



# BRECCIA

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Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

As most of you know, the annual festival is approaching quickly. There are many areas where we need your help to make things go well. Please sign up to help in some way, whether it is Set up, Monitoring, Hospitality, the Kids Area, Ticket Sales, Scholarship Booth, or some other area. The duties are not difficult, but we need lots of people to help (the more the better). There is set up on Friday, April 15th, and tear down on Sunday, April 17th after the festival ends. We need your help in all of these areas and others. Please call volunteer coordinator, Margo Mosher, at (408) 578-2841 and volunteer if you have not already signed up for something. Coming to the festival, we have many new Dealers, as well as most of your favorites, the Scholarship booth, Demonstrators, Richard Wade, and a Fluorescent Mineral Display. This year we will have world renowned paleobotanist Walt Wright displaying many of his museum quality petrified wood specimens. He will be on hand during the show to answer all of your questions regarding petrified wood. Listen for our radio ads on 94.5 KBAY and look for our ads in the Metro in the weeks before the festival. There are many other activities planned. Don't forget to sign in and out when you come to work.

There are many wonderful adventures waiting for you to go collecting. There is a list of them here in the Breccia. There are more in the planning stages. You need to contact Field Trip Committee Chairman Dean Welder ([fieldtrips@scvgms.org](mailto:fieldtrips@scvgms.org)) for more information about up-

coming trips. He will have information on trips being hosted by other clubs as well as the ones planned by our club.

The Founder's Day Picnic will be held on June 26th. There is a reservation form here in the Breccia. We always have a good time with great food, the raffle and Rock Bingo. Also there will be an Ice Cream Social before the next regular meeting on April 26th at 6:30 PM. The club will be supplying everything. All you need to do is come and enjoy everyone's company.

As most of you know, the past few years we have sponsored members to attend Camp Zyzx and Camp Paradise through the Ruth Bailey Earth Science Scholarship. It is time to nominate those club members who have stepped up to help the club in many ways. I am looking for someone to take over the committee. Michael Paone has chaired this committee, but must step down for personal reasons. Please contact me right away if you are willing to help with this. Without a person to direct this important program, I fear it will fade away. We should be drawing names at the May meeting for Camp Paradise in August or September. Past attendees are ineligible to receive the award for three years.

See you at the Festival!!!

Randy Harris, President

## It's A Celebration!!

**When:** April 26th at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Belwood Cabana Club-house, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos.

**Why:** We are celebrating another successful festival event.

**What are we doing:** We will be having an Ice Cream Social.

Bring yourself and make a friend or two, or make a new friend while we celebrate our annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry festival's success.

The Society is providing the ice cream and all the fixings.

You bring your appetite and "partying" mood and we'll bring the rest.

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## Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

### Smithies 2016 Schedule by Pat Speece



We are switching back to meeting every Friday from 3-6:00pm for our regular meeting. Saturdays are possible by appointment only.

Smithies create jewelry using metals and a big variety of tools. We can supply the tools and teaching. Beginners are always welcome. This is a hands on workshop. We have six workbenches.

If you would like to be on the Smithie email list, let me know via email.

April 8, 22, 29. [Our show is April 16]

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12, 19, 26

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December no workshops

On the days we have rock sales, we will not meet. If you are on my Smithie email list, I will notify you of any other cancellations.

### Member Displays at the March general meeting

There were no member display at the March meeting because we had a silent auction instead.

For the April meeting, members with the last name that starts with G or H are asked to bring something to share.

## Sunshine

**Vito Cangemi** passed away in January. We want to express our condolences to his family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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 in their life, contact Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at [margo-mosher@yahoo.com](mailto:margo-mosher@yahoo.com).

## Cutaways

by Randy Harris



The Cutaway's study group generally meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9AM to noon with a few exceptions. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$10.00 shop fee. Learn how to cut a cabochon or to cut and polish a rock. Upcoming meeting dates are April 9th and May 14th.

## "Bragging Rights"

### April's theme and rules

For the month of April, the contest theme is something found in South America. So your entry must be a rock, fossil, or mineral that is naturally occurring in South America

The "Bragging Rights" contest is for members and guests who would like to **anonymously** display a rock or mineral from the monthly themed category. Everyone in attendance at the meeting is given a ticket to vote for their favorite rock or mineral.

The winner is announced each month in the Breccia. The winner picks out a prize at the next general meeting and has their opportunity to "BRAG" about their winning specimen.

**The winner for the month of March was Howard Young.**

## 2016 SCVGMS Calendar



**April 8th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**April 9th** Cutaways meeting from 9AM to noon at Randy Harris' home.

**April 15 Festival Set up starting at 7 AM until done or 8 PM at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road., San Jose.**

**April 16 & 17 SCVGMS annual Gem and Mineral Festival from 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Have you signed up to help???**

**April 17 SCVGMS Festival tear Down starts at 5 PM—8 PM All hands on deck please.**

**April 22nd** Smithies workshop from noon—3 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**April 26th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**April 28th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Rick Kennedy.

**April 29th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 6th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 13th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 14th** Cutaways meeting from 9AM to noon at Randy Harris' home.

**May 20th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 24th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**May 26th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of June Harris

**May 27th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home. .

**June 3rd** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**June 10th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**June 17th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

**June 24th** Smithies workshop from 3 PM - 6 PM at Pat Speece's home.

## Field Trip Schedule

For more information about field trips, please contact Dean Welder at [fieldtrips@scvgms.org](mailto:fieldtrips@scvgms.org)

**April 29-May 1** Topaz Mtn, UT for Topaz Crstals, Bixbite (Red Beryl) Psuedobrookite crystals, and Hematite

**May 21-22** Yerington/Mason Pass.NV for Turquoise, Chrysocolla, copper-related minerals, quartz crystals, blue quartz.

**June 12** Wildwood, CA for Rhodonite

**June 14-16** Virgin Valley, NV for Opal, Petrified Wood, Fossils, Azurite, malachite, and obsidian,

**August 2-6** Prineville OR Coordinating with AFMs Show for Petrified Wood, some blue vug agate, thunder eggs, and jasper.

If you have any 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.

## Let's welcome our new members.

**Xochitl Kinyon** - Xochitl is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, fossils, faceting, minerals, and field trips.

**Kathryn Bollinger**—Kathryn is interested in silversmithing.



# Let's visit a show

## CFMS Club Show Calendar



**April 8 - 10: VISTA, CA,** Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570, Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

**April 9 - 10: MARIPOSA, CA,** Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49), Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Martin Fodin, (209) 742-4036, Email: [martin@safarigold.com](mailto:martin@safarigold.com), Website: [www.camineralmuseum.com](http://www.camineralmuseum.com),

**April 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA,** Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: June Harris, (408) 265-1422, Email: [info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)

Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

**April 16 - 17: THOUSAND OAKS, CA,** Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734, Email: [rmsorca@roadrunner.com](mailto:rmsorca@roadrunner.com), Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

**April 23 - 24: ESCONDIDO, CA,** Palomar Gem & Mineral Club, California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Gayle Hamilton, (760) 726-0131, Email: [gemshow@palomargem.org](mailto:gemshow@palomargem.org), Website: [www.palomargem.org](http://www.palomargem.org)

**April 23 - 24: PASO ROBLES, CA** Santa Lucia Rock Hounds, Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Mike Judy, (805) 238-4469, Email: [mrhaludy@gmail.com](mailto:mrhaludy@gmail.com), Website: [www.slrockhounds.org](http://www.slrockhounds.org)

**April 23 - 24: SANTA CRUZ, CA** Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Dean Welder (408) 858-9470, Email: [wdeanwelder@yahoo.com](mailto:wdeanwelder@yahoo.com), Website: <http://bit.ly/SCMGs>

**May 7 - 8: JACKSON, CA,** Amador County Gem & Mineral Society, Kennedy Mine, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88), Hours: 10 - 4 daily, Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388, Email: [mountaingirl@volcano.net](mailto:mountaingirl@volcano.net), Website: [www.amadorgemandmineral.org](http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org)

**May 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA,** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30, Contact:

Margaret Hogarth, (909) 597-7033,

Email: [hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com)

Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**May 7 - 8: RENO, NV,** Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Reno Livestock Event Center, 1350 North Wells Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 229-4420, Email: [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com), Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

**May 13 - 15: YUCAIPA, CA,** Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival, Adams St. & Yucaipa Blvd Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 11 - 10, Sun. 12 - 6, Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731, Email: [res09ayd@verizon.net](mailto:res09ayd@verizon.net) Website: [www.yvgms.org](http://www.yvgms.org)

**June 3 - 5: LA HABRA, CA,** North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Community Center, 01 W. La Habra Blvd., Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Don Warthen, 626-330-8974, Email: [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net), Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)

**June 4 - 5: GLENDORA, CA,** Glendora Gems & Mineral Society, Goddard Middle School, 859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638, Email: [Ybidwell2@aol.com](mailto:Ybidwell2@aol.com),

**June 25 - 26: CULVER CITY, CA,** Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Blvd (@Culver Blvd, Near the 405 & 10 Freeways), Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398 Email: [janicemt@yahoo.com](mailto:janicemt@yahoo.com), Website: [www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org)

**August 13 - 14: SAN FRANCISCO, CA** San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5, Contact: Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230, Email: [ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com), Website: [www.sfgemshow.org](http://www.sfgemshow.org)

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**September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA, 77th CFMS Show & Convention,** Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375

Email: [info@eldoradomineralandgem.org](mailto:info@eldoradomineralandgem.org),

Website: [www.cfms2016show.com](http://www.cfms2016show.com)

**September 17 - 18: CHICO, CA,** Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4, John Scott, (530) 321-6331

Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net),

Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org)

# 2016 SCVGMS annual show

## Timeline

### Friday April 15th

7AM—Set up begins (\*\* must be completed by noon) Please sign in when you arrive.

**Table leveling	Joe Lattuada and Fred Fisher-Chairman
**Table skirting	David Marshall– Chairman
**Display case building	Chuck Boblenz– Chairman
**Fluorescent mineral tent	Rick Kennedy– Chairman
Scholarship booth	Michael Paone– Chairman
Hospitality, ticket selling, door prize area	Sonia Dyer, Michele Smith, -Chairman
Kids Area	June Harris– Chairman
Signage	John Bahr– Chairman
Demonstrator area	Bill Simpson-Chairman
Trailer unloading	Dean Welder-Chairman

Noon-8PM

Dealers arrival and set up

Display Case exhibitors

8 PM

Security to check building doors to make sure locked. Check club trailers to make sure they are locked. Give overnight room monitoring last minute instructions.

### Saturday, April 12th

8AM - 9:30AM—Dealer set up continues

8:30 AM - Show flags to be placed along Tully Rd & down the esplanade.

9:45AM– Workers need to be in place in the booth and receiving instructions.

9:55 AM—Five minute warning by announcer that the doors will be opening.

10 AM– Doors open.

11 AM Richard Wade's Volcano show

1 PM Richard Wade's Dinosaur show

3 PM Richard Wade's Volcano show

4:00 PM Bring in flags from front of fairgrounds (along Tully Rd.)

4:50 PM Announcer makes announcement about show closing.

5:00 PM Show closes, Security sweep/customers need to be escorted from building.

### Sunday, April 13th

8:30 AM - Show flags need to be placed in front of Fairgrounds & down the esplanade.

9:45AM– Workers need to be in place in the booth and receiving instructions.

9:55 AM—Five minute warning by announcer that the doors will be opening.

10 AM– Doors open.

11 AM Richard Wade's Dinosaur show

1 PM Richard Wade's Volcano show

3 PM Richard Wade's Dinosaur show

4:00 PM Begin bringing in flags from along Tully Rd and the esplanade

4:50 PM Announcer makes announcement about show closing.

5 PM Show closes, customers need to be escorted from building.

Security to announce all clear before teardown begins. Club members need to watch doors to keep undesirables out. Only people with wristbands will be allowed in the building.

Paid security to monitor dealer loading and club trailers.

Exhibitors remove case contents & then display cases are dismantled and stored in trailers.

Tear down of club booths begins. Blue Table skirting on club tables to be folded and stored in club trailer.

## Festival Sign up Form for Saturday, April 16th, 2016

<b>Job</b>	<b>9:45 AM - Noon</b>	<b>Noon – 2 PM.</b>	<b>2 PM - 5PM</b>
Tickets	Michele Smith	Michele Smith	Michele Smith
Tickets	Billie Gordon	Terri Reiller	Dennis Ewell
Hospitality	Victor Gassmann	Victor Gassmann	Victor Gassmann
Hospitality	Sonia Dyer	Sonia Dyer	Sonia Dyer
Hospitality	Joan Schramm	John Vinton	John Vinton
Greeter			
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Anne Ruiz	David Mosher	John Bahr
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	David Mosher	Alan Achor	David Mosher
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Jesus Ruiz	Karen Welder	Alan Achor
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Larry Moore	Larry Moore	Don Sibbitt
Scholarship Booth	Bill Spence	Bill Spence	Bill Spence
Scholarship Booth	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps
Scholarship Booth	David Lowe	David Lowe	David Lowe
Photographer			
Kids Area	Polly Wang		
Kids Area	Nelson Mu		
Kid Area			
Floating (to help where needed)	Suzi Bahr	Suzi Bahr	Suzi Bahr
Floating (to help where needed)	Jim and Missy Fox	Jim and Missy Fox	Jim and Missy Fox

## Festival Sign Up Form for Sunday, April 17th, 2016

<b>Job</b>	<b>9:45 AM - Noon</b>	<b>Noon – 2 PM.</b>	<b>2 PM - 5PM</b>
Tickets	Michele Smith	Michele Smith	Michele Smith
Tickets		Lisa LaRocca	Lisa LaRoca
Hospitality	Sonia Dyer	Sonia Dyer	Sonia Dyer
Hospitality	Louis Schuesler	John Vinton	John Vinton
Hospitality	Joan Schramm	Rosmarie & Seig Vogel	Joan Schramm
Greeter			
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Anne Ruiz	Alan Achor	Don Sibbitt
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Jesus Ruiz	Karen Welder	Lynn Toschi
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	David Mosher	David Mosher	Alan Achor
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Dean Welder	Larry Moore	Larry Moore
Scholarship Booth	Bill Spence	Bill Spence	Bill Spence
Scholarship Booth	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps
Scholarship Booth	David Lowe	David Lowe	David Lowe
Photographer			
Kids Area	Polly Wang		
Kids Area	Nelson Mu		
Kid Area			
Floating (to help where needed)			
Floating (to help where needed)	Jim and Missy Fox	Jim and Missy Fox	Jim and Missy Fox



# North Bay Field Trips

## NBFT Spring Meeting Saturday, April 9, 2016

**Location:** Antioch Lapidary Club clubhouse

425 Fulton Shipyard Rd.  
Antioch, CA

**Hosted** by the Antioch Lapidary Club

**Schedule:** 8:30 – 9:30 Registration / Social  
with donuts and coffee  
9:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 – 1:00 Potluck Lunch  
1:00 – 3:00 Conclude Business MTG

Tour of Museum and shops following the meeting.

The Antioch Lapidary Club's Club House, Museum and Workshop are located at 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd., in Antioch, CA. 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, 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.

It is important for the future of NBFT that each and every NBFT society attends and is represented at this meeting. This is our planning and scheduling meeting for 2016 NBFT field 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 this year.

**Directions:** Take Highway 4 to Antioch, get off on A Street and go north, towards the water. Turn right on E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., go approximately 3/4 mile, then turn left on Cavallo. Take Cavallo past Wilbur Ave.; you now are on Fulton Shipyard Rd. Follow the signs to the Rock Swap. Or, exit Hwy. 160 (near Antioch Bridge) to Wilbur Ave., West. Go west on Wilbur Ave. to Fulton Shipyard Rd. and turn right. Follow the signs.

### Upcoming Regional Federation Shows in 2016

#### California Federation

in Placerville, CA on Sept 16-18

#### Eastern Federation

in Rochester, NY on October 21-23

#### Midwest Federation

in South Bend, IN on August 19 – 21

#### Northwest Federation & AFMS

in Albany, OR on July 27-August 1

#### Rocky Mountain Federation

in Wichita, KS on April 22 – 24

#### South Central Federation

in Lubbock TX on May 7 & 8

#### Southeast Federation

none scheduled, yet.

# SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic June 26, 2016



Who: All members and their guests  
 When: Gathering at 11 am and lunch will be served at noon  
 Where: The Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos 95032  
 What: Lunch, Bingo, Raffle and Swimming if you'd like

Please Bring Lawn Chairs & Serving Utensils for the Potluck Dish You Bring to Share

To Attend the Event

**YOU MUST**

Fill out the form below and mail it by May 26, 2016

To: **SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic, c/o David Marshall**  
 471 Nolden Ave., San Jose, 95112

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## SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic Sign Up Form

Name:	
Address:	
Number of Adults attending:	
Number of Juniors attending:	
Number of Chicken meals:	
Number of Tri-tip meals:	
Number of Hot Dogs-children:	
Will you be swimming?	Yes or No
Dish you will bring to share?	Salad or Dessert (for 10-12 people)

*Looking Forward to Seeing Everyone There !!!*

# Safety Matters– Master of the Obvious

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair  
Via AFMS newsletter April 2016 edition

I have, from time to time, been called Master of the Obvious. Well, I have been called a lot worse so I will accept that title. Actually, I kinda like it. Master of the Obvious — yes, it can work for me. Why is this a topic of a Safety Matters article? I'm glad you asked. I am, after all, more than just a pretty face, which is not one with much movie star potential, especially the photo that usually accompanies these Safety Matters articles.

I do indeed at times try to be a master of the obvious because the obvious is all too frequently overlooked or forgotten in the heat of rockhounding excitement. Permit me to cite some examples of missing the obvious. Let's say one is furiously digging out that just-visible pocket or vug full of crystal treasures. Is that person aware of the increasing overhang of the dirt and rock over their position? How about the collector who is feverishly hammering that rock outcrop on the wall of the positively sweltering rock quarry. Why is that profusely perspiring person not responding to their body's plea for water? Indeed if one is feeling thirsty it means the body is already experiencing dehydration. How are those obvious hazards being missed?

All through the rock and mineral and fossil hobby, passion and excitement exudes through every pore of our being. Those passions sometimes overrule our physical well being. Consider if you will the following situations:

- One awakens early, drives 4 1/2 hours to a dig and once there immediately races up the mountain to the excavation site. There is no rest time, there is no stretching of stiff and cramped muscles, no having a drink of water before heading up-hill. There could easily be problems with this approach to the collecting if...
- One has been gem grinding for hours and is getting close to where they want to be in the process... so very close. They need bet-

ter visibility—the safety glasses are laid to the side, their hearing protection is not comfortable so that too is laid aside. Their front is splashed with water but they are not drinking a drop of water... so very close to finishing. There could easily be problems with this approach to lapidary if ...

One may be enjoying one's hobbies in those situations but can you imagine what their bodies are telling them? We can, with all due consideration and planning, ignore those limits. Sure we can race up the hill with a full pack of rock collecting tools, and we can make our way back downhill with an even fuller pack, but tomorrow aching muscles may pay a price - unless, that I, we are in good physical shape and are well exercised for the trip.

Being the Master of the Obvious to what one's body is telling them can be a good thing. Tempering the passion and excitement of rockhounding can be a good thing if it keeps us safe and well. Then again, if one plans, brings their meds, gets plenty of sleep ahead of time, keeps hydrated, exercises modestly yet regularly, dresses appropriately for the hike to the pit, and otherwise masters the obvious needs of the body and the adventure, those masteries become second nature. Having a thing become second nature can take care of one's first priority—the health and safety of the body and of the enjoyment of our hobby.

I don't know about you, but I'm going to enjoy my new title of Master of the Obvious. Take good care of yourselves and the hobby.

Please be safe. Your safety matters.

# ROCKS IN A HARDPLACE

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Give them to June Harris**

**We donate them to another  
CFMS club to support their  
charitable contributions.**

**Please leave a quarter inch border  
around each stamp  
or stamp grouping.**

## Retired Member Liquidation Something for everyone

Minerals

Fossils

Slabs

Cutting Material

Cut Mexican Geodes and others

Variety of polished geodes

Fluorescent rocks

Grit

Polish

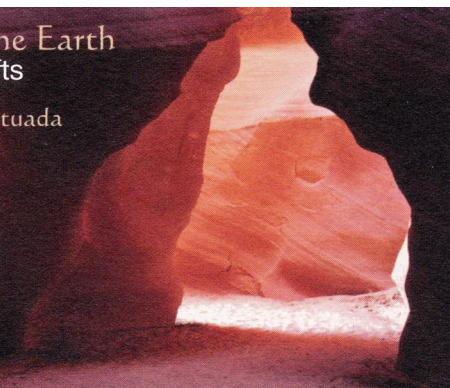
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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
General meeting minutes  
March 22nd, 2016

The March 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 February meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

**Announcements:** There will be an Ice Cream Social before the next meeting at 6:30 PM. Festival set up will begin at 7 AM on April 15th. Festival sign-ups forms were passed around. There is an opening on the BOD for the society's Federation Director. Dues are due at the end of May.

**New Members:** No new members this month.

**Board Meeting:** Will be at Frank Mullaney's home hosted by Jim Fox at 7:30.

**Correspondence:** None

**Break** for Silent Auction bidding. After this round of bidding the Rock Pick table was closed.

**Bragging Rights:** Last month's winner was Margo Mosher. Next month's theme is something native to South America.

**Rockhound of the Month:** Pat Schuesler was named Rock hound of the month for volunteering to be a board member and for always lending a helping hand.

**2016 Festival:** Bob Phelps has business cards and posters for the festival. Last chance to sign up for entering a display case in the Festival- Sign up with Stephen May. Competitive display case entries or single item entries must get their sign up forms into Chuck Boblenz tonight. Car signs are available, please contact Frank Mullaney. There was a play day at the Cabana Club on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Lots of projects were completed. Sign up forms for helping before, during, and after the festival were passed around.

**Break** for Silent Auction bidding. After this round of bidding the Safety Gear table was closed.

**Study Groups:**

**Cutaways:** April 9th, from 9:00 – 12:00 at Randy and June Harris' house. Check the Breccia for the confirmed date and time. Call or email before attending to confirm. There is a shop fee of \$10.00

**Smithies:** The Smithies meet every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00. Pat also mentioned possible meetings on Saturdays by appointment only from 12:00 – 3:00. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

**DRC:** Rock Sale on May 28th from 9 AM to noon at Pat Speece's home.

**Hospitality:** 33 members and 5 guests were in attendance.

**Founder's Day Picnic:** Will be June 26<sup>th</sup>, and the reservation form will be in the April Breccia.

**Federation Report:** Federation show will be in Placerville on September 23-25. Make your reservations soon if you are planning to attend.

**Break** for Silent Auction bidding. After this round of bidding the remaining tables were closed.

**PLAC and ALAA:** No new news.

**Field Trips:** Dean Welder announced that there will be a trip to Mason Pass, NV on May 21 and 22. Other Field trips are listed in the Breccia. As always, please refer to the Breccia for all of the details. North Bay Field trips meeting will be April 9th in Antioch. There will be a pot luck lunch and silent auction during that meeting. More information in the Breccia. Dean announced a rock silent auction at his home on May 15th (tentative date). Stay tuned for more information.

**Sunshine:** No news is good news.

**Program:** The Silent Auction was held in lieu of a program.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted, June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary Pro tem



SCVGMS Board Meeting  
March 24th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the home of Frank Mullaney, hosted by Jim Fox.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except Dean Welder, Michael Paone and Karen Welder. Louis Schuesler was present as a guest.

**Reading of the minutes from the February 25th Board Meeting:** M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz).

**New Members:** M/S/P to accept the applications of Xochitl Kinyan and Katherine Bollinger. (R. Kennedy, S. May)

**Correspondence:** Some dealers fees were received, our membership card from ALAA and an information packet from Dodge and Cox.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Frank Mullaney. M/S/P to pay the bills (R. Kennedy, J. Harris).

**Committee Reports:**

**Auditing Committee:** Frank Mullaney reported that the tax preparers are almost ready and that all of the necessary extensions have been filed.

**Festival 2016:**

M/S/P to make final \$11,000.00 payment to the Fairgrounds (C. Boblenz, F. Mullaney)

M/S/P to make \$4500.00 deposit to the Fairgrounds for the 2017 Festival (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

M/S/P to authorize June Harris and Frank Mullaney to change the date of future festivals to the third weekend in March pending meeting with the Fairgrounds management (F. Mullaney, J. Fox).

Rick Kennedy will attend the Discovery Museum's "Question Quest"

**Field Trips:** In addition to the five trips described last month, there is one more:

May 21 - 22, 2016 – Yerington/Mason Pass Area, Nevada; Turquoise, Chrysocolla, other copper minerals, Quartz crystals and blue Quartz.

Details about upcoming trips can be found in the Breccia.

**DRC:** There will be a DRC sale on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**Programs:** Here is a list of the upcoming programs:

April – Rick Kennedy – Toxicity of Rocks and Minerals

May – Dean and Karen Welder – Virgin Valley Opals

June – Gary Parsons – New Idria

July – Rick Kennedy – Jackson's Crossroads, Georgia Amethyst

August – Steven May – The cabochon lamp.

October – Highway 50 Field Trips

**Swingers for Rockhound of the Month, Officers, etc.:** Randy is putting it all together.

**Scholarships for SJSU and UCSC:** June needs to get responses from three of the students.

**Cabana Club Tables:** M/S/P to authorize the additional funds to cover the costs of \$129.00 per table plus shipping to replace six tables at the Cabana Club (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

**Trailer insurance:** M/S/P to authorize \$232.00 to insure both trailers for the period of one year (F. Mullaney, P. Tomac).

**New Business**

**Cabana Club Sponsor:** After the death of Vito Cangemi, Joan Schramm is our new Cabana Club sponsor.

**Donation to CFMS in memory of Vito Cangemi:** M/S/P to donate \$25.00 to the CFMS Endowment Fund in memory of Vito Cangemi (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz).

**CFMS Show – Display cases:** There was a discussion about the CFMS Show and that they may be in need of additional showcases.



**Cabochon Lamp – Team Building:** There was discussion about the history of our cabochon lamp and more discussion about taking on a similar project in honor of the 50 year anniversary of the building of that lamp.

**Mileage and hotel room stipend for CFMS Meetings:** M/S/P to authorize the club to pay mileage plus a \$100.00 hotel stipend to the member who attends the bi annual CFMS meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kennedy

SCVGMS Treasurer's Report  
March 24, 2016

Beginning Balance		\$53369.26
Receipts		
2016 Festival Dealer fees	\$4430.00	
Breccia advertising	\$ 10.00	
Dues	\$ 10.00	
Initiation fee	\$ 10.00	
Festival planning meeting	\$ 170.00	
Silent Auction	\$ 233.00	
2016 Kids Area	<u>\$1073.00</u>	
Total receipts	\$5936.00	
Disbursements		
2016 Festival speaker	\$ 193.82	
2016 Festival flags	\$ 35.00	
2016 Festival Play Day	\$ 81.09	
2016 Festival Kids Area	\$ 175.89	
2016 Festival Dealers	\$ 25.65	
Meeting refreshments	\$ 38.75	
Office Expense	\$ 6.51	
2016 Festival Fire Marshall	\$ 201.00	
2016 Festival Insurance	\$ 1100.00	
Breccia postage	\$ 27.44	
Phone	\$ 48.21	
2016 Festival set up meeting	\$ 121.03	
2016 Festival metro	\$ 1260.00	
2016 Festival security	\$ 1007.60	
Breccia printing	\$ 54.50	
2016 Festival Kids Area	\$ 50.15	
2016 Festival insurance	\$ 10.00	
2016 Festival Kids Area	\$ 134.55	
Meeting refreshments	\$ 22.52	
2016 festival monitors	\$ 58.15	
Study groups	\$ 3959.02	
2016 Festival Kids Area	<u>\$ 1451.92</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$10,062.80	
Ending Balance		\$49242.46

#### SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Randy Harris  
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(408) 353-2675

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#### SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Carissa Harris

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:  
Pat Speece, Missy and Jim Fox

Festival Chairman 2016: June Harris

Festival Chairman 2017: **OPEN**

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:  
Dean Welder

Founder's Day Picnic Food:

Michael Paone and Davis Marshall

Founder's Day Raffle: Sonia Dyer

Founder's Day Bingo:

Stephen and Alan May

Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy

Junior Chairman: **OPEN**

Librarian: **OPEN**

Member Displays: Rick Kennedy

PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee): **OPEN**

Program: **OPEN**

Refreshments: Michele Smith

Silent Auction: Michele Smith

Social: June Harris

Sunshine: Margo Mosher

Trailer Custodian: **OPEN**

Trophies: Frank Mullaney

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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 April 26th, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.**

**Our February Board meeting will be on April 28th hosted at Rick Kennedy's home 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 after the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at [juneconeyharris@yahoo.com](mailto: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?

**Smithies** Pat Speece (408) 266-4327