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**Livermore Valley Lithophiles**  
**Livermore, California**

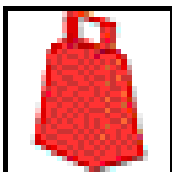
Next General Meeting:  
Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011  
Livermore Library Community Room  
7:30 PM

**Program:** Livermore Hills: Rocks, Minerals & Geology.  
by. Bob Trimingham

Next Board Meeting:  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011  
7:30 at 'The Shop'  
Members are welcome to attend!

**Meeting Location:** Livermore Library Community Room

**Refreshments:** OPEN



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## *Presidents Message:*

Listen up, Lithophiles,

I'm ringing the cow bell. Our September regular meeting is very early, September 8th! It will be in the Community room at the Library as it was in June. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Several attempts to secure a speaker have fallen through. Since I am not going to the Denver Show this year I will do a slide program on the Livermore Hills. This program is rich in rocks, minerals, fossils geology and scenery. The area covered includes Del Puerto Canyon, the Mines Road, Tesla Road, Patterson Pass Road and the hills close to the Livermore Valley. I will bring some of the material found on the many older day field trips. If you are not on time we will leave without you.

What have you been doing this summer? A lot of us enjoyed good food and a variety of barnyard beasts at Nancy's ranch on Aug. 14. The bucket brigade ran out of new buckets but made progress. Thank you Nancy for hosting this event.

Finally, we need a nominating committee and members to volunteer to be officers. 'Nuff Said'.

Bob Trimingham - President

## ***Society Picnic***



The Lithophiles had their picnic on August 14th at Nancy's Ranch.  
There were 24 members present

### **A Special Thanks**

I would like to give a Big Thank You to our new member Frank Gouveia for his donation of a new ramp for getting into the Shop from the Barn during Lithorama.

I would also like to thank Frank for the donation of rocks and minerals that we can give to children.

### **NOTES FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY WORLD:**

- Australian and British geologist have found what is believed to be the oldest single-cell animal. It was found in Western Australia. The fossil is 3.4 billion years old.
- A 78 million year old Plesiosaur, *Polycotylus latippinus*, was discovered in Logan County, Kansas in 1987. During the preparation of the fossil it was determined that the mother was pregnant with a unborn baby. Because of this specimen science now knows that plesiosaurs gave live birth to their young. The preparation has now been completed and the fossil is now on exhibit at the NHM in Washington D.C.



## ***San Leandro Library***



**The Workers  
Pause For A Photo**



**Player  
Gets Instruction**



**A Long Line  
Waiting Their Turn**



**The 'Bosses'  
"We Sure Have It Made"**





**Nancy's Pony Ride At San Leandro Library**

**Believe It Or Not The Two 'Bosses' From The Previous Page  
Tried To Convince Nancy That They Were Only 25 Pounds  
And Should Be Able To Ride The Pony.  
SORRY !!!**

# California Shows And Events

## 2011

### September 10-11, 2011 - DOWNEY, CA Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

Woman's Club of Downey  
9813 Paramount Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4  
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614

### September 17-18, 2011 - STOCKTON, CA

**Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club**  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center 33 W.  
Alpine Avenue. Hours: 10-5 Daily Jan  
Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff  
(209) 629-3837 / (209) 603-4539 : slmc-  
show@juno.com  
Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

### September 24-25, 2011 - MONTEREY, CA

**Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society**  
Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds  
Road  
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5 Matt Biewer  
(831) 659-4156  
Email: [mattbiewer@aol.com](mailto:mattbiewer@aol.com) Website:  
<http://www.cvgms.org>

### October 8-9, 2011 GRASS VALLEY, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society

Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 Mc-  
Courtney Road  
Hours: 10-5 daily Kim Moore (530) 470-  
0388  
Email: [kmoore160@comcast.net](mailto:kmoore160@comcast.net) Website:  
[www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

### October 15-16, 2011 PLACERVILLE, CA

**El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society**  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Pla-  
cerville Drive  
Hours: 10-5 daily Karen Newlin, (530)  
676-2472  
Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
Show Website: [www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

### October 15-16, 2011 SANTA ROSA, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

Veterans Memorial Auditorium 1351  
Maple Ave  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5 Debbie Granat  
(707) 542-1651  
Email: [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)  
Web: [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)

**November 19 & 20, 2011 Livermore LITHORAMA 2011 Show and Sale, Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Society; The 'BARN' 3131 Pacific Ave. east of Livermore Ave.**  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4. Visit us  
at our website [www.lithophiles.org](http://www.lithophiles.org)

Show information is available at  
the California Federation of Min-  
eralogical Societies website: [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

#### Additional Resources:

**American Federation of Mineralogi-  
cal Societies website: [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)**

**American Lands Access Association  
website: [www.amerlands.org](http://www.amerlands.org)**

**CO-OP website: [www.coop.freeserv-ers.com](http://www.coop.freeserv-ers.com)**

The California Federation of Min-  
eralogical Societies web page  
[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) gives everyone  
access to the CFMS Newsletter.

## Field Trips

### SEPT 18 FIELD TRIP TO ALMADEN QUICKSILVER MINE (Peninsula G&M)

Location: 8:45am at Casa Grande, New Almaden Park, on New Almaden Rd.  
Difficulty: Vehicle access & parking to include busses, RV's handicap – paved.  
Collect: none – Fee trip of Almaden Quicksilver County Park Cinnabar Mine \$5  
LEADER & CONTACT INFO –Ginger Wolnik, 408-571-7091 [gwolnik@yahoo.com](mailto:gwolnik@yahoo.com)

### Sept 16-18 Jade Cove, CA (south of Big Sur) (CFMS TRIP)

Material to be Collected: Nephrite jade, serpentine, actinolite, soapstone, abalone shells.  
MUST sign up.. Robert Sankovich 805-494-7734 [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net) or  
Adam Dean 909-489-4899 [theagatehunter@verizon.net](mailto:theagatehunter@verizon.net)  
Info on CFMS website, or contact webmaster for more info.

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## Elected Officers and Club Information

### Elected Officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>Bob Trimingham (925) 443-5983</b>
<b>V. President</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Larry Patzkowski (925) 426-7768</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Diane Day (925) 606-0888</b>

**Membership:** The Livermore Valley Lithophiles invites to its membership anyone genuinely interested in minerals, gems, lapidary, geology or any of the other earth sciences, and who desires association with others of like interests. Membership in our club consists of three classes: Senior, anyone eighteen years or older; Junior, anyone under eighteen; and Honorary. Dues are for the calendar year and are as prescribed in the by-laws, Article III. \$25.00 per family, \$20.00 per individual and \$10.00 for Juniors (twelve and older.)

**Meetings:** General Meeting – Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (**Locations change goto Lithophiles WEB-SITE**). Board Meeting – Fourth Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Club Shop or to be announced in the *Lithogram*. Any special meetings or places will be published in the *Lithogram*.

**Club Shop:** The shop at the Barn is open to club members 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. on Tuesday nights. If no one arrives by 7:30 p.m.. or if the Shop Foreman has not been informed a member will arrive late, then the shop will close at 7:30 p.m. Shop Foreman, OPEN.

**Field Trips:** Location and date will be published in the *Lithogram*.

**Bulletin:** *Livermore Lithogram*. Published monthly and mailed or emailed to active members and guests. News of interest, reports and articles must be received by the first Tuesday of the month. Articles may be reprinted by giving proper credit.

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**Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM**

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**Board Meeting Sept. 22nd 7:30 PM -The Shop**