



# EL PASO MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY, Inc.

**P.O. Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931**

FOUNDED – 1947

**Membership Dues are due and payable as of December of each year.** Dues are \$12.00 for Adults (18 and Over) and \$4.00 for Juniors. Make check out to EPMGS and mail to PO Box 31516 El Paso TX 79931. Delinquency of over 90 days will result in being removed from the Membership Roster.

**Meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month** at The Memorial Senior Center, 1800 Byron, El Paso TX at 6:30 PM. Board Meetings will usually be held a half hour prior to the general meeting. The meeting in July is our yearly picnic – the date to be announced.

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## THE VOICE

The Voice is the official bulletin of the Society and is published monthly. All articles must be in the editor's possession no later than the Monday following the monthly meeting. Any articles received after that will not be published until the following month. Please note Charlie Christensen's e-mail address: [charlieenos@msn.com](mailto:charlieenos@msn.com) and mailing address: 4808 Campbell Road, Las Cruces NM 88007. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Permission is granted to reprint material from other sources provided that credit is properly cited. Ads are accepted from members for publication at no charge for the sale or exchange of items pertaining to the hobby.

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*The El Paso Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The purpose of this Society shall be to increase and disseminate knowledge about minerals and other geologic materials; to encourage mineral study, collecting and fashioning as a hobby; to conduct meeting, lectures, displays, field trips, and to sponsor shows for the general edification of the public.*

## GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be 25 March 2010 at **6:30 PM**. This is a **ROCK AUCTION NIGHT**. Members with the last name starting A thru K are asked to bring the goodies. Come and Join Us – lets have some fun!!!!

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The School Board Meeting information is posted under School Information and Class Enrollment.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

**NOTE:** Anyone who has a change in mailing address, phone number, etc please send e-mail to Charlie Christensen at [charlieenos@msn.com](mailto:charlieenos@msn.com), or mail to: EPMGS Membership, PO Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931. Thank you.

# THE VOICE

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**GET WELL WISHES** – I have been informed that Blanca Cedillos has had several surgeries since December. She has been diagnosed with Cancer and will be receiving ChemoTherapy in the near future. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her for a quick recovery.

I was also informed that Dorris Brown who underwent knee replacement surgery has experienced some difficulties and has gone thru some additional surgeries to do more repairs. May she have a speedy recovery.



**HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY TO ALL.** Don't forget to hug a leprechaun!!



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

For those of you who are celebrating one or both of these occasions in the month of March Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary.

## BIRTHSTONE FOR MARCH –

The two birthstones for March are Aquamarine and Bloodstone.

The name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool

color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

The second birthstone for March is *bloodstone*, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the *martyr's stone* as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

<http://www.americangemsociety.org/birthstones.htm>

(20 Feb – 20 Mar)

(Mar. 21- April 20)



**Pisces  
Neptune**



**Aries  
Mars**



**GENERAL MEETING**

The El Paso Mineral & Gem Society meeting was called to order by President Tom Smith at 6:30 PM on 25 Feb 2010. It was determined we have a quorum. The Minutes from the 28 Jan 2010 meeting were read. Motion was made to accept the minutes as read – seconded and passed.

Eddie Davis introduced our 2 new members who joined the club this evening – Sue and Walt Critz. President Tom Smith introduced all officers of the club to our new members.

Eddie Davis held our evening Rock Drawing – Monique Ortiz won and gave her ticket to Sue Critz,

Matt Durning won (again), and Valerie Provencio won.

Reports were given:

Treasurer, Linda Durning, gave the treasurers report.

Field Trip report was given by Mike Chrisman who led the February Field Trip. There were only 2 attendees on this field trip. The trip was to Radium Springs and they met at Fort Seldon. The road was bad going up to the hunting areas so they had to park below and walk up to the area to hunt. They found some good pieces but were unable to get up to the area where they Rhyolite geodes are found. Matt brought some of the rocks cut and polished to show what had been found. Tom found some nice chalcedony.

School report was given by Redgie Medlock and Peggy Fountaine. No new students in faceting – some of the teachers have signed up as students. Silversmith class going well and is full. Casting restarted this week – has a full class but not all the students have attended due to being out of town. Afternoon classes are busy. There is no Wirewrap class being held at this time.

Show Chairman, Harry Bruntz, has ordered some flyers to pass out at the Deming Rockhound Roundup. He's going to change the floor plan for our show. He's going to move the Silent Auction and School Sales into the small front room where the School demonstrates Faceting, etc. There's plenty of room in there. This way the space the Silent Auction and School Sales was using in the main room can be rented out to some vendors. We have several vendors on the waiting list. He also proposed that the accounting for the Show be changed. Income from the geode cutting and the Silent Auction go to the Show rather than to the Club and expenses for saw blades, etc, go to the Club in lieu of the Show.

As promised in the last newsletter – Harry brought the acrylic blocks to aid in the cutting of small pieces of rock.

Next meeting is the Rock Auction. Please bring some rocks and if not bring your check book/cash.

Old Business – Matt talked about doing the Poppy Festival in March. Matt has quite a bit of rock that he has collected to show. If anyone has a unique specimen they want to showcase let Matt know. The Festival is 20 Mar 2010 – Transmountain next to Border Patrol. Due to the lack of parking they will

be running a shuttle bus from Cowan Stadium to the Festival. Harry will give Matt some Show flyers for Poppy Festival.

Matt stated that the Field Trip for March is the Deming Rockhound Round up which is the second weekend in March (11-14 March). They have field trips on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings.

Tom Smith mentioned that in the Show Trailer we have a display case that Matt may want to use at the Festival. Matt also would like to have the display that shows the different phases of Luna Gold. Eddie needs more slabs for the Rock Drawings at the meetings.

Mike Chrisman has been doing the inventory of Club equipment – but doesn't have an inventory for the Show Trailer. Suggested that when we do the show in December that we take time to inventory all items in the trailer either while unloaded or reloading.

Randy Herd – As a side note – the Water Department sponsors a Boy Scout Troop and they needed some rocks for their Geology Badge. Randy and Valerie Provencio gave them some rocks for this purpose.

Tom requested that Charlie make a change to the Newsletter. He noticed that he was still being listed as the 1st Year Trustee and he can't hold that position and the position of President at the same time. He appointed Randy Herd to hold the position of 1st Year Trustee and asked that this change be reflected in the newsletter.

Tom also stated that he received an e-mail from Mary Coz of the Spring River Club in Arkansas. She wants to swap rocks. Would like to have some of our area rocks in exchange for some of their area rocks. A motion was made to send some rocks, the motion was seconded – and passed. Please bring some area rocks to the next meeting so that we can send them to her.

At 7:07 PM Tom said time to take a break and get some snacks.

Called back to order at 7:24 PM to see the evening program.

Program Coordinator Lorraine Johnson has received a new list of programs from RMFMS. They have programs in DVD, Slides, and CD ROM. The program tonight was regarding Idaho Star Garnets (The Idaho State Rock), Idaho Gold, and the infamous Idaho Bruno Jasper. It showed that due to the many hot springs, etc, Idaho has an unusual mix

of rocks and gems – this is why Idaho is called “The Gem State”.

Next meeting will be 25 March and again it is the Rock Auction Night. We will meet in the bigger room. Go to Deming!!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

### HINTS, TIPS, AND STUFF

**EDITORS NOTES: The source of these tips, hints, and stuff are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not been tried by this editor.**

**DON'T FORGET – DUES WERE DUE DEC 2009!! You can pay at the meetings, the school, or mail a check (make payable to EPMGS) to EPMGS, PO Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931.**

**PROGRAMS** - Lorraine Johnson will be conducting programs for our club members. Here's a list of the Programs she will be doing in 2010:

DATE	TITLE
27 May 2010	Fossil Identification
24 Jun 2010	Gold and Turquoise
26 Aug 2010	The Quartz Family and Fluorescence

**NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:** I'm going to keep this months newsletter short as Jim and I are preparing for the Deming Rockhound Roundup and have a lot of work to do. He needs to polish, etc, and I need to make a bunch of jewelry. Take care all and hope to see you all at the Deming Rock Hound Roundup. Copy of their flyer is attached. Charlie



### FIELD TRIPS

**Note from Your Field Trip Coordinator:** Any and all Clubs and their members are cordially invited to join us on any of our Field Trips. If you need more information call Matt at (575)382-4301 or (915)491-3244 or e-mail [madtex@q.com](mailto:madtex@q.com).

### PICK & SHOVEL FIELD TRIP REPORT

As I write this, the winds are blowing so hard in Las Cruces that if the wind suddenly stopped the chickens would fall over. Since I don't have any chickens, it's blowing so hard that I when tried to take my dogs out, they told me to take a walk. Anyway it's the windy season again.

A random thought came in to my head the other day while making a cab on the grinding wheels. My water run off for the polishing goes in to a 5 gallon bucket. The bottom of the bucket has about 3 inches of rock sludge from all different type rocks and minerals I've polished the last few years. I pour it out into a pit in my back yard. I thought that under the right conditions in a few hundred thousands years, of course, with the combination of all the minerals and sediment, what killer rock could be found there. There's no doubt in my mind that there will be a rock hound around then to perhaps dig it up.

Thanks to Mike Chrisman for leading the last field trip out to Radium Springs for travertine. It was a small turn out due to the weather but I was told all had a good time.

The regular scheduled field trip for Saturday March 13 will be to the 45<sup>th</sup> “Deming Rock Hound Round Up” held at the Deming Fair Grounds. Their show runs Thursday 3/11- Sunday 3/14. From Thursday – Saturday, they will be having field trips that will be leaving from the fair grounds at 8:30am SHARP. I just called the show chair and the trip locations have not been nailed down. *In the past*, they've gone to Big Diggings, Radium Springs, Baker Ranch, Hatch and Kilbourne Hole. Field registration is necessary with a fee of \$5-\$10 depending on the location. The registration trailer will be open at 7:30 daily and in the afternoon of Wednesday 3/10. For more info, [www.dgms.bravehost.com](http://www.dgms.bravehost.com).

If you can't make the field trips not to worry! The Deming show is a great collection of vendors and items at very good prices. There will also be a few EPMGS members also setting up their items at this show. I know people that come to that show from around the country. It is an inside and outside show. Be fore warned, the weather can be very nice or very bad and I've seen it both in one day. I was told by a reliable source that the weather will be real nice. I hope to see you there.

Matt Durning

## SCHOOL INFORMATION AND CLASS ENROLLMENT

Call 915-562-4268 for information and to enroll in Lapidary and Jewelry-craft classes. The Instructors are volunteers from the school committee of the Society and are not paid in any way by the Society or the students. If you want to enroll in one of the classes, all you have to do is sign up at the Memorial Park Senior Center which is located at 1800 Byron Street, El Paso TX. It is important that you register early because a minimum of three students is needed for a "Go" with a maximum of six students per class. Sign up well in advance as there are usually waiting lists. Each Class has a \$20 fee plus a Lab Fee and any other material costs. The \$20 fee payment is to be made on the first day of the class to the Senior Center, and the Lab Fee will be paid to your instructor. All other material purchases should be paid for at the time of purchase or delivery.

### Active Member Instructors:

Dorris Brown	Francisco Cuevas	Robert Bates	Roger Lopez
Redgie Medlock	Art Moreno	Ken Raab	Greg Berglund
Peggy Fontaine	Liz Kosturakis	Norm Ballou	Ron Anderson

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Mon Mar 22	Tue Jun 22	Mon Sep 20	Tue Dec 14
Tue Apr 20	Mon Jul 19	Tue Oct 19	
Wed May 26	Tue Aug 24	Mon Nov 15	

The meetings are all held at noon in the conference room at the Memorial Park Senior Citizens Center. Anybody who wishes to sit in on any of the meetings is welcome. We recommend that you call Rose Strong at the Center first to make sure that the meeting date has not changed. Her number is 915-562-4268.

### Class Schedule: (Classes run from 9 AM to 12 Noon unless otherwise noted)

Monday & Wednesday	Lapidary	22 Feb 2010 thru 31 Mar 2010 12 Apr 2010 thru 19 May 2010
Monday & Wednesday	Silversmith      Beginning	12 Apr 2010 thru 19 May 2010 19 Jul 2010 thru 25 Aug 2010
	Advanced	22 Feb 2010 thru 31 Mar 2010 02 Jun 2010 thru 12 Jul 2010 06 Sep 2010 thru 13 Oct 2010
Tuesday & Thursday	Casting, Faceting, & Wirewrap Classes	23 Feb 2010 thru 01 Apr 2010 13 Apr 2010 thru 20 May 2010
Monday thru Friday (see note below)	<b>(NEW) ADVANCED WORKSHOP</b> <b>12:30 – 3:00 PM</b>	All the time
Friday	Beading	Held from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Fee \$3.00. Bring your own materials.

**NOTE: ADVANCED WORKSHOP IS FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS. THERE WILL BE NO MATERIAL SALES DURING THIS WORKSHOP. YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS.**

The shop at the Memorial Senior Center is open for anyone's use on Friday's from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The shop fee for every session is \$3.00 to be paid to the instructor in charge of the Workshop.

## SHOW DATES

### MARCH 2010:

**11-14--DEMING, NEW MEXICO: 45th annual show, "Rockhound Roundup Gem & Mineral Show"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; SWNM Fairgrounds, Raymond Reed Blvd.; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; more than 100 dealers, demonstrations, displays, field trips, jewelry, rocks, drawings, cash raffle, silent auction Fri., live auction Sat.; contact Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88030, (575) 543-8916; e-mail: theDGMS@gmail.com; Web site: dgms.bravehost.com**

12--HOUSTON, TEXAS: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Holiday Inn Southwest, 11160 Southwest Fwy.; Fri. 12-4, ; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com/Show/city.php?city=Houston

12-14--COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Show, "Verde Valley Gem & Mineral Show"; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E. Cherry St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1 (Fri.) and \$3 (Sat./Sun.), children free with adult; worldwide minerals and gems, fine and costume jewelry, gem and mineral displays, raffles, silent auctions, jewelry, lapidary tools, supplies, equipment, children's activities, free mineral and gem identification; contact Sue Valek, (928) 634-7452

12-14--PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

12-14--VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 34th annual tailgate; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells Road (graded dirt), 7 miles east of Dales Evans Pkwy.; Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5, Sun. 8-5; free admission; vendors, lapidary arts, rough material, gems, jewelry, findings, equipment, dry camping, family field trip Sat.; contact VVGMC, (760) 243-2330, or Brett Ward, (760) 954-4323; e-mail: www.vvgmc.org

13--SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Aggie Park & Banquet Hall, 6205 West Ave.; Sat. 2-6; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com

13-14--FILER, IDAHO: Annual show; Magic Valley Gem Club; Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, east side of Filer on Hwy. 30; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5; adults \$2, children under 12 free with adult; 50 display cases, 10 dealers; contact Harold Waggoner; (208) 423-9668; e-mail: rmetts@cableone.net; Web site: www.magicvalleygemclub.org

13-14--SPRECKELS, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Parade of Gems"; Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club; Spreckels Veterans Hall, 5th St. and Llano St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; demonstrations, kids' activities, silent auction, wheel of chance, vendors, award-winning show cases, fluorescent display, free hourly drawings, raffle; contact Ernie DeFever, 31 Nacional St., Salinas, CA 93901, (831) 422-3422; e-mail: minimad64@comcast.net; Web site: www.salinasrockandgem.com

14--AUSTIN, TEXAS: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Crowne Plaza Hotel - Austin, 6121 I-35 N.; Sun. 1-5; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: http://www.rings-things.com

16--DALLAS, TEXAS: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Best Western Dallas Hotel and Conference Center, 8051 LBJ Fwy.; Tue. 12-4; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com

17--OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA: Show, "Rings & Things Bead Tour"; Rings & Things; Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Ave.; Wed. 2-6; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450; Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com

20-21--CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA: Show; Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society; Teamsters Union Hall, 5000 J St. SW; Sat. 8:30-6, Sun. 9:30-5; adults \$2, students \$1, children free; 33-inch Duckbill skeleton compliments of Michael and Barbara Sincak; contact Thomas Whitlatch, 1147 Staub Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, (319) 551-3870; e-mail: whitlatcht@mchsi.com; Web site: www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

20-21--VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: Show and sale, "Spring Bling"; Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society; Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Pkwy.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, student \$2, children free; rocks, gems, jewelry, door prizes, silent auction, "wheel of fortune"; contact Phylis Malacki, 370 W. M St., Benicia, CA 94510, (707) 745-3255; e-mail: vgms01@yahoo.com; Web site: www.iwired.org

24--DENVER, COLORADO: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Holiday Inn Denver Cherry Creek, 455 S. Colorado Blvd.; Wed. 12-4; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156 or (303) 388-5561; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com/Show/city.php?city=Denver

24--GOLDEN, COLORADO: Show, "Rings & Things BeadTour"; Rings & Things; Holiday Inn Denver West Village, 14707 W. Colfax Ave.; Wed. 12-4; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450, Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobertson@rings-things.com; Web site: www.rings-things.com

26-28--ADA, OKLAHOMA: Show, "The Rock 'n Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show 2010"; Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club; Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, NE corner of state Hwy. 99 and Richardson Loop Bypass; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; demonstrators, fluorescent displays, dealers, kids' fossil dig, spinning wheels; contact Ed Vermillion, P.O. Box 782, Purcell, OK 73080, (405) 527-6431; e-mail: okieed42@windstream.net; Web site: http://www.freewebs.com/agmfc/index.htm

26-28--FORT COLLINS, COLORADO: 49th annual show; Fort Collins Rockhounds; Lincoln Center, 419 W. Magnolia St.; Fri. 4-8, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, (\$5 weekend pass), students under 18 \$1, children 12 and under free with adult; Minerals of the American West with a special focus on quartz, exhibits and demonstrations by club members and invited guests, door prizes, silent auction, grab bags, seven gem and mineral dealers; contact Dave Halliburton, 2506 Pear Court, Fort Collins, CO 80521, (970) 493-6168; e-mail: fckhounds@yahoo.com; Web site: fortcollinsrockhounds.org

27-28--LEMOORE, CALIFORNIA: 2nd annual show; Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club; Trinity Hall; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; contact Judy Pereira, 335 W. D St., Lemoore, CA 93245, (559) 924-4052

27-28--ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 48th annual show; Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All America City Blvd., off Washington; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors (60+) \$4, kids 12 and under free; more than 30 vendors, crystals, gold, geode cracking, beads, gemstones, fossils, polished stones, handcrafted jewelry, opal, world-class mineral specimens, tourmaline, sunstones, bugs in amber, mineral identification, "Kids' Junction", demonstrations, silent auctions, exhibits, raffles, lapidary shop open house, information and discount coupon on Web site; contact Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114; e-mail: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com; Web site: www.rockrollers.com

## APRIL 2010:

3-4--LINCOLN, NEBRASKA: Show, "Gems Galore - and More!"; Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club; Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th St.; Sat. 9-7, Sun. 9-5; adults \$5, children under 12 free; local special displays, exhibits, minerals, rocks, gemstones, beads, jewelry, demonstrations, dealers, youth activities; contact Charles Wooldridge, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, P.O. Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505, (402) 416-3233; e-mail: lgmsecretary@yahoo.com; Web site: www.lincolngemmineralclub.org

9-11--ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: 41st annual show, "Treasures of the Earth"; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; Creative Arts Center, New Mexico State Fairgrounds (Expo NM), San Pedro entrance, across the street from the Lujan Bldg.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1 Fri., \$3 Sat. and Sun., children under 13 free; more than 40 dealers, displays, door prizes, kids' booth, silent auctions, faceting demonstrations, gold panning, gem setting, free mineral/gem identification; contact Paul Hlava, (505) 255-5478; e-mail: hpf5@qwest.net

10-11--KINGMAN, ARIZONA: Show, "Gems of Arizona"; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning High School, 3420 N. Burbank St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; demonstrations (obsidian knapping, faceting, wire wrapping), mineral displays, silent auction, dealers, cash raffle, hourly door prizes, children's activities; contact Nan Russell, (928) 846-0927, or Donna Robinson, 3202 E. Leroy Ave., Kingman, AZ 86409, (928) 263-1480; e-mail: gemstoners@live.com; Web site: www.gemstoners.org

10-11--LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Show; Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Lancaster High School, 44701 32nd St. W, between Lancaster Blvd. and Ave. J; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; demonstrations, vendors, tailgaters, silent auction table, raffle drawing, games; contact Jules Ficke, 4233 W. Ave. L-4, Lancaster, CA 93536, (661) 943-5157; e-mail: av\_gem@yahoo.com; Web site: www.avgem.weebly.com

**16-18--ALPINE, TEXAS: Show, "Wonders from our desert and beyond"; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club; Kokernot Lodge, Rte. 223 bypass; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-5; free admission; Kids' Corner, door prize, dealer demonstrations, video "What's Hot in Tucson"; contact Mary Brogan, P.O. Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 837-3824; e-mail: marybrogan@rocketmail.com; Web site: www.agates123.com/cdgmc/**

16-18--SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Show, "The Art of Stone"; Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society; 344 Tully Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children under 12 free; dinosaur speaker, antique appraiser, kids' education program, demonstrators, flint knapping, fluorescent minerals, dealers, displays; contact Marc Mullaney, (408) 691-1584; e-mail: geologistm@aol.com; Web site: scvgms.org

17--NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: Annual swap; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society; Burns Park, Elder Johnson Pavilion, I-49 Exit 150, Military Dr.; Sat. 8-5; free admission; bring your own table or tailgate; contact Pat Kissire, 4900 Sparks Rd., Little Rock, AR 72210, (501) 821-2346; e-mail: pkissire@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.centralarrockhound.org

17-18--WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Contra Costa Crystal Fair"; Pacific Crystal Guild; Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Dr. at Broadway; Sat, 10-6, Sun. 10-4; admission \$6; contact Jerry Tomlinson, (415) 383-7837; e-mail: sfxtl@earthlink.net; Web site: www.crystalfair.com

**FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST OF ALL SHOWS (I ONLY LIST A FEW) GO TO <http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp> OR REFER TO A COPY OF ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE.**





## FINAL MEDAL STANDINGS FOR THE WINTER OLYMPICS

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
UNITED STATES	9	15	13	37
GERMANY	10	13	7	30
CANADA	14	7	5	26
NORWAY	9	8	6	23
AUSTRIA	4	6	6	16
RUSSIA	3	5	7	15
SOUTH KOREA	6	6	2	14
SWEDEN	5	2	4	11
CHINA	5	2	4	11
FRANCE	2	3	6	11
SWITZERLAND	6	0	3	9
NEDERLANDS	4	1	3	8
CZECH REPUBLIC	2	0	4	6
POLAND	1	3	2	6
ITALY	1	1	3	5
JAPAN	0	3	2	5
FINLAND	0	1	4	5
AUSTRALIA	2	1	0	3
SLOVAKIA	1	1	1	3
BELARUS	1	1	1	3
SLOVENIA	0	2	1	3
CROATIA	0	2	1	3
LATVIA	0	2	0	2
GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	0	1
KAZAKHSTAN	0	1	0	1
ESTONIA	0	1	0	1

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