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## Welcome to the 61st Annual Jackpot of Gems® Show

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& Mineral Society members who have given their time, talents, and energy to make this event happen. I am deeply grateful to each of them for helping bring the Jackpot of Gems® Show to life.

Thank you for spending part of your weekend with us. I hope you leave with a new treasure, a bit of new knowledge, and a renewed appreciation for the beauty and creativity found in our gem and mineral community.

Warmly,  
Ann Marie McCann  
Show Director, Jackpot of Gems® Show 2026  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society



## President's Message

I would like to welcome you all to our annual Jackpot of Gems® Show. We have brought this show to the Reno community for more than 60 years. For the last couple of years, we have been trying to make it more than just another rock show, and we are excited for you to see all of the wonderful additions this year. Our

online program will guide you through the many activities and interactive experiences you can enjoy at the show. We have expert speakers on minerals and mining, live demonstrations, and on-site classes. See our 50+ display cases, many featuring local finds and collections. If you have children of any age, be sure to visit the Kids' Corner to find out about all of the activities just for them! If you are interested in participating in some of our field trips to find your own treasures, be sure to catch one of the daily field trip talks and check out the field trip display case. You can also try to find me or talk to local vendors who have been field trip leaders, such as Rock NV Jewelry or Nevada Rocks. And don't be afraid to participate in the many activities even if you don't have kids. You can spin the wheel at the Wheel of Fortune to win rocks or try your hand at gold panning. Be sure to check out the mineral identification station, where you'll try to identify mystery rocks using a mineral ID kit. If you have your own mystery rock, bring it by for one of our geologists to try to identify. This show is all about learning, experiencing, and yes, buying some cool rocks. We hope you love what we have created this year, and if you are interested in our society, please stop by the table at the front and talk to our membership director on the way out. We would love for you to be a part of our amazing world of rocks.

Hilary Loupee  
President  
Reno Gem and Mineral Society

## About the Reno Gem & Mineral Society

Founded in 1965 through the merger of two long-standing regional societies, the Reno Gem & Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, lapidary arts, earth sciences, and community.



### Our History

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society has a long and meaningful history rooted in community, education, and a shared love of gems, minerals, and lapidary arts.

Our story began in the spring of 1950 with the formation of the Washoe Gem & Mineral Society. In 1954, the Washoe Society affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS), and by then membership had grown to 104 individuals.

In 1955, twelve members formed the Pyramid Gem & Mineral Society, which joined CFMS in 1958. In the years that followed, the Washoe, Pyramid, and Fallon Lahontan Gem & Mineral Societies hosted annual gem and mineral shows throughout the region, laying the foundation for what would become Jackpot of Gems® Show.

In August 1965, members of the Washoe and Pyramid Societies voted to merge and form the Reno Gem & Mineral Society. The first meeting of the newly combined Society was held on December 1, 1965, and in 1966, the first Jackpot of Gems® Show was held, with Len Vance serving as Show Chairman.

In 1976, after years of meetings and classes in members' homes, garages, and basements, the Society moved to its current home at 480 S. Rock Boulevard, where it continues to foster education, creativity, and community today.

*The Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. (RGMS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, organized for the purpose of educating, creating, developing, and encouraging interest in earth sciences, as well as gem and mineral hobbies. These include classes, field trips, monthly meetings, guest speakers, use of equipment, social events, newsletters, and best of all, friendships.*

*The mission of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society is to create, develop, and encourage interest in the Earth Sciences and to locate and identify various materials through field trips.*



### Welcome from the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

On behalf of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, welcome to the Reno Gem & Mineral Society's Jackpot of Gems® Show and the 2026 CFMS Convention!

Thank you to the Reno Gem & Mineral Society for hosting this year's convention and for all the hard work that has gone into making this event a success. We invite everyone to enjoy the exhibits, demonstrations, dealers, and educational opportunities while taking time to visit with fellow rockhounds from throughout the Federation.

Whether you are an avid collector, a longtime rockhound, or simply curious about the fascinating world of rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, and lapidary arts, we hope you enjoy everything this show has to offer. Take your time exploring the exhibits, visiting the dealers, watching the demonstrations, and discovering something new. We hope your visit inspires a lifelong appreciation for the earth sciences and the many dedicated volunteers who make events like this possible.

Thank you for joining us, and enjoy your time at Jackpot of Gems® Show. We hope to see you again at future club shows and CFMS events. Remember, Together We Shine!

Diane Cook, President  
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

## Weekend at a Glance

### Ongoing Activities

**Silent Auction:** Auctions close every half hour. Check often for new selections!

**Daily Silent Auction:** We will have two large drawings per day: one from 10 AM – 1 PM and the second from 1 PM - 4 PM.

**Raffle Drawings:** Drawings will be held throughout the show, with a grand prize of \$500 drawn on Sunday!

### Friday | 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

| Time            | Activity/ Location                                             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00 – Noon    | Barbara Hartman & Alan Felker, Rock Lapidary Demonstration #52 |
| 10:00 – Noon    | Nanette Mentz, Rock Intarsia Demonstration #52                 |
| 11:00 AM        | Tim Steeper, How Gemstones Get Their Colors #52                |
| 12:00 PM        | Lorrie Peterson, The Wonderful World of Agates #39             |
| 12:30 – 4:00 PM | Demonstration/Class #52                                        |
| 12:30 – 2:30 PM | Kelly Plumb, Wire Wrapping (\$5) #52                           |
| 2:00 PM         | Hilary Loupee, Field Trips with Reno Gem & Mineral Society #39 |
| 7:00 PM         | Show Closes for the Night                                      |

### Saturday | 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

| Time            | Activity/Location                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00 AM        | Lindsay Christensen – Jade (Jadeite and Nephrite) #39          |
| 10:00 – Noon    | Barbara Hartman & Alan Felker, Rock Lapidary Demonstration #52 |
| 10:00 – Noon    | Nanette Mentz, Rock Intarsia Demonstration #52                 |
| 11:00 -5:00 PM  | Spencer Ennis, Beginning Silversmithing Class (\$100) #52      |
| 12:00 PM        | Lorrie Peterson, The Wonderful World of Agates #39             |
| 12:30 – 2:30 PM | Kelly Plumb, Wire Wrapping (\$5) #52                           |
| 12:30 – 4:00 PM | Demonstration/Class #52                                        |
| 1:00 PM         | Adam Ortega, Out of this World: Meteorites #39                 |
| 2:00 PM         | Hilary Loupee, Field Trips with Reno Gem & Mineral Society #39 |

## Weekend at a Glance

### Saturday | 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 3:00 PM        | Austen Baker, Mining History in Nevada #39 |
| 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Demonstration/Class #52                    |
| 7:00 PM        | Show Closes for the Night                  |

### Sunday | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

| Time            | Activity/Location                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:00 – Noon    | Barbara Hartman & Alan Felker, Rock Lapidary Demonstration #52   |
| 10:00 – Noon    | Nanette Mentz, Rock Intarsia Demonstration #52                   |
| 11:00 AM        | Tim Steeper, How Gemstones Get Their Colors #39                  |
| 11:00 -5:00 PM  | Spencer Ennis, Beginning Silversmithing Class (\$100) #52        |
| 12:00 PM        | Lorrie Peterson, The Wonderful World of Agates #39               |
| 10:00 – Noon    | Rock Lapidary & Intarsia Demonstrations #52                      |
| 12:30 – 2:30 PM | Rock Knapping #52                                                |
| 2:30 - 4:30 PM  | Kelly Plumb, Wire Wrapping (\$5) #52                             |
| 1:00 PM         | Derek Field, Geologist #39                                       |
| 2:00 PM         | Hilary Loupee, Field Trips with Reno Gem and Mineral Society #39 |
| 3:00 PM         | Final Raffle Drawings #42                                        |
| 3:00 PM         | Austen Baker, Mining History in Nevada #39                       |
| 5:00 PM         | Show Closes                                                      |

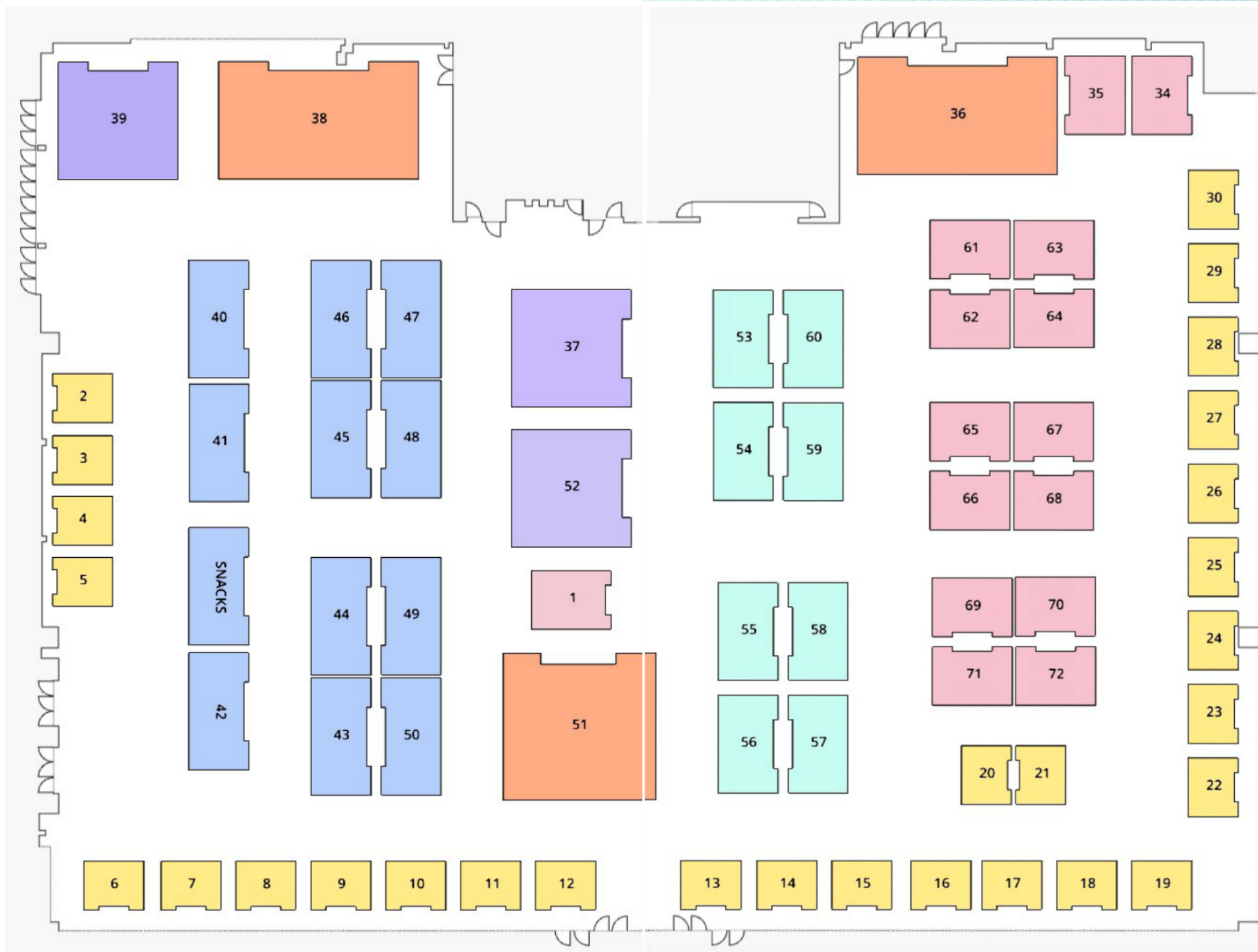
**For the latest events and updates, please visit our website. The schedule is subject to change.**

### Exhibitor List

| Booth # | Exhibitor Name              | Booth # | Exhibitor Name          |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1       | Mineral Identification      | 21      | K Love                  |
| 2       | Security & Lost and Found   | 22      | Nevius Designs          |
| 3       | RGMS Merchandise            | 23      | Energized Jewels        |
| 4       | Information & Membership    | 24      | Earthe Energe           |
| 5       | Vendor & Volunteer Check-In | 25      | Dig Deep Mining LLC     |
| 6       | Luna's Lapidary             | 26      | Just One More Rock      |
| 7       | NJ Dezigns                  | 27      | Happy Tail Lapidary     |
| 8       | Lasco Diamond Products INC  | 28      | UNEARTHED               |
| 9       | Nevada Rocks                | 30      | High Desert Minerals    |
| 10      | Stoney Creations            | 34      | Fluorescent Treasures   |
| 11      | Wolfsbane Silver            | 35      | Wheel of Fortune        |
| 12      | Lisa Munson                 | 36      | Kids' Corner            |
| 13      | Copper Pointe Studios       | 36      | Gold Panning            |
| 14      | Gemstone Grace              | 36      | Metal Detecting         |
| 15      | Red Dog Rocks               | 37      | Crystal Barista         |
| 16      | Porcelain Art               | 38      | Display Cases & Judging |
| 17      | Addis Sea Gems              | 39      | Speakers                |
| 18      | AND PROUD                   | 40      | Robert's Crystals       |
| 19      | Gem Cottage Reno            | 41      | RJ's Crystal Hub        |
| 20      | Canyon Gems                 | 42      | Raffle                  |

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| 43      | Rock NV Jewelry                                  | 58      | Michael Stone Trimbach     |
| 44      | Basically Beads                                  | 59      | Condor Agate Mines         |
| 45      | California Federation of Mineralogical Societies | 60      | Vortex Jewels              |
| 46      | Altamont                                         | 61      | Reno Dirt Dogs             |
| 47      | Five Lions Gems                                  | 62      | Wonders of Nature Lapidary |
| 48      | Wolfe Gems and Jewelry                           | 63      | Walela                     |
| 49      | Dean's Spheres and Slabs                         | 64      | US Lapidary                |
| 50      | High Rock Gem and Minerals                       | 65      | Tommy's Treasures          |
| 51      | Auctions                                         | 66      | Reno Rock Shop             |
| 52      | Demonstrations & Classes                         | 67      | Crystalz At Tiffanys       |
| 53      | JABR Enterprises                                 | 68      | Aztra Terra                |
| 54      | Jade and Jewelry by Sandra                       | 69      | Brand Fine Jewelry & Gems  |
| 55      | Nevada Desert Gems                               | 70      | Janelle's Gems             |
| 56      | High Desert Gem and Minerals                     | 71      | Mendocino Memories         |
| 57      | Afghan Gems                                      | 72      | RCK HND                    |



## Events offered by Reno Gem and Mineral Society (RGMS)

### General Meetings

Join us on the first **Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM** for the general meeting, held upstairs at **Baldini's Casino**.

Come early to meet fellow rockhounds, lapidary artists, jewelry makers, and mineral enthusiasts. Learn about upcoming classes and events and sign up for activities that interest you.

#### Member Benefits:

- Monthly educational meetings
- Hands-on classes
- Field trips
- Open Shop access
- Junior Rockhounds
- Club newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities
- Lifelong friendships

Each meeting features an engaging guest speaker presenting topics on geology, mineralogy, rockhounding, lapidary arts, and other fascinating subjects related to the earth sciences.

### Classes

RGMS offers a wide variety of hands-on classes for all skill levels throughout the year. Current classes include lapidary, metalsmithing, cold connections, gem faceting, mineral identification, slab saw operation, wire wrapping, beading, and more. New classes in flint knapping and working with turquoise are coming soon.

### Field Trips

One of the greatest benefits of membership is the opportunity to participate in organized field trips

throughout Nevada and neighboring states. Members collect agates, jasper, petrified wood, obsidian, fossils, crystals, and many other treasures while exploring some of the West's most spectacular landscapes.

Knowledgeable leaders lead trips and share information about local geology, collecting locations, and responsible rockhounding practices. From beginner-friendly outings to more adventurous excursions, there's something for everyone.

### Open Shop

Members enjoy access to the well-equipped shop during scheduled Open Shop sessions. Whether you're cutting your first cabochon, polishing stones, or completing a jewelry project, experienced volunteers are available to answer questions and provide guidance.

Open Shop is a great opportunity to practice your skills, work on personal projects, and connect with fellow members.

### Junior Rockhounds

Young rock enthusiasts are always welcome! Our Junior Rockhounds program encourages children and teens to explore geology, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, and earth science through fun, hands-on activities and educational experiences.

### Annual Picnic

Each year, members gather for our Annual Picnic, a relaxed day of good food, friendship, games, and fun. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, welcome new members, and celebrate our shared passion for rocks, gems, fossils, and jewelry.

### Holiday Party

The Holiday Party is one of our favorite traditions. Members come together to celebrate another successful year with great food, fellowship, door prizes, and plenty of laughter. It's the perfect way to wrap up the year and recognize the volunteers who make our Society so special.

### Jackpot of Gems® Show

Our premier annual event, Jackpot of Gems® Show, is one of the largest gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry shows in the West. Hosted by the Reno Gem & Mineral Society, the show features dealers from across the country, museum-quality exhibits, demonstrations, educational programs, hands-on activities, kids' events, silent auctions, raffles, and much more.

Whether you're a lifelong collector, an artist, or simply curious about the natural world, Jackpot of Gems® Show offers something for everyone. Join us each September for this exciting celebration of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and the people who love them.

### **Come Rock with Us!**

If you're interested in collecting, lapidary arts, jewelry making, geology, fossils, or simply connecting with others who share your passion, the Reno Gem & Mineral Society has something for everyone. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings!

Annual membership is just \$35 for adults and \$10 for children, making it an affordable way to enjoy educational programs, hands-on classes, field trips, special events, and a welcoming community of fellow rock, gem, mineral, and jewelry enthusiasts. We invite you to join us and discover all that RGMS has to offer!



**BECOME A MEMBER**



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## *A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers*

The 2026 Jackpot of Gems® Show would not be possible without the incredible volunteers who so generously gave their time, energy, talents, and enthusiasm to make this event happen.

From the months of planning and preparation to setting up booths, organizing exhibits, preparing activities, welcoming vendors, helping our guests, working the various stations, answering questions, cleaning up, and tackling the countless little things along the way—you made a difference.

Some of you worked behind the scenes, while others were front and center throughout the weekend. Some volunteered for a few hours, and others seemed to be everywhere from beginning to end. Every contribution mattered.

More importantly, you helped create the welcoming, friendly atmosphere that makes the Jackpot of Gems® Show such a special event. Our visitors may come to see beautiful rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, demonstrations, and exhibits, but it is our volunteers who truly bring the show to life.

On behalf of the Reno Gem & Mineral Society and the Jackpot of Gems® Show Committee, thank you for showing up, pitching in, solving problems, sharing your knowledge, and supporting one another.

We could not have done it without you, and we are incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful group of people behind the Jackpot of Gems.

Thank you for helping make the 2026 Jackpot of Gems® Show a success!



## *Thank you to our Sponsors!*

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the generous sponsors of the 2026 Jackpot of Gems® Show.

Your support helps make it possible for us to offer this event free to the public while sharing our love of rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, lapidary arts, and earth sciences with our community.

Because of your generosity, we are able to provide educational demonstrations, hands-on activities for children and families, exhibits, speakers, classes, and many other opportunities for people of all ages to discover and explore the fascinating world of rocks and minerals.

Events like the Jackpot of Gems® Show simply would not be possible without the businesses and organizations that choose to support our Society and our community.

Thank you for helping us educate, inspire, and keep the lapidary arts and earth sciences alive for future generations.

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