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President's report

by Frank Mullaney

As I was doing last month's Presidents message I started thinking about another reason why people may not want to volunteer. They are afraid of negative comments.

I know from experience that the first reaction to a negative comment is defense of your choice. You want to protect what you did as correct, and you don't want to be wrong or made to think you are stupid (this is always my first reaction). I have found that I need to stop and listen to what is being said to me (this is difficult to do sometimes). The next step is even more difficult. Making changes to your thoughts and actions.

I would like to relate a incidence that happened to me a couple of years ago. I was taking a web class at a local college. The instructor stated that she had a comment about my web site but didn't want to make a negative comment. I asked her why she didn't want to make a negative comment. She stated that many times when she did,

her student went home and cried to their parents that the teacher was mean to them. Then the parents called the teacher and gave her grief for being mean to their poor misunderstood child. I said that I did not mind negative comments and to give it to me, anyway.

She stated that I make neat badges and that I need to place them on some of the pages of my website. That negative comment started me thinking. So, I went home and sat in front of my computer and figured out how to do put some badges up on my website. I went to a convention before I saw the teacher again. When I saw her after I came back, I told her that her NEGATIVE comment made me money.

So volunteer anyway, take comments (negative or positive) and make them into a positive difference in our organization. The Time and Talent Sheets are in this month's Breccia. Please complete them and return them to me. Your help is needed.

Frank

SCVGMS Continuing Education Award

by David Marshall

As most all of you know Jacquelyn Calderon was the first winner to attend Camp Paradise as our club's guest. I thought it would be wonderful to learn about Jacquelyn's perspective on what drew her into lapidary, what lights her up about rocks and minerals, as well as what excites her about going to Camp Paradise. This is her response to my request:

I was about 8 years old when I first started digging in my back yard. The area I grew up in was the Alum Rock Hills. I found a twin quartz crystal in my mother's strawberry bush planter. Don't ask me why I was fishing around in the dirt in the first place...I don't know. That was the start of my love affair with ROCKS. Going through every inch of dirt all around my house I found quite a lot of gems. Later on in life, I remember strolling my daughter around the fairgrounds at our SCVGMS Annual shows, buying rocks for myself and fossils to show the preschoolers I was teaching. Always intent on sharing my love of rocks with others. That was some time ago, as my daughter is no longer in a stroller and is 23 years old now! Every student of mine has received a rock from me. I love to string rocks and beads because I find it relaxing. The metaphysical properties of stones is another one of my favorite things to learn about also. I am excited to go to Camp Paradise because I have no formal training on cutting, polishing etc. The variety of classes offered is awesome, and I cannot wait to get there! Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Peace, love and rocks! Jacquelyn

Thank you to Missy and Jim Fox for putting in a case at the Santa Clara County Fair, and to Cal Hansen, Marc Mullaney, and Stephen Rodrigues for their help manning the club fair booth.

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Member Sharing by David Marshall Sunshine

I am really sorry I missed the July meeting as I was dealing with chills and a fever that came on suddenly around noon time (and thank goodness, left around midnight). I was really looking forward to facilitating our evening program on working with Jade. I understand that I missed some very nice Jade work. Matt Wood brought in his awesome Siberian Jade knife, created by Mike Burk-
leo, in Eskimo fashion with rawhide binding.

Jacquelyn brought in 3 pieces of jade. Two are very sentimental to her. When she was a child, her mother gave her a carved jade squirrel that sits on a wooden base. The other was a pendant with carvings of roses in one side and very old Japanese writing on the other side (her mother would wear this when she dressed fancy). The last piece was a yellow jade carving of a jaguar that Jacquelyn bought at a gem show in San Francisco. She notes that, from the metaphysical perspective, jade is said to bring good luck and good health. Jacquelyn also brought some specimens from her trip to Bhutan. The Himalayan mountains have a lot of zebra rock / granite, cinnabar, mica and some forms of silica.

Don Jensen brought in a carved Quartz bird that he carved and polished from a piece of quartz he found in San Benito Creek. Denise Ewell brought in an amazing Chinese carved sphere with two other carved spheres inside. And, Bob Phelps brought in a beautifully contoured and polished Jade piece from Taiwan that he had for 33 years, given to him by a professor who had it sitting on his desk many years before that.

Thank you Matt, Jacquelyn, Don, Dennis, and Bob. Members with your last name beginning with S, T, or U are requested to bring in something interesting to share. What have you been working on? And what new things have you learned?

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.

New SCVGMS member

Phil Shinn—Phil is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, fossils, geology, minerals, and field trips.

Welcome Phil. Are there some study groups in Phil's future?

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To Rita Jarrett, Stephen Rodrigues, Missy Fox and Joyce Vaccarro for their help putting together Memory wire bracelet kits for the Kids Area.

Also, Thank You to Rita Jarrett, Fred Fisher, Joe Lattuada, Calvin Hansen for their help bagging quartz crystals for the Kids Area.

Play Day

September 13th

from 9-3 PM

at the Belwood Cabana Club

We will be working on projects for the Kids Area, the Scholarship Booth, and maybe other areas for the upcoming show.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to June at (831) 438-5150 or
Juneconeys@yahoo.com

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.

AUGUST: 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 August 9th 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

July meeting results

Adult category: Jim Fox

Junior Category: Chase Tomac

The contest theme for the August meeting is the color "Yellow"

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

2014 SCVGMS Calendar



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.

August 29th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 5th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 6th Cutaway's meeting from 9-noon at Randy Harris' home

September 8th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 12th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 13th Play Day from 9 AM –3 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club.

September 16th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 19th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

September 25th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Chuck Boblenz' home

September 26th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

Field Trip Schedule

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

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

October 17-19, 2014 Jade Cove,

Thanksgiving weekend, Wiley Wells

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 16 - 17: TEHACHAPI, CA, Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society, St. Malachy's Catholic Church, 407 West E Street, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Robert Papac, (661) 821-7103, Email: getback@csurfers.net or getback@antelecom.net, Website: www.tvgms.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: theresalanghans@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 & Mineral 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 12 - 13: VISTA, CA, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570, Email: raysrocks@cox.net

October 18: WEST HILLS, CA, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, Hours: 10 - 5, Contact: Beth Pio, Email: info@rockchippers.org, Website: www.rockchippers.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 Gratton, (530) 676-2472, Email: info@rockandgemshow.org, Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org,

October 18 - 19: WHITTIER, CA, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Marcia Goetz (626) 914-5030

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,

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 \$ _____

Total remitted \$ _____

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

NBFT Fall Meeting

By Dick Pankey, member of the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

If you like going on or talking about field trips; if you like spending time with rockhounds and collectors discussing their most recent collecting adventures; if you like great deals on rocks and mineral; or if you are just looking for an excuse to get out of the house (and out of some chores) have I got a deal for you!!! The Contra Costa M&GS will host the fall meeting of North Bay Field Trips on Saturday, September 27th in Pittsburg, CA. NBFT holds 2 meetings a year one in the spring and one in the fall. In the past these have been fun and interesting meetings. The business part of the meeting is for reports of field trips since the last meeting, discussion and planning for future field trips and discussion of issues that affects field trips and collecting. The fun part of the meeting is the silent auction with specimens, cutting material, fossils and more; sharing a great potluck lunch and best of all getting together with other rockhounds.

Each member society of NBFT should be sure that their field trip leader or a representative attends this meeting and represent their society. But the NBFT meetings aren't just for the field trip leaders; every member that enjoys field trips and collecting are welcome to attend. I attended my first NBFT meeting in February 1991 and got hooked. It is a great bunch of people who have fun, like rocks and collecting and best of all go on great field trips together. If your club will have a new FTC next year make sure he or she gets the word about this meeting and be sure to encourage them to attend. Don't forget to invite and encourage other members of your club to come to this meeting. I encourage all club members who are interested in field trips (that includes just about all members) to attend NBFT meetings and to join in the fun and be active in NBFT events.

The purpose of NBFT is to share field trips and rockhounding between our member clubs. Each club is encouraged (and expected) to plan and host a field trip or "event" each year. Now is the time to start planning your club's field trip or event so that you will have something to announce at the meeting.

So mark your calendars now for NBFT on September 27th. Talk it up at your next meeting and get a group of field tripping rock collectors to attend the NBFT fall meeting. Bring something to share and your plate and utensils for the potluck lunch and bring rocks and rock related items for the silent auction. Also, bring Show-N-Tell from a recent trip. See the meeting announcement for details, directions and a map.

I have always looked forward to and enjoyed the NBFT meetings. Join us at the NBFT Fall Meeting on Saturday, September 27th. For more information contact Dick Pankey at 925-439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com

Editor's note: meeting location -Community Presbyterian Church, 200 East Leland Road Pittsburg, CA 94565

NBFT Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 27th, 2014

Location: Community Presbyterian Church
200 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Hosted by the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Schedule: 8:30 – 9:30 Registration / Social with donuts and coffee
9:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 Potluck Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 Conclude Business Meeting
Program to be announced

This is a centrally located meeting site that is convenient for all NBFT clubs. Please bring material for the silent auction: rocks and specimens from past field trips, rock related "white elephants" (old books, findings, tools, etc.), lapidary/jewelry items, and the like. Bring food to share (hot dish, cold dish, salad or dessert) for the potluck. Also, bring your own plate and eating utensils. This meeting is not just for field trip chairmen and leaders, so be sure to invite all of your club members who are interested in field trips, collecting and getting great buys on rocks and specimens.

In addition to reports of summer field trips we will have election of officers. We will also have announcements of fall and winter field trips. And it is not too early to start thinking about 2015 trips. Each NBFT club is expected to host a shared field trip or related activity each year. Start your planning now so that your club will have a field trip or event to share.

Directions: Take Hwy 4 to Pittsburg. Exit on to Railroad Ave. Go south on Railroad to Leland Rd., approximately ½ miles. Turn left (east) and go ¼ mile, then turn right into church parking lot. Easiest access is from south side of church.

For more information contact Dick Pankey at 925-439-7509 or dick-pankey@juno.com



Time and Talent Sharing

Each year we have elections. To do that, we have three people from the Board and general membership put together a slate of proposed officers. To get this slate, the nominating committee must ask other members to run for offices.

If they know ahead of time who would be willing to run for a particular (or any) office, AND who wouldn't or couldn't accept any position for the following year, their job is made much simpler. Please call Frank Mullaney for further information (408) 691-2656. Please note that many positions can be filled by members with little to no experience, and mentoring is available to anyone who would like to take on a position but is unsure as to how to do the job. In this issue of the Breccia, all of the board and committee positions are briefly outlined.

Please fill out this sheet to indicate what offices and or committee you are willing to fill, turn it in at the next general meeting, or mail it to Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr., San Jose, CA 95124. If you live out of state, you don't need to do this.

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Board of Directors and Positions

(elected by the membership)

- ___ President
- ___ Vice President
- ___ Secretary
- ___ Treasurer
- ___ Editor
- ___ Federation Director
- ___ Alternate Fed. Director
- ___ Board Member (need 5)
- ___ Parliamentarian (non-voting)
- ___ Historian (non-voting)

___ Unable to accept a board position at this time.

Other ways to contribute:

- ___ Be a greeter at meetings
- ___ Give a program to adults or juniors
- ___ Write Articles for the Breccia
- ___ Give a demonstration at the show
- ___ Lead a study group
- ___ Take on a lead position on the show committee
- ___ Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

Committee Chairpersons

(selected by the President)

Co-chairpersons are welcome.

- ___ Donation Receiving Committee
- ___ Field Trips
- ___ Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- ___ Founder's Day Picnic
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ Juniors
- ___ Installation Dinner
- ___ Librarian
- ___ Programs
- ___ Member Displays
- ___ Public Lands Access (PLAC)
- ___ Refreshments
- ___ Sergeant-at-Arms
- ___ Secret Auction
- ___ Silent Auction
- ___ Social Activities
- ___ Sunshine
- ___ Show Chair (2016)
- ___ Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- ___ Trophy Chair
- ___ Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

SCVGMS Continuing Education Application

Filling out this application and returning it to the SCVGMS Board enters you into the Continuing Education drawing. The winner receives tickets for two people to attend a week-long stay at one of the CFMS Earth Sciences' camps:

- Zzyzx (March/April time frame) One 1-week camp
- Camp Paradise (End of August, first week in September) two 1-week camps

The SCVGMS Board welcomes you to fill out this application if you have met the eligibility criteria:

- Attended three or more SCVGMS club meetings a year
- Volunteered eight or more hours at the annual SCVGMS show or in preparation for the show
- Have not been a winner and attended either camp within the last three years.

Name: _____

What's the best way to contact you? Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please tell us what interests you about this opportunity. We like to hear what inspires people in this hobby. If you are a winner, we'd like to share your words with the club members via the Breccia newsletter. Don't worry, we'll edit for spelling and punctuation.

Why would you like to attend Camp Paradise or Zzyzx this coming season? _____

What is your favorite part of being in our hobby, and why? _____

Things you need to know:

- The drawing will be at a club meeting, the date of which will be communicated at upcoming club meetings and the Breccia. You do not have to be present to win.
- Five names will be drawn. If for any reason the winner is unable to attend the camp, the second person will be contacted and offered the tickets and so forth.
- The winner is responsible for their transportation to/from the camp and any additional materials fees for special classes. The tickets include accommodations and meals.
- To assure your accommodations and attendance in one of the camps, you must contact Marion Roberts, CFMS head of the Earth Sciences camps, to make arrangements by October 1 for Zzyzx or July 1 for Camp Paradise (phone number or email address)
- The winner will share their camp experience with the club by taking some photos, doing a show and tell at a meeting, and writing a short article for the Breccia.

Deadline for submission is August 15th.

Mail or turn form into Michael Paone, 229 Massol Ave.#4, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Open to members and non members alike.

Questions???? contact Michael Paone- M.P.Paone@comcast.net

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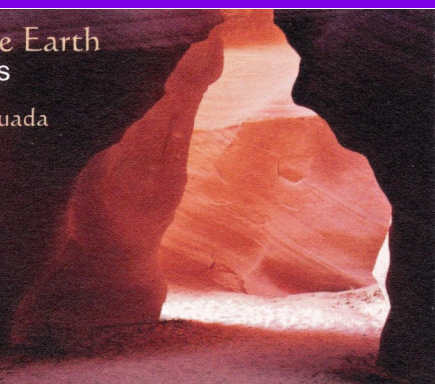
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Chocolate Rocks, Rock Candy and more!

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nfte@earthlink.net
c.p. 408 667 6682



Treating Cuts at the Workshop and Field Trip

by Mark Nelson, EMT
Via CFMS newsletter, August, 2014

Guess what? We don't live in a bubble! The risks in the lapidary hobby are no different than those in other workplaces. In our lapidary shops we have sharp edges and tools that can slip and cut or puncture. Our shared goal is to enable all of our rockhound enthusiasts to enjoy our hobby. On field trips we slip and slide on our hands, elbows and knees. Our hands and fingers seek out rocks with sharp edges that once made cutting tools for primitive cultures. The opportunities that we enjoy as rockhounds and jewelry enthusiasts also present manageable risks such as lacerations and abrasions (cuts and scrapes) and punctures. The danger in these injuries is INFECTION. The way we treat these injuries to prevent infection can make the difference between a minor mishap and a major event.

If you are reading this article you are most likely a leader, manager or supervisor of your club's activities. As managers of activities that may involve injuries such as cuts and abrasions you may be called upon to help treat an injured member.

ROCKY FIVE

TUMBLING GRIT
LAPIDARY SUPPLIES
BADGES
BANNERS
INDUSTRIAL SIGNS
AWARDS
EMBROIDERY
ROCKHOUND ITEMS



408-266-1791
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BARRANCA DIAMOND
AUTHORIZED DEALER

You need to know what you should and should not do for treatment.

YOU SHOULD:

- For minor cuts, punctures and scrapes, where the bleeding is minimal, wash the wound with soap and water. Use tweezers, if necessary, to remove all particles of dirt or vegetation. Keep it clean and dry. Apply a band aid to an open cut to keep the edges of the wound closed. This is all that is required to care for most wounds. As a manager representing a lapidary club you should not apply any liquids or ointments to the wound.
- For more serious wounds the first step is to stop the bleeding. Most wounds respond to direct pressure with a clean cloth or bandage. Hold the pressure continuously for approximately 10 to 20 minutes (the affected person can help). If the bandage gets saturated with blood, put an additional bandage on top of the first. Do not remove the initial bandage. If this fails to stop the bleeding seek medical assistance. After about two hours, soak the bandage in clean water and gently remove it. Clean the wound gently with soap and

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water and apply a band aid or bandage to close the wound and to keep it clean.

DO NOT:

- Clean the wound with hydrogen peroxide and iodine. While this is acceptable initially it can delay healing and should be avoided long-term.
- Apply antibiotic ointment or any other topical treatment. This can be of help, but use it only if the affected person provides it to you or permits its use. It is best not to introduce any medication to a wound not prescribed by a doctor or medical expert.
- Attempt to apply any stitches or sutures unless you are a medical professional so trained.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

- For stitches and wide-area abrasions where the skin is badly torn, help the affected person to receive medical care within 6 hours. A delay can increase the rate of wound infection.
- Any puncture wound through tennis shoes or sneakers has a high risk of infection due to the injection of shoe material into the wound. Clean with soap and water and advise the affected person to be seen by a doctor if there are any indications of infection.
- Any redness, swelling, increased pain, fever, red streaking, or pus draining from the wound may indicate an infection that requires professional medical care.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society general meeting minutes
July 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Mullaney, at 7:50 PM at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse. The minutes from the June general meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The July board meeting will be held at David Marshall's home.

New Members: There were no new members at the meeting.

Bragging Rights: The theme for July was "Fossils". Joan Schramm was the adult Bragging Rights winner for the month of June. She stood and talked about her winning specimen, "Tigereye".

Field Trips: Dean indicated that there were no new field trips to announce. Details in the Breccia.

SCC Fair: Frank made a request for members to work the club booth at the fair July 30-August 3.

2015 Annual Show: Frank Mullaney announced the show committee's intention to rebrand our annual show. This involves changing what we call it and how we advertise it. He will be asking the boards permission to change the name to SCVGMS Gem and Mineral Festival rather than annual show. He announced that because this is our 60th festival calling this year our Diamond Jubilee. We would be having a raffle with the top three prizes being diamond jewelry - 1.75 ct. ring, .75 diamond solitaire ring, and .40 ct. diamond earrings. We are looking for a chairman to run this raffle. Presales before the show, and sales during the show. Next show meeting will be on August 20th at 7:30 Pm at Frank Mullaney's home.

SCVGMS Continuing Education- The Board is accepting completed forms from self nominated members. Forms are due to Michael Paone by August 15th.

Member displays: See Breccia article.

Meeting program: was on jade carving. The steps to creating a Jade bangle bracelet.

Time and Talent forms were distributed to the membership at the meeting. It was emphasized that the society runs on volunteers and everyone was requested to turn a form into Frank for the Nominating committee to use to find a people to fill the slate of officers for 2015.

Correspondence: None

Sunshine: Margo Mosher emailed a report that there was no news, but David Marshall and Rick Kennedy were not at the meeting due to illness.

Study Groups:

Cutaways: The next meeting will be August 9th from 9AM - noon. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Smithies: The meeting schedule is in the Breccia. Every Friday afternoon and two other days per month. Email Pat if you would like to be add to the email list.

Photography: The next meeting will be August 13th at 7 PM. Table top photography will be the topic discussed. RSVP if you plan to attend.

Secret Auction: Pat Speece announced that the secret auction was out and bids for the items would be taken until 10 minutes after the meeting was adjourned.

Hospitality: Pat and Louis reported that there were 32 members and 5 guests present. Membership is available to guests who have attended two general meetings in the last year, completed the membership application and paid their fees.

Founder's Day Picnic: Frank indicated that everything went well and fun was had by all who attended.

Socials: Jacquelyne announced that the next social would be in September.

PLAC :No Report

Federation Report: Camp Paradise is completely full. Next group of shows will start in August with the San Francisco show.

Upcoming Rock Sale at Dean and Karen Welder's home on August 10th. Email Dean for more information.

Respectfully submitted, June Harris, substitute SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting
July 24th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM at the home of David Marshall.

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

Reading of the minutes from the June 26th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris,D. Marshall)

New Members: M/S/P (D. Welder, R. Harris) to accept the application of Phil Shinn.

Correspondence: Flyers for the September Gem Faire, Dodge and Cox Statement.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. M/S/P (D. Welder, R. Harris) to pay the bills. Chuck passed around the current list of members who have not paid their dues for the coming year. There was also a question about some specifics of the club's insurance coverage. Chuck will find out and give a report at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Show:

Show Meeting: August 20th at Frank Mullaney's house. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Raffle: The diamonds for the raffle have been purchased and there was also a donation of a set of earrings.

Raffle tickets: M/S/P to order 10,000 (instead of the 5000 tickets that were authorized in June) for our raffle (R. Harris, J. Harris)

M/S/P to replace the name "Show" with "Festival" (R. Harris, M. Wood).

Continuing Education: Nominations need to be turned in to David Marshall.

Field Trips: Dean Welder announced a number of upcoming trips:

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.

Founder's Day: David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca reported that the Founder's Day picnic was a success with at least 49 adults in attendance. They are working on some minor changes to make next year's Founder's Day Picnic even better.

Installation Dinner: Rick will contact Nancy Reineking and come up with a menu.

Old Business:

Trailer Insurance: Nothing new.

Junior Program: Nothing new.

Computer: Nothing new.

Programs: Here is the upcoming schedule:

August: Possibly a video on Yellow Cat Flat Red Wood

September: Dick Pankey: "Dutch Oven Cooking"

October: Charlie Tucker – Camp Paradise

November: Elections/Silent Auction

Santa Clara County Fair: July 31st – August 3rd. Case has been pulled out of trailer, Frank is ready.

New Business:

Letter to CFMS/ John Martin for 1st VP: Frank is getting some information together, then Rick will write the letter and send copies to the required parties.

Scholarships for our Show: Rick has been in contact with a representative of UCSC and they will be able to get us one graduate student and one undergraduate student as was offered.

Safety protocols in study groups: There was a discussion about the safety protocols that should be adopted for the club's study groups

NBFT: M/S/P (R. Harris, C. Boblenz) to send representatives to the NBFT Meeting that is coming up.

Flag Rental: M/S/P (R. Kennedy, R. Harris) to offer to rent 10 flags to the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society for \$20.00 each for their Annual Show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectfully submitted. Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's report
July 24, 2014

Beginning Balance		\$17,771.29
Income		
Dues	\$235.00	
DRC Sales	\$110.80	
Picnic Food receipts	\$ 32.00	
July Secret Auction	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
Total income	\$387.80	
Expenses		
2014 Fair show case supplies	\$ 40.60	
2015 Show Kids Area various	\$ 684.14	
2015 Show special drawing prizes	\$1,300.00	
July Breccia copying and postage	\$ 61.64	
MinDat Sponsorship	\$ 600.00	
CFMS meeting mileage	\$ 211.00	
Monthly meeting prizes	\$ 200.94	
Post Office box fee	\$ 56.00	
Picnic Raffle donation	\$ 50.00	
July meeting refreshments	\$ 43.94	
Memorium: Bill Norton	\$ 25.00	
Department of Justice Raffle application fee	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	
Total expenses	\$3,293.26	
Ending Balance		\$14,865.83

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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: Frank Mullaney
Silent Auction: Pat Speece
Social: Jacquelyn Calderon
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trailer Custodian: Herb Vogel
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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 August 26 2014, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on August 28, 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**

Cutaways	Randy Harris	(831) 438-5150
Juniors	Needs a new leader. Check the mirror, is it you?	
Photography	Matt Wood	matthew_wood@comcast.net
Smithies	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327