bring it!

Kids welcome, and the shallow creek is great for them to play in.

This is a chance to relax, socialize, and get to know your fellow rockhounds better. Don't miss it!

See you there!

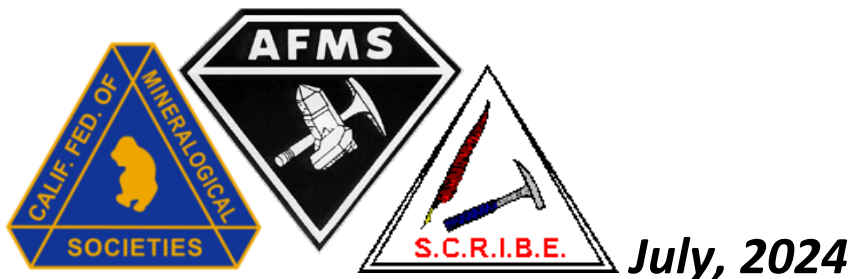


2023's Picnic



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First Class Mail



Annual Club Picnic! Tuesday, July 13, 2024

Games, food, and shiny rocks and minerals (of course)!

Meetings Monthly First Tuesdays

Board Meeting (All are welcome!) 6:00 p.m.

General Meeting and program at 7:00 p.m.

(no meeting in July - Picnic)

Golden Empire Grange Guild

11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

2024 Membership dues

Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are \$25.00 for singles and \$30.00 for families. Deduct \$5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email. Dues are annual and payable in January.

Bring a Friend!