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President's report

by Frank Mullaney

After much consideration about what to write, I decided to try and describe what makes a society great.

Of course, it is the people. Without great people, the society will not survive or grow. Then, there are the officers and directors. They are great when they listen to their society and help it grow with the current interests.

Field trips are an activity that can make a society great. As I have said in the past, it was nothing to have 40 to 60 plus people on the societies field trip each month. (This was just our society). Then they dropped off to almost nothing. The North Bay Field Trip (NBFT) was organized and each society was to sponsor a field trip each year for this group. There are two organizational meetings a year. At first, these trips and meetings were well attended but as the years have gone by, they have dwindled to very few club representatives attending.

Our Society has another thing that make us

unique and great. It is our study groups. These groups provide a place where members with similar interests can get together and share ideas and also learn about their desired discipline. All it takes to start a study group is an idea, a meeting place, and a letter to the board that you want to form a study group. The letter should also include a list of the groups intended general goals. Some study groups last a long time, others are short lived.

Don't let anyone discourage you from doing what you want to do. Do you have an idea? Let's hear it. Our society is made great by the ideas our members have and their desire to make their ideas work. It may have been tried in the past. Some ideas have worked well, some have failed. But if you feel the time is right, and the idea is sound "LETS GET 'ER DONE!".

Along the same vein, please don't hesitate to volunteer for any position in the society. If asked to fill a position, I guarantee you will learn something new, and the society will learn something from you, too.

Frank Mullaney

SCVGMS Heroes

Michael Paone
Joan Schramm
Michele Smith
Randy Harris
Fred Fisher
Joe Lattuada
Frank Mullaney
Rita Jarrett
Jim Fox
Jill Borders
Brian Borders
Annie Borders
Robert Phelps
Noah Coffaro

Thank you to the above people for their help on Play Day. We finished all our projects for the upcoming show.

A special thank you to Noah Coffaro for his help with breaking up rocks for the rock bags. He is a real trooper.

Potluck Social

**at 6:45 PM
before the October general meeting**

Club will be providing the drinks, and table settings. Please bring either a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

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“Show and Tell” Member Displays

by David Marshall

Rick Kennedy recently returned from participating in new gem and mineral show in Denver. He showed off a number of exceptional specimens, including Cobalt, Stibinite, Pyrite, Dyop-tase, Azurite, Benitoite, Fibrous Malachite, Faceted Wulfenite, and polished Malachite.

Michele Smith, one of our guests, and soon to be one of our newest members, brought in what I will describe as a "mud rock", with different layers. It could have come from somewhere on the ocean floor, and certainly stimulated quite a bit of discussion as to what it is and where it possibly come from.

John Barr recently visited the McDermitt area on the border of Oregon and Nevada, and brought back a number of specimens that included Dendrites, Jasper with Dendrites, Agate and Opalite, and Jasper and Agate. Having the light really helped show off their beauty. Look forward to seeing some of them cut and polished.

Thank you Rick, Michele, and John for your sharings. We have run through the alphabet, so now anyone can bring in their favorite item to share with the group. See you at the meeting.

Bragging Rights Results

September meeting results

Adult category: Randy Harris
Junior Category: None entered

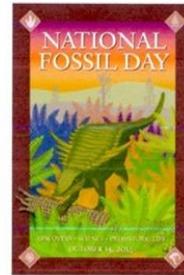
The contest theme for the
October meeting is the “Jasper”

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

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.

Welcome to new member,
Michele Smith. Let's invite her
to some study group
meetings and activities.



FOURTH ANNUAL FOSSIL DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

Join us at the **FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER** for our **FOURTH Annual Fossil Day!** This year's activities will include:

Tours of the Museum (with new exhibits!)
ATLTL throwing (What is an atlal? Come and find out!)
Animals from the Fresno Chaffee Zoo (11:00 to 1:00)
FREE Mock Dig for children!
Native American bead making for kids
And more...

So join us for the fun! Fossil Day will be GREAT and we'd like you to share it with us! We will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014.** We are located at 19450 Avenue 21 1/2, Chowchilla.

Please call us at **(559) 665-7107** for more information.

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 from 7-10pm.

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

NOVEMBER: 7-10-14-21

DECEMBER: 5-8-12-19

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 October 11th at my home. The November meeting will be on the 15th. 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



No report. If you are interested in this group, contact Matt Wood to help find a time that would be a good meeting day and time. Matt can be contacted at matthew_wood@comcast.net .

FREE! FREE! FREE!

2nd Annual Mariposa Rockin Tailgate Rock Swap

**Saturday, October 11th
from 10am - 5pm**

Mariposa County
Fairgrounds parking lot

*Buy, Sell and Swap;
rocks, gems, minerals
rough, fossils, lapidary supplies,
beads, jewelry,
tools, equipment*

Bring your stuff to sell or swap.....
or just come to shop

this is an informal tailgate -
BYO tables/chairs/etc

Questions?

**Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club:
mgmc@sti.net**

2014 SCVGMS Calendar



October 10th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM
at Pat Speece's home.

October 11th Cutaway's meeting from 9-
noon at Randy Harris' home

October 13th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM
at Pat Speece's home.

October 14th Festival committee meeting at
7 PM at Frank Mullaney's home.

October 17th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM
at Pat Speece's home.

October 24th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM
at Pat Speece's home.

October 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

October 30th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at
Matt Wood's home.

October 31st Smithies meeting from 3-6PM
at Pat Speece's home.

November 7th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM
at Pat Speece's home.

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

November 14th Smithies meeting from 3-
6PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 15th Cutaway's meeting from 9-
noon at Randy Harris' home

November 21st 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

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.

Clear Creek Field Trip—October 25

**This is not a CFMS or SCVGMS spon-
sored field trip. This is private, fee field
trip lead by professional mining con-
sultant, Leza Junnila. Cost \$50.00**

You will need a permit for the area for each
person attending to drive through it. Permits
can be obtained at the Hollister BLM office
or over the internet at ([www.blm.gov/ca/
hollister](http://www.blm.gov/ca/hollister)) Please make sure you give the BLM
at least 14 days to process your permit. They
will be going to three areas, looking for the
following minerals— Dematoid Garnet,
Thomsonite, Kammererite on Chromite and
Uvarovite garnet.

Contact Leza Junnila at
xlminer@yahoo.com to make reservations.
For every three people in your group, one
person is free. If not enough people sign up,
the trip will be cancelled and moneys re-
turned.

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



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 Graton, (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

October 25 - 26: LOS ALTOS, CA, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, One No. San Antonio Road., Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384, Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.pggs.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: RIDGECREST, CA, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Road, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905, Website: www.indianwells.weebly.com

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 Mesiznger, (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: mkaltalternatives@comcast.net, Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 14 - 16: EUREKA, CA, Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris Street, Hours: Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Diana Reed, (707) 839-2079

November 22 - 23: SANTA CRUZ, CA, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Winter Sale, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 - 17th Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509, Email: julia.cornblatt@gmail.com, Website: www.scmgs.org

December 12 - 14: RIALTO, CA, Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, Across Street from Rialto City Hall, 105 South Palm Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3, Contact: Ken Gard or Jessica, (909) 887-5507 - Shop (909) 381-0089, Email: kengard@roadrunner.com, Website: OBMSrocks.yolasite.com

ROCK SALE

This is the easiest field trip you've ever been on. Everything is up on a table except the biggest rocks.

WHEN: Club rock sale Saturday, November 1, 2014, 9am till noon.

WHERE: 2357 Loma Park Court, San Jose, CA near Leigh and Curtner

We've had three donations since our last sale. We are loaded! Overloaded!

WHAT: Rocks, slabs, finished cabs, pendant carvings and something new: mineral specimens.

Machines: *drill press, skilsaw, and big miter saw.*

FREE tables are loaded. We have so many free rocks and slabs, they don't all fit. Ask, and you can take a box of them home.

COST: Most items are 50 cents per pound. Extra special items are individually marked. All mineral specimen are individually marked as well.

We accept cash, and checks made out to SCVGMS (Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society)

We suggest you bring a water squirt bottle so you can see the colors of the rocks better. A tote bag/box would also be handy.

This will be our last sale until the weather warms up in the spring.

This rock sale is hosted by the Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society.

Questions:

email: pat.speece@comcast.net

phone: 408-266-4327

Thanks,
Pat

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:

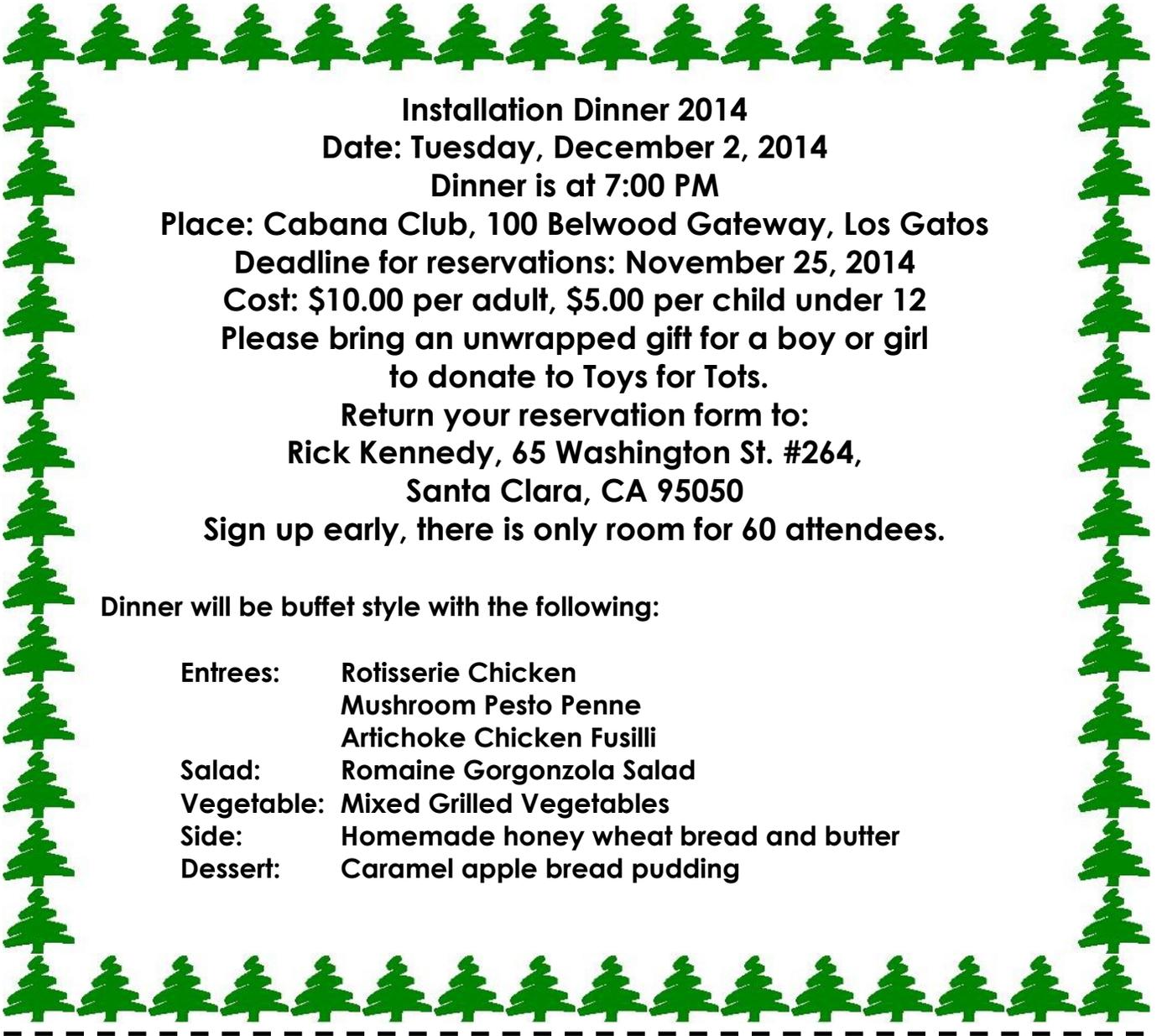
- Be a greeter at meetings
- Give a program to adults or juniors
- Write Articles for the Breccia
- Give a demonstration at the show
- Lead a study group
- Take on a lead position on the show committee
- Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

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



Installation Dinner 2014

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Dinner is at 7:00 PM

Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos

Deadline for reservations: November 25, 2014

Cost: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.

Return your reservation form to:

**Rick Kennedy, 65 Washington St. #264,
Santa Clara, CA 95050**

Sign up early, there is only room for 60 attendees.

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

- Entrees:** Rotisserie Chicken
 Mushroom Pesto Penne
 Artichoke Chicken Fusilli
- Salad:** Romaine Gorgonzola Salad
- Vegetable:** Mixed Grilled Vegetables
- Side:** Homemade honey wheat bread and butter
- Dessert:** Caramel apple bread pudding

Reservation Form for Installation Dinner

Name: _____ Phone # : _____

Number of adults _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Number of children under 12 _____ X \$ 5.00 = _____

Please make checks payable to: Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS)

Mail this form and your payment to:
Rick Kennedy, 65 Washington St.#264, Santa Clara, CA 95050

First-Hand Comments on Earthquake Preparedness

By Mark Nelson, Safety Chairman
via CFMS newsletter, October 2014 edition

Last year my wife and I spent a week near Bowling Ball Beach—in the Point Arena area of California. We marveled at the tectonic forces that pushed ancient sea beds to nearly vertical conditions today. These same forces resulted in August's 6.0 earthquake in Napa, California. According to earthquaketrack.com Napa has had 1763 earthquakes of magnitude 1.5 or greater in the past year. Authorities estimate that August's quake left 200 people injured and 100 buildings damaged (not including residences). Our Federation President, Jennifer Haley, was near the epicenter and, that afternoon of the quake while the experience was still fresh, I had a chance to solicit her advice in surviving an earthquake. Here are her comments:

"Wow, what a day it's been! My husband, Michael, and I and the dogs are safe. It was absolutely frightening, first the physicalness of it all and then hearing everything in the house crashing. I didn't know how long it was going to last, if the windows were coming down, or what. As soon as we got our shoes on we hopped in the car to make sure our near neighbors, even the one we didn't know, were ok because there wasn't a sound anywhere and no lights on. Fortunately everyone was ok".

"This quake was stronger than the one they had many years ago (a 5.2 quake in 2000) before we moved back here. That one moved the chimneys off the walls. A lot of people were hurt because of the furniture and fireplace bricks falling on them while they slept. Last night's quake knocked the birds out of the trees. At first I thought they were rodents on the ground since I only had a flashlight, but they were just as stunned as we were. The night sky turned orange pink so we knew downtown was on fire, but we didn't hear any sirens at all—for like an hour—which was really weird. People are looking for their pets who bolted when the quake hit. One neighbor said his dog jumped out of his two story

window—he said he couldn't believe it! He saw his dog one early this morning a couple of miles away, but the animal was too scared to come to him so still hasn't gotten him yet. The coyotes will be out tonight and it could get grizzly overnight. The Napa county Animal Shelter is asking people who find animals to bring them there and they will keep them until their owners come—so it's just getting the word out so people will know"

"My advice to everyone in California is:

- Keep a pair of sturdy shoes next to your bed and put them on before you check for damage.
- Check to make sure your gas line (propane in our case) to the house wasn't broken or if it was broken—to shut it off. The same for the hot water heater.
- I keep a book of matches taped to every emergency candle. This really shortens the time of trying to look for individual items when one is already stressed out. I forgot I had done this, and boy did I appreciate myself for it!
- Make sure you store clean drinking water.
- I bought a portable camping toilet years ago just in case we had a bad earthquake. It had been in storage for 11 years but it came in handy today!
- Michael and I have a house rule to always keep our cars fully fueled. Today 11 of the gas stations were taped with caution tape so no one could get gas.
- All the stores were closed except for Home Depot who was ushering people one by one with a chaperone and asking what they needed. They were terrific in the crisis.
- Don't have any heavy furniture or anything above your bed or at the head of the bed that, if it falls, can land on you. One of my relatives, here in Napa, was sleeping with their 5-month old. A plant pot, 15 feet across the room, flew thru the air and hit their bed—but fortunately they didn't get hurt.
- It does work to adhere furniture, televisions, etc., to walls with earthquake hardware. Just before the last quake, for example, my brother adhered all his furniture to the walls. Two weeks later, when the earthquake happened, his kids had a sleep-over and they

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were sleeping in front of a heavy, antique, floor-to-ceiling case. If it hadn't been secured the kids would have been badly hurt.

- Emergency radio: the crank kind is good because it works in all weather.
- Flashlights: make sure they all work. Keep one by the bed and in other rooms. Make sure the camping lantern batteries aren't leaking.
- Basic instant food and a cook stove—or at least canned goods you can eat out of a can.
- I always keep over-the-counter iodine on hand and in my back pack. It seems to stop the microbes (infection) better than anything.
- I like to keep old towels, paper towels and garbage bags in storage. Everyone I've talked to today has olive oil, glass, wine (you name it) all over the floors and mixed in with other stuff.
- Keep your keys in one place and always have a 2nd set somewhere else.
- Keep prescriptions filled—don't wait until the last minute.
- Some people, particularly the elderly, don't have cell phones and only have land lines. Be Aware that if the phone lines go dead due to the electricity being shut off and you need help it's going to be a bit of a rough time.
- Some people cope with emergencies better than others. People have to understand this and be willing to be the strong one and lead—even in a household situation. There is no shame in that, everyone is different.
- People in your neighborhood are usually going to be stunned in an emergency and not thinking normally, so everyone needs to watch for each other as if they were family—even if you don't know them. What I've learned over the years is that we often forget that other people who always appear to be grumpy or in a bad mood probably are in some kind of pain. All they need is someone to be humble and not just assume."

"During an earthquake one really needs their wits about them and strive for clear thinking. Once the shaking had stopped there were many things we saw that make small and big differences. We

had done a lot of the right things at our house after the last earthquake. We even moved an elaborately carved 1922 heavy wood door away from the bedroom wall and leaned it between the door frame so it wouldn't fall on the bed. Thank goodness we did, it just vibrated between the door frame instead of landing on our heads. We couldn't open some of the doors to get through our home because of a pile of earthquake debris, but we could get out through the back door to get to our dogs. Most of the people in Napa that showed up at the hospital were with cut feet from having to get up in the dark or cut hands picking up broken glass in their clean up."

Day2: " Today our house water is full of sediment. The well company we use just told us not to run water throughout the house because that will run more sediment into the indoor system. He said to run the water thru the irrigation system and that's it's very normal to have sediment in house water after an earthquake. "

...Jennifer

Nomination letter for 2015 Scholarship honoree— Chuck Boblenz

July 1, 2014

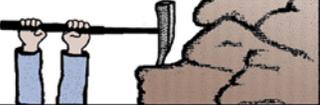
To the CFMS Scholarship committee,

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society has been blessed with some wonderful and very active members. We have the pleasure of nominating Charles "Chuck" Boblenz for the 2015 California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship honoree. Chuck has been a member of our society since 1977, and has held a variety of offices throughout the years: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Show Chairman, Show Treasurer, Federation Director, Study Group leader. These are just a

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ROCKS IN A HARDPLACE

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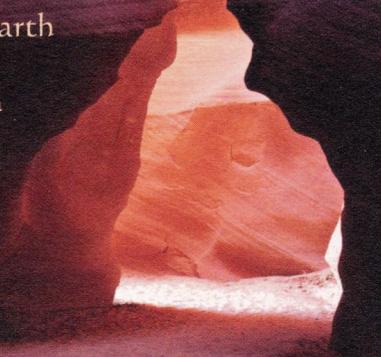
Rock & Mineral Kits, Way Too Cool UV lights, Fluorescent Rocks,
 Mineral Specimens, Stands & Domes, Loupes, Rock Soap,
 Chocolate Rocks, Rock Candy and more!

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 AUTHORIZED DEALER

continued from page 11— Nomination letter for 2015 Scholarship honoree— Chuck Boblenz

few examples of responsibilities he has held multiple times over the last 37 years.

An accomplished lapidarist and a talented jewelry maker, Chuck is the skilled artist that many of us really would like to be. He served as a CFMS judge for years, and has shared his talents with countless people. Many times he has shared a glimpse of his vast experience with our show's attendees by displaying a case with some of his latest designs.

Also, he is a knowledgeable mineral collector who is always ready to share his skills. He led a study group focusing on minerals. He has worked on several Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge days. Several hundred Boy Scouts have earned their Geology merit badge with his help. Additionally, he has manned a booth at our annual show to help attendees identify some of their rock, mineral, or jewelry pieces.

When asked if he can contribute, the usual answer is "Sure", and boy is it appreciated! We are not sure if he knows what a gem he is, but we hope with this nomination that everyone will realize that he is surely worth his weight in gold to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate someone so worthy.

SCVGMS Officers and Board of Directors.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
September 22nd, 2014

The September 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 August meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The September board meeting will be held at Chuck Boblenz's house. Time and Talent sheets were passed around to the membership.

Awards: Bill Spence was presented with the "Rockhound of the Year Award"

Bragging Rights: Last month's winner was Michael Paone. The theme for the September meeting was "Agate"

Field Trips: Randy Harris, for Dean Welder, announced that the NBFT meeting is on September 27th. He also announced the trip to Valley Springs October 3rd – 5th. More trips and details can be found in the Breccia.

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

Show: This Festival will be our 60th, our Diamond Jubilee! The club has purchased two diamond rings and John Palmieri donated a pair of earrings. All of these will be raffled off at our Festival. The retail values of these rings and earrings are \$4600.00, \$2400.00 and \$250.00 respectively.

Member Displays: Presented by David Marshall.

Program: Dick Pankey presented a program about the rockhound's best companion on a long dig: FOOD!! Specifically, food prepared using Dutch ovens.

Election of nominating committee: Rick Kennedy, Randy Harris and Jacquelyn Calderon volunteered, Rick Kennedy will chair.

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

Correspondence: Nothing new.

Sunshine: Margo Mosher reported that no news is good news!

Study Groups:

Cutaways:

Check the Breccia for the confirmed date and time. 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.

Hospitality: 32 members and 5 guests were in attendance.

Socials: There will be a potluck for the October meeting.

PLAC: Bill Spence reported that the permitting process for CCMA entry is now being entirely done from the rec.gov website. There is a service fee of \$6.00.

Federation Report: Randy announced that ZZYZX is coming up soon and that no applications will be accepted that arrive before November 1st.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting
September 24th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the home of Chuck Boblenz.

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

Reading of the minutes from the August 28th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, D. Marshall)

New Members: M/S/P (R. Harris, R. Kennedy) to accept the application of Michelle Smith.

Correspondence: Dodge and Cox statement; two thank you letters from the CFMS for donations made by the club; Our GSA ad; coupons for Smash Burger.

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. M/S/P to drop delinquent members (R. Harris, C. Boblenz).

There was discussion about the permit for raffle that the club has applied for.

Chuck is waiting for a response from our insurance company regarding some questions the board had about some specifics of the club's insurance coverage.

Committee Reports:

Festival:

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

Raffle tickets: Tickets have arrived

Field Trips: Dean Welder announced the NBFT meeting on September 27th. There was discussion about the future of NBFT.

Details about upcoming trips can be found in the Breccia.

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy reported that he will bring copies of the signup sheet to the next meeting. The menu and price are set. Frank Mullaney has volunteered to assist Rick as needed.

Old Business:

Junior Program: Nothing new.

Programs: Here is the upcoming schedule:

October: Charlie Tucker – Camp Paradise

November: Elections/Silent Auction

Genie machines: M/S/P to authorize the club (either Frank Mullaney or June Harris to purchase two Genie machines at a price not to exceed \$4200.00 (R. Harris, R. Kennedy).

Mining Claim: Rick Kennedy will research out the implications of the club accepting the potential donation of mining claim(s).

Intel Volunteer Hours: Joan Schrum continues to evaluate this program and its potential benefit to our club.

New Business:

Facebook Policy: No pictures of people's faces will be posted on our FaceBook page with-

out written consent. Rick will assist June in updating our FaceBook page and adding content.

Scholarships for our Show: Rick will send out Scholarship letters this month.

Google Mail: M/S/P to authorize June Harris to spend \$40.00 per month to subscribe to and receive the benefits from Google's subscription service (D. Welder, R. Harris).

Kid's Area: M/S/P to authorize June Harris to spend \$450.00 to purchase 30 bins from Uline (D. Welder, R. Harris)

October Board Meeting: Will be at Matt Wood's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report September 25, 2014

Starting balance		\$14507.05
Income		
Dues	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	
Total income	\$ 70.00	
Disbursement		
2015 Show Raffle Tickets	\$ 795.87	
2015 Show Kids Area printing	\$ 171.95	
2015 Show Play Day	\$ 124.29	
2015 Show business cards	\$ 69.49	
Trailer storage bins	\$ 696.10	
Director and Officer's Insurance	\$ 275.00	
Registry of Charitable trust fees	\$ 150.00	
Telephone fees	\$ 100.00	
September meeting speaker fee	\$ 50.00	
September meeting refreshments	\$ 31.44	
Breccia copying	\$ 34.88	
Breccia postage	\$ 23.10	
Delinquent member letter postage	<u>\$ 9.31</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$2531.43	
Ending balance		\$12045.62

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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 October 28, 2014, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on October 30, 2014, at the home of Matt Wood 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.

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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

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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

Trophies: Frank Mullaney

Webmaster: RK Owen