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President's report

by Frank Mullaney

The only way that organizations like our society can function is by the work of volunteers. None of the officers, directors, or chair people are paid position. We are fortunate that we have some people who volunteer, but we can always use more.

This year we have been operating with one important position unfilled. This position plays a vital roll at our meetings. Can anyone guess what it is? If you guessed the Program chairman, you are correct. You should thank your board of directors for standing up to make sure there were programs for the meetings this year. The Program chairman position does take some time but it is not a extremely difficult position to fill. There is always help, but you need ask for it. It would even be a great job for two people to share. Bounce ideas off each other. Ask the membership for ideas. Talk to local universities for student or professor speakers. Talk to other clubs about their meeting programs. Ideas abound.

So, we will be passing out a form in the near future and asking you to complete it. The "Time and Talent" form is our society's way of finding out what you might be interested in doing to help your club. Please complete this form and turn it in. Think long and hard about what you

like about this society, what you would change if you could, and what you are willing to do to make sure that this society continues to play a vital role in your life.

Afraid to try something new? Well, we only grow as human beings by trying new things. Having new experiences help us gain confidence in our skills. There is help and advice for all of the jobs in this organization. If you have a different way of doing things, talk to the board and tell them what you would like to change. You can probably try it out for a while and see how it goes. What is the harm? Most of the club members are just happy that someone has stepped up to help. They don't care if you want to try something different or if you want to continue in the tried and true traditional fashion.

I'm sure everyone has heard about the 10% rule of volunteers. I'd like to believe that rockhounds care more than that. Let's make sure that our society is run by more than 10% of its members. Everyone has something they can contribute. What will be your contribution?

You will never know what you are capable of doing until you try something new. What new thing are you going to try this year? Afraid of someone yelling at you, I will even provide with you a badge that says: "DON'T YELL AT ME, I AM A VOLUNTEER". Free of charge.

Volunteer! It is fun and the thing to do.

SCVGMS Continuing Education award

by David Marshall

As most of you know, member Jacqueline Calderon was SCVGMS's first Continuing Education winner, and will be attending the 2014 CFMS Camp Paradise this Fall. The Board is now working on nominating members for the 2015 Zzyzx event next Spring in southern California's Mojave Desert near Baker.

You may nominate yourself or be nominated by the Board. To qualify, one needs to attend three or more SCVGMS meetings in a year, and volunteered eight or more hours at our annual SCVGMS show, including preparation, setup, or teardown.

Typical classes at the CFMS camps (and still to be determined) are Beginning Faceting, Ming trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Bead Weaving, Precious Metal Clay, and Dichroic Glass. The winner receives one week for two at camp, meals and lodging (it does not include transportation to and from the camp, as well as, additional material fees for special classes). Applications for self-nomination may be found on the SCVGMS website under "Forms and Documents". Good luck to all of you.

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**Congratulation
to our
Webmaster,
RK Owen**

**For getting 3rd
place in the
CFMS Website
contest.**



Member Sharing by David Marshall

Rick Kennedy brought in 3 pieces he had sent to the Collector's Edge in Colorado for trimming and cleaning. The results were extraordinary. The first was a Rhodochrosite specimen from the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado. The second was a Grossular Garnet that had much of the Prehnite crystals cleaned off, which better showed off the garnet. The third specimen was a Quartz cluster with Pink Tourmaline from the Pala Chief Mine in San Diego County. It was determined that a good sized piece of Kunzite had been attached to this cluster, but broke off sometime prior to finding the piece at the mine site. One thing we learned was that, for a reasonable investment, you can not only improve the looks of a specimen considerably, you can also improve the value. Here is the website for the Collector's Edge <http://www.collectorsedge.com/> You will also see beautiful photographs of specimens.

Don Jensen brought in 3 interesting items from his April visit to Clear Creek. The first piece seemed to be some form of Serpentine. The second was a piece of white and green Jadeite. And the third item was Plasma Agate from the Aurora Mine area. As Don indicated, these were but a very small sampling of the large variety of minerals found in the Clear Creek area

Thank you both, Rick and Don for sharing some of your passion for minerals. Members with your last name beginning with P, Q, or R are requested to bring in something interesting to share. What have you been working on? And what new things have you learned? Bring them and share them with the rest of us.

Sunshine

If you know of a society member who has been or is ill, had a death in the family, or has had a great event happen in their life, please contact Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at margomosher@yahoo.com.

Calling all members, Come join the SCVGMS show committee meeting

July 14, 7:30PM

at Frank Mullaney's home

RSVP to Frank at (408) 691-2656

Everyone is welcome.

In Memorium - Bill Norton

Born on May 2, 1922 in San Francisco, passed away in early June of this year in San Jose. He eloped on April 1, 1949 with Margaret Anne to Carson City. They raised a family together, and owned a family-run business called Norco Nurseries until the early 1960's with our locations in San Jose, Santa Clara, and Campbell. They raised orchids, especially Cymbidiums. Later in life he worked for the City of San Jose as vocational counselor. He also dabbled in Real Estate. Margaret and Bill had three children, William X. Norton III, Charles Christian Norton, and Ellen Diane Norton Gohmann. They had 6 grandchildren. Bill was presided in death by his wife, Margaret; sons, William and Charles; and one grandchild.

At one time, Bill and Margaret Norton were fixtures in this society. Bill enjoyed faceting gemstones, cutting cabochons, and tumbling rocks. He looked forward to demonstrating rock tumbling at our annual shows. He held the office of President several times in the 1990's, and was the Show Chairman twice during the 1980's. Bill was the society's Newsletter Exchange Editor for many years. He enjoyed reading other club's newsletters. Bill and Margaret were deeply involved with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) as Margaret moved through the chairs toward the CFMS presidency. Bill and Margaret were inducted as Lifetime members of SCVGMS in 1995, nineteen years after joining the society. Their participation and contributions to the society are deeply appreciated.

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDY GROUPS ARE DOING.

Smithies

2014 Schedule
by Pat Speece



What do Smithies do? We fabricate jewelry using sterling, copper, and brass. We set cabs into bezels, add embellishments and necessities and get to play with lots of tools. This is an informal workshop where we have the necessary tools and equipment. You are also welcome to bring your own. Beginners are always welcome.

Basically, we meet every Friday from 3-6pm; the second Monday of each month, and the Tuesday of the following week from 7-10pm.

Sometimes, our Tuesday falls on the fourth Tuesday which is club meeting night. Smithies will not meet then.

JULY: 11-14-18--25

AUGUST: 1-8-11-15-19-22-29

SEPTEMBER: 5-8-12-16-19-26

OCTOBER: 3-10-13-17-21-24-31

NOVEMBER: 7-10-14-18-21-

DECEMBER: 5-8-12-16-19

The above schedule is subject to change.

If you are on the Smithie email list, you will be notified via email of any cancellations as soon as possible.

Questions? email me at pat.speece@comcast.net

Cutaways

by Randy Harris

The next meeting for the Cutaways is July 12th at my home. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee.



Photography Group

by Matt Wood

Seven SCVGMS members attended the June meeting of the photography study group. Fine gem carvings were photographed using hot (continuous) lights and a copy stand. Some of us discussed how to photograph fluorescent minerals and attempted to jury-rig a covered light tent, but the key learning from this was that you should photograph fluorescents in a totally dark room or at night.

The next meeting of the photography group will be on Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 pm, at Matt Wood's house. We will view several short web videos on table-top photography, including how to set white balance, basic lighting, and using a light tent. We'll have some lights and a light tent available to demonstrate what we learn from the videos.

Parking is restricted within Maple Lane. Please park on Weeks Street and walk into the Maple Lane courtyard. Carpools are encouraged. RSVP to matthew_wood@comcast.net (preferred) or 4154-385-7999 (evening please).

Bragging Rights Results

June meeting results

**Adult category: Joan Schramm ,
Junior Category: None entered**

The contest theme for the July meeting is the "Fossils"

I wonder what will be brought in this time.
It should be an interesting contest. Seven entries in June.
Can we get ten entries this month?

2014 SCVGMS Calendar



July 11th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 12th Cutaway's meeting from 9-noon at Randy Harris' home

July 14th SCVGMS show committee meeting at 7:30 PM at Frank Mullaney's home

July 14th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 18th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 19th Founder's Day Picnic at Belwood Cabana Club at noon. Flier/Signup sheet in Breccia.

July 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM

July 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at David Marshall's home

July 25th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 1st Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 8th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 9th Cutaway's meeting from 9-noon at Randy Harris' home

August 10th Rockhound Estate Sale/Auction, see article for information.

August 11th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 13th Photography group meeting at 7 PM at Matt Wood's home.

August 15th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 19th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 22nd Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

August 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

August 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Joan Schramm's home.

Field Trip Schedule

For more information about field trips, please contact Dean Welder at fieldtrips@scvgms.org

July 19-20, 2014 Davis Creek, CA for obsidian

July 31– August 4, 2014 AFMS Multi Federation Field trip to Terry, Montana for Montana Agate, Jasper, Petrified wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, and numerous other oddities.

August 29-30, 2014 Dicalite quarry in Burney CA for fossil concretions, diatoms, petrified wood, and vivianite spheres.

If you have an ideas or contacts for local field trips, contact Dean. Also, if you would like to lead a field trip, please contact Dean. His email address is above.

Rockhound Estate Sale/Auction

August 10, 2014

Gates open 9:30 AM,
1st lots close ~11:00 AM
Minerals, Fossils, Rocks

You have probably been here before. If you haven't, you missed out! We have one large, two medium and two small collections for your bidding pleasure. (over **100** 5-gallon buckets, to be divvied up into box lots)!

Hallelujah Junction Quartz, Benitoite, Obsidian, Brecciated Jaspers, Slabs, Fossils, Crystals, Petrified Wood, Mystery Rocks, Geodes, Minerals, Agates; many "small items" and the list goes ON!

To 'register' and get more details (including the address) send an email to wdeanwelder@yahoo.com, or phone [\(408\) 353 2675](tel:(408)3532675)

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



August 1 - 3: NIPOMO, CA, Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria, Nipomo High School, 525 North Thompson Avenue, Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Wes Lingerfelt, (805) 929-3788, Cell (805) 710-1983, Email: info@omsinc.org, Website: www.omsinc.org

August 23 - 24: SAN FRANCISCO, CA, San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, S. F. County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Ellen Nott, Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com, Website: www.sfgemshow.org

September 20 - 21: CHICO, CA, Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, John Scott, (530) 343-3491, Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 27 - 28: MONTEREY, CA, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311, Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.cvgms.org

September 27 - 28: SANTA ROSA, CA, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center for the Art, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Jolene, (707) 528-7615, Email: Jolene@srmgs.org, Website: www.srmgs.org

September 27 - 28: LODI, CA, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 East Lockford Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411, Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com, Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

October 1 - 5: JOSHUA TREE, CA, Hi-Desert Rockhounds of Moronga Valley, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst Street, Hours: 9 - 6 daily, Contact: Judy & Roger Thompson, (760) 902-5340, Email: HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com, Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gemshow.htm

October 10 - 12: RENO, NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Craft Show, Reno Town Hall, Corner of Peckham & So. Virginia Street, Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3, Contact: Theresa Langhans, (775) 475-0842, Email: theresalanhans@yahoo.com, Website: www.renorockhounds.com

October 11 - 12: ANDERSON, CA, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta County Fairgrounds, Briggs Street, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Steve Puderbaugh, (530) 604-2951, Email: steve@applyaline.com, Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Min-

eral Society, Gem & Mineral Building, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356, Email: slgms@iwvisp.com, Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 11 - 12: GRASS VALLEY, CA, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Todd Lawson, Email: ncgms@hotmail.com, Website: www.ncgms.org

October 18 - 19: PLACERVILLE, CA, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Bob Graton, (530) 676-2472, Email: info@rockandgemshow.org, Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org, Club Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

October 25 - 26: CAYUCOS, CA, San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club, Cayucos Vets Hall, 10 Cayucos Drive, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Kim Patrick Noyes, (805) 610-0603, Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com, Website: www.slogem.org

November 1 - 2: CONCORD, CA, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Harry Nichandros, (925) 289-0454, Email: show-c@ccmgs.org, Website: www.ccmgs.org/gem_show

November 1 - 2: OXNARD, CA, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Miriam Tetreault, (805) 642-5779, Email: ml_tetreault@hotmail.com, Website: www.oxnardgem.com

November 8 - 9: ANAHEIM, CA, American Opal Society, Garden Grove, The Phoenix Club - Festhalle, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Hours: Sat 9 - 6; Sun 9 - 5, Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959, Email: info@opalsociety.org, Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 8 - 9: SACRAMENTO, CA, Sacramento Mineral Society, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Alyssa Meszinger, (916) 205-4441, Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org, Website: sacgemshow.com

November 8 - 9: YUBA CITY, CA, Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall, 442 Franklin Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Kartie Slightam, (530) 673-9649, Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net, Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

Membership Dues Are Past Due

Please remit your 2014-2015 dues now. Please use the form below when you pay your dues. We hope that this form will help catch changes in your address or email.

Dues were due by May 31, 2014. They are past due on June 1st, 2014.

Membership renewal form

Please provide the following information along with your dues payment.

Please print clearly"

Name(s): _____

My address and email address is correct in the 2014 directory ___Yes ___No

Street Address or P.O. Box # _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s):(_____)_____ (_____)_____

Email Address(es): _____

Type of membership: Choose which every membership is least expensive for your personal or family situation.

___#Adult @ \$20.00 ___#Junior @ \$5.00 (8-17) ___ 1 Household @ \$30.00

Dues renewal fee	\$ _____
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Total remitted	\$ _____
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Checks must be made out to: SCVGMS

Please turn in or mail this form and your payment to:

SCVGMS Treasurer, C/O Chuck Boblenz, 655 Santa Coleta Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

One of our own has been nominated, and WON!!!

May 27, 2014

To the CFMS Education through Sharing Committee,

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society would like to nominate a well-deserving candidate for the CFMS Education through Sharing Award for the 2014 calendar year. His name is Bill Spence. He has been our Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) chairman since September, 2009. During his duties to keep our society members aware of the latest issues involving California Public Lands, he has become the point person for many of our area's rock and mineral collecting clubs. These clubs include the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, Peninsula Gem and Geology Society, Bay Area Mineralogists, San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society, as well as the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society.

Bill has kept a vigilant eye on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) emergency closure of the Clear Creek area. He has been an outspoken advocate for the reopening of Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA). This includes researching the issue and science behind the closure of the area, giving talk at ALAA meetings, attending public forums, organizing letter writing campaigns, making numerous phone calls to public officials and the BLM staff. Bill has kept in constant contact with the staff of the local and state BLM offices, working with them to ensure that the needs of rockhounds would be met in the case of the reopening of the CCMA. In addition, Bill twice was able to get staff members from the BLM to attend meetings of local

clubs to explain the processes and to hear the opinions and concerns of the Bay Area rockhounding community. In our opinion, Bill has played a key role in the reopening of the BLM Clear Creek area. Without his keen eye for details and legal background, we believe that reopening of the Clear Creek area would have been delayed even longer or possibly not been reopened at all.

For his dedicated service to all California rockhounds and mineral collectors we believe Bill is a highly deserving candidate for the CFMS Education through Sharing Award and should be nominated for the AFMS Rockhound of the Year Award.

Thank you for considering his nomination.
The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Officers and Board of Directors

A Brief Overview of the SCVGMS Job Duties of Each Elected Office and Appointed Position.

Please be aware that this is a very condensed document, and anyone who is interested in a particular job should consult the SCVGMS Officers and Chairmen's Manual. Additionally, if you are interested in a particular position, you should speak with the current job holder and discuss mentoring for the remainder of the year. Most people are more than willing to offer their assistance either at the end of the year or with the beginning of the following year.

Duties of the elected officers and directors of the SCVGMS.

President

1. Oversee all meetings of the SCVGMS.
2. Appoint all committee chairmen.
3. Oversee all committees

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Vice President

1. Assume President's job in his/her absence.
2. Club Publicity Chairman
 - A. Advertise all club events except Show publicity
 - B. Local newspaper contact
 - C. Local business and community contact.

Secretary

1. Record the minutes of the regular and board meetings.
2. Read and answer all club correspondence
3. Maintain the club member files
4. Maintain membership directory

Treasurer

1. Oversee all financial transactions
2. Provide monthly reports at each board meeting
3. Keep club insurance policies in force
4. Collect all dues
5. Produce annual financial statements
6. File income tax returns

Editor

1. Produce the club newsletter
2. Maintain mailing and emailing list.
3. Maintain exchange bulletin email list
4. May have a team of people to help with production of newsletter.

Federation Director or Alternate Federation Director

1. Be the club representative at all CFMS functions.
2. Report regularly about CFMS activities and news at club meetings.

Historian

1. Chronographer of the club.
2. Produce a history book for the year including (but not limited to) pictures, newsletters, and annual show information.

Parliamentarian

Advise officers and members of club bylaws, operating procedures, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Director

1. Attend monthly board meeting
2. Guide the club activities

Duties of the appointed positions of the SCVGMS.

Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) Chairman

1. Oversee the DRC and make sure they follow the donation receiving policy.
2. Evaluate all possible donations and coordinate all donation pickups.
3. Report quarterly to the Board of Directors
4. Set all rock sale dates and arrange for appropriate publicity and meeting announcements.
5. Keep all club members informed of the DRC's activities through meeting reports and Breccia article and reports.

Field Trip Chairman

1. Coordinate club field trips
2. Attend and participate at the bi-yearly North Bay Field Trip (NBFT) meeting
 - A. Collect information on other club field trips
 - B. Disseminate collected field trip information to club members
 - C. Plan a field trip to share with NBFT.
3. Make regular reports to club members at meetings or through the Breccia.
4. May be a group of people who support this position.
5. Prepare a final report of all club field trips during the year for the Field Trip binder.
6. Follow club policies involving waivers, sign-in, and insurance.

Financial Advisory Committee:

1. Oversee club investments and financial policies
2. Make recommendations for appropriate change when necessary.

Founder's Day Picnic Chair

1. May be a committee of people to tackle individual jobs (food, bingo, and raffle).
2. Early in the year, choose a date and make site reservations; be sure to get board approval for date and place.
3. Plan menu for picnic/BBQ

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4. Coordinate with editor for newsletter publicity
5. Develop flier and sign up form
6. Purchase and cook food
7. Pick up and return Bingo boards, rack, and numbered balls.
8. Plan and execute a raffle.
9. Submit a detailed report of picnic
10. Submit receipts for reimbursement of expenses.

Future Rockhounds of America

1. May be a group of people to assist with this position
2. Obtain a meeting place.
3. Plan and arrange all meetings, programs, field trips, and work sessions. Require parent/adult supervision for each participant.
4. Submit regular reports to board and Breccia
5. Follow club policies involving waivers, sign-in, and insurance.

Hospitality

1. Man the hospitality table at general meetings.
2. Encourage guests to sign in and give them a name tag.
3. Introduce the guests at the appropriate time during the meeting.
4. Tally number of guests and members for each meeting and report the total when called upon during the meeting.

Installation Dinner Chairman

1. Early in the year, with board approval, reserve site and date (usually the first week of December)
2. At the July board meeting, submit a menu to the Board for menu selection and to set the member cost for the event. Additionally, get board approval for the invitation of two Marines representing Toys for Tots and the cost of their meals at the Installation Dinner.
3. Develop Flyer for event and coordinate publicity with editor.
4. Make arrangements for any decorations, entertainment, tables, PA system, and for Immediate Past President to perform installation of officers.

5. Coordinate with caterer or restaurant for all meal and/or room-related arrangements.
6. Submit a final report for Breccia and Installation Dinner binder.

Librarian

1. Be the custodian of the club library
 - A. Keep an up-to-date list of all club books, videos, magazines, pamphlets, maps, etc.
 - B. Maintain a check-out system for all materials.
 - C. Collect fines for overdue materials and turn in all fine money to the Club Treasurer.
2. Purchase a new book or video in memory of each deceased member.

Member Display Chairman

1. Coordinate with Editor for a notice in January Breccia assigning months for members' displays.
2. Submit monthly reports including who displayed the previous month and who is assigned to display the coming month.
3. Introduce each member display at monthly meetings.
4. Setup and teardown of the display area at each general meeting.

PLAC Public Lands Advisory Committee Chairman

1. Be a liaison between the CFMS PLAC committee and our club.
2. Stay apprised of all current pending legislation involving land use.
3. Attend the CFMS show and convention meetings that pertain to public land use.
4. Report monthly, on all of the above, at the general meetings and in the Breccia.
5. Encourage members to voice their opinion on upcoming legislation and government agencies' policies to their representatives.

Program Chair

1. Arrange programs for general meetings from January—May and July—October.
2. Coordinate publicity for the programs with Vice President and Editor.

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3. Prepare and submit to the Editor a review of each program presented.

Refreshment Chairman

1. Purchase and serve refreshments at the end of our monthly meetings.
 - A. Cookies, donuts, etc. (Chairman's choice)
 - B. Cold drink such as fruit juice
 - C. Coffee, tea, condiments
 - D. Paper goods
2. Fill coffee urn with water and heat. Place coffee, tea, cups, and condiments out for members' use.
3. Submit bills for reimbursement.

Sergeant-at-arms

1. Keep order during the meeting
2. Set up chairs, table, hospitality, library, and American flag prior to meeting and make sure they are put away after the meeting.
3. Bring out and return boxes of meeting supplies from storage room

Show Chairman

1. Plan and oversee all activities pertaining to the Annual Show.
2. Make regular reports at monthly meetings, at board meetings, and in the Breccia.
3. Appoint all show committee positions.
4. Keep records of all expenses incurred with the show.
5. Set the date for all show committee meetings and be responsible for notifying all show committee members.
6. Set the show date and place with board approval.

Silent Auction

1. Prepare a notice for the Breccia regarding the bi-yearly Silent Auctions in June and November.
2. Obtain cash for change for the members' purchases.
3. Make copies of bid sheets for members' bids.
4. Set up numbered tables for donated items.
5. Tally evening's total sales and turn in money

to Club Treasurer.

Social Committee

1. Submit a proposed calendar of social activities for club to the board at the beginning of the year.
2. Plan and execute social activities as directed by the board.

Sunshine Chairman

1. Keep in touch with members who are ill or distressed or have good news.
2. Solicit information from fellow members at meetings and through the Breccia.
3. Send cards. Telephone or personal calls may also be made, if appropriate.
4. In the event of a member's death, a donation may be made to a charity as a memorial in the name of the society. The amount of the donation will be determined by the board and sent in the name of the deceased.
5. Give an oral report at general meetings and submit a monthly report to the Breccia.

Trophy Chairman

1. Obtain the President's Plaque, Show chairman's trophy, Sharr Choate Trophy, and any other trophies the board wishes to present.
2. Make sure trophies and plaques are at the appropriate meeting place for presentation.
3. Submit all receipts for reimbursement.

Vice Custodian (Trailer Custodian)

1. Responsible for yearly inventory of club property in the trailers. Must submit inventory list to Treasurer.
2. Responsible for trailer maintenance and transportation to and from show site.

Webmaster

1. Maintain club Website
2. Submit all receipts for reimbursement
3. Coordinate with Vice President, Show Chairman, and Editor for regular submission of updated Web pages.

The Importance of Water

by Mark Nelson, EMT –
CFMS Safety Chairman

As rockhounds, many of our activities involve environmental conditions that are warm. Most workshops don't have refrigerated air conditioning and can heat up during the summer. So do halls where we hold our shows. Field trips are most popular during months when it's not cold, snowing, or raining. Once the weather warms we are off to the mountains, deserts, forests, streams, and beaches in search of unique material. As leaders of our clubs we have an obligation to be aware of the conditions that will enable our members to enjoy our hobby safely. A weak and tired person will get hurt at a workshop or damage equipment and on a field trip they will trip and fall. Fatigue and an altered mental status puts all of us at risk of injury and one of the primary causes of this is dehydration! Water regulates our body's temperature, lubricates joints and helps transport nutrients for energy and health. If we aren't properly hydrated we won't be able to perform at an acceptable level and may become a hazard to ourselves and others.

Two-thirds of the human body is made up of water and the body of a person of 154 pound contains about 1500 ounces of water. Almost 70% of this water is inside the body cells. 20% is in the space surrounding cells, and slightly less than 10% is in the bloodstream. The water in the human body is essential to keeping it healthy. We lose water constantly. Humidified air leaves our body when we breathe, we sweat to cool the body and we eliminate water and waste by urinating or having a bowel movement.

How many times at our shops and during field trips have we seen our members seek

a chair, rock, or stay in the car to "sit this one out"? One of the first signs that the body needs water is a lack of energy. This is often followed by the reduced volume and darker yellow color of urine, dry or sticky mouth, dry skin, mild headache and slight muscle cramps. Thirst is generally the last indicator that the body needs water.

How much water should I be drinking? There are no set guidelines for water intake because everyone is different. Sweat rates, heat, humidity, activity intensity and duration are just some of the factors that must be considered. A simple way to make sure you're staying properly hydrated is to check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated. Dark yellow or amber-colored urine is a sign of dehydration. When the amount of water you intake matches the water you excrete, the body's water supply will be balanced. A healthy person of about 150 pounds and not sweating excessively should drink at least 65 ounces a day. For a hot workshop or vigorous collecting activity it is recommended to increase this to 100 ounces. As a rule of thumb I advise field trip members to drink one 16 ounce bottle for every hour of a field trip.

Camelbak Hydration makes a 100 ounce bladder with a drinking tube that can be slipped into a knapsack and is available for \$25.20 from <http://www.heartratemonitorsusa.com>. Sporting goods stores, Target and Walmart sell them in a variety of sizes and colors – such as the 2 liter Outdoor Products H2O Performance Hydration Pack Water Bladder for \$22.99. Negotiate a group purchase and have your club's logo printed on them!

As we enter into the warmer months we need to preach the most basic of safety rules: DRINK WATER!

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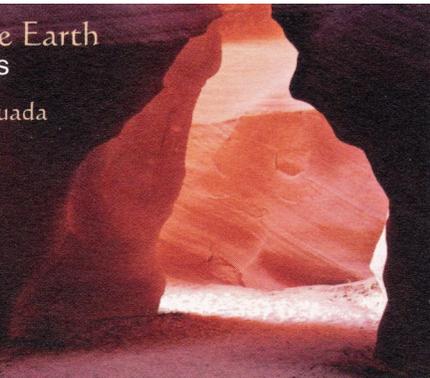
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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society General meeting minutes June 24th, 2014

The June meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:45 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The June board meeting will be held at Lisa LaRocca's house.

New Members: Donna and Herb (Tiny) Garland received their new badges and member packets.

Bragging Rights: The theme was "Minerals"

Field Trips: Randy Harris, for Dean Welder, announced a number of upcoming trips:

June 19th – 20th – Davis Creek, Oregon

July 30th – August 4th – Montana

August 29th – August 30th – Burney, CA for fossils

October 17th – 19th – Jade Cove

Details can be found in the Breccia.

Member Displays: Presented by David Marshall.

Founder's Day Picnic: David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca are coordinating. The picnic will be Saturday, July 19th, eating will start around noon. Please check the Breccia for the sign up form.

Show Meeting : July 14th at 7:30 at Frank Mullaney's house

Secret Auction: Two fine slabs were offered this month, look for more great things to be offered in the coming months.

Continuing Education: Nothing new to report. The next scholarships will be for Zzyzx

Program: A video on Petrified Wood from Washington State that showed how the wood was preserved and fossilized and why there were so many different species of wood found in these locations.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy brought some discount coupons for the upcoming Gem Faire Show.

Sunshine: Rick Kennedy relayed the news that lifetime member and past President Bill Norton had passed away on June 2nd.

Study Groups:

Cutaways: Randy indicated that they will meet on July 12th at his house. Call before attending to confirm.

There is a shop fee of \$5.00

Smithies: Pat indicated that the Smithies meet every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 and two other nights a month.

Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Photography group:

Website update: New password for member's only section: Rk Owen and Rick Kennedy have password available for members.

Hospitality: 42 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Socials: There are still two more socials that need a volunteer to run. There will not be a potluck at the next general meeting.

PLAC: Nothing new.

Federation Report: Randy announced that the first week of Camp Paradise is full. The second week still has openings. The AFMS Show in Tulsa is July 9th – 13th.

DRC Sale: Pat Speece announced that the DRC sale on May 31st raised \$397.00 and that there will be another rock sale on June 28th from 9:00 – 12:00 at Pat's house.

Happy Birthday!!!: There was a surprise birthday cake at the end of the meeting to celebrate everyone's birthday!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting

June 26th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the home of Lisa LaRocca.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Bill Simpson and Michael Paone.

Reading of the minutes from the April 24th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, J. Harris)

Reading of the minutes from the May 27th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, D. Welder)

New Members: No new members.

Correspondence: No new correspondence since the general meeting

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. M/S/P (D. Welder, R. Harris) to pay the bills.

Committee Reports:

Show: Show Meeting: July 14th at Frank Mullaney's house. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Raffle: M/S/P to authorize the club to spend \$1300.00 (instead of the previously authorized \$1100.00) for Diamonds for a special raffle. (R. Harris, D. Marshall)

Raffle: Chuck Boblenz will register the raffle with the Department of Justice as is now mandated by law.

Raffle tickets: M/S/P to order 5000 tickets for our raffle (R. Kennedy, R. Harris)

Raffle prices: M/S/P to price the raffle tickets at \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and 25 for \$20.00. (R. Harris, D. Marshall)

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Founder's Day: David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca announced that 39 adults and 8 children have signed up for the picnic. Rita Jarrett will run the Bingo game. Tickets and Bingo supplies still need to be removed from the trailers. M/S/P to donate \$50.00 to the CFMS Endowment fund (R. Harris, D. Welder)

Old Business: Trailer Insurance: Nothing new.

Junior Program: Nothing new.

Computer: Nothing new.

Mindat Donation: Rick Kennedy will contact Chuck Boblenz with the mailing address and information to send to MinDat.

Continuing Education: There was discussion that the person chosen will need to turn in their application within 24 hours after they have been chosen. The Zzyzx timeline is to have nominations in by July and have the drawing at the August meeting.

Programs: Here is the upcoming schedule:

July: Jade carving
 August: Open
 September: Possibly Dick Pankey
 October: Charles Tucker – Camp Paradise
 November: Elections/Silent Auction

New Business:

Santa Clara County Fair: July 31st – August 3rd. Looking for volunteers to man the club booth.

Memorial Donation, Bill Norton: M/S/P (R. Harris, D. Marshall) to make a \$25.00 donation to the CFMS Endowment fund in memory of Bill Norton.

Letter to CFMS/ John Martin for 1st VP: M/S/P (R. Harris, R. Kennedy) to draft a letter nominating John Martin for the 1st Vice President of the CFMS.

PO Box Rental: Rick Kennedy is authorized to renew our PO Box as soon as the notice arrives.

Scholarships for our Show: M/S/P (D. Marshall, R. Kennedy) to offer five, one thousand dollar scholarships to be broken down as follows: Three for San Jose State (2 undergrads and one grad student) and two for UC Santa Cruz (one undergrad and one grad student).

Installation Dinner: M/S/P (R. Harris, R. Kennedy) to have Willow Street cater the event again.

Claim Donation: There was discussion about a possible donation of a mining claim to the club. M/S/P (J. Harris, D. Marshall) to authorize Rick Kennedy to further research the potential positives and negatives about such a donation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report
 June 26, 2014

Beginning Balance		\$17,412.80
Income		
Dues	\$ 980.00	
DRC Sales	\$ 397.00	
June Silent Auction	\$ 21.00	
April Silent Auction	\$ 20.00	
May Silent Auction	\$ 15.00	
Total Income	\$1,433.00	
Expenses		
2014 Show County Taxes	\$ 375.82	
2014 Show Scholarship booth saw blade	\$ 103.31	
2014 Show Skirting Marking pens	\$ 6.30	
Camp Paradise Registration	\$ 390.00	
Ruth Bailey Award (CFMS show)	\$ 84.28	
Breccia Printing—June	\$ 47.09	
Breccia Postage—June	\$ 22.40	
May meeting refreshments	\$ 26.81	
June Meeting refreshments	\$ 18.50	
Total Expenses	\$1,074.51	
Ending Balance		\$17,771.29

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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Dean Welder
Founder's Day Picnic Food:
David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca
Founder's Day Raffle: OPEN
Founder's Day Bingo: Rita Jarrett
Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy
Librarian: OPEN
Meeting Setup: OPEN
Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy
Member Displays: David Marshall
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee):
Bill Spence
Program: OPEN
Refreshments: Jacquelyn Calderon
Show 2014: Frank Mullaney
Show 2015: OPEN
Silent Auction: Pat Speece
Social: Jacquelyn Calderon
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trailer Custodian: Herb Vogel
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Webmaster: RK Owen

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An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (the Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Our next general meeting will be on July 22 2014, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on July 24, 2014, at the home of David Marshall at 7:30 PM.

Our Society's Purpose: The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' interests in the earth sciences and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

Our Membership Requirements: Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. Exchange bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

**For information on a study group,
please call the leader(s) listed below**

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Juniors	Needs a new leader. Check the mirror, is it you?	
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