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President's Message

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making our festival a huge success. With out everyone pulling together, this could not be accomplished. I would especially thank Sonia Dyer for her outstanding leadership in making this event run smoothly. There are so many others to thank as well; the workers behind the scenes who set up and later took down all the tables and those who worked during the festival to sell tickets, circulated to see that all ran smoothly, provided wonderful demonstrations, worked booths, and many other probably unnoticed but necessary tasks. It is in working together that we have our successful festival. Thank you.

Frank Mullaney, SCVGMS President

This issue of the Breccia is a little reminiscent of the old Look Magazine in that it is more pictorial than most of our issues. Our festival was beautiful with all sorts of demonstration displays, exhibits, and great buys at our vendor booths. With all our demonstrations and displays, this festival was the place to come if you wanted to learn all about rocks and minerals and what to do with them. I worked taking tickets much of Saturday, but I had time early on so enjoyed looking around and taking lots of pictures. In addition to those I took, several people sent me pictures so there was a wealth of pictures to choose from. I hope you enjoy the rockhounds' version of the old Look Magazine, and that you come to our monthly meetings and enjoy our festival next year.

Jo Borucki - Breccia Editor

Event Highlights

April General Meeting Ice Cream Social - Meeting starts at 7:45 on Tuesday April 24, but come early for an ice cream treat and to meet your fellow rockhounds.

Field Trip in June 11 - 15 to Topaz Mountain, Utah and other locations. See page 6 for details.

Silent Auction at our June 26 General Meeting. Bring items you no longer want and find items that you simply must have.

Founder's Day Picnic; sometime this summer. The date will be announce in a future Breccia.

2018 SCVGMS Calendar



April 6 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 10 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
April 13 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 21 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
April 24 - General Meeting
April 26 - Board Meeting at Rick Kennedy's home
May 4 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
May 8 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
May 11 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
May 19 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home. -
May 22 - General Meeting
May 24 - Board Meeting at Jo Borucki's home.
June 1 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
June 8 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
June 12 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
June 16 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor
June 26 - General Meeting
May 28 - Board Meeting at Jim and Missy Fox's home.

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Links to Show Calendar and CFMS Bulletin

CFMS shows are no longer included in the Breccia. To get a full listing of shows, go to the CFMS shows website by clicking the following link: [CFMS Society/Club Shows](#)
You can access the CFMS bulletin and read all its articles by clicking on this link:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

March 17 - 18 Festival

At the Door



Selling Tickets



Raffle Workers



Hospitality

Demonstration Booths



Flint Knapping



Ask a Gemologist



Make a Gem Tree



Rock Tumbling



Jewelry Techniques



Touch and Feel Table

We were privileged to have the beautiful Benitoite exhibit by Susan Pawson at our festival. Her father, Art Pawson was one of the miners at the Benitoite Mine in 1929, making the trip in a 1929 Model "A" Ford, a feat in itself in that area of California.



Scholarship Booth and Letters from Scholarship Recipients

To The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society,

I am both humbled and honored to be one of your 2017/2018 scholarship recipients. I have always put forth my best effort to obtain academic success for a bright future, and this award is both validation for what I have done and motivation for me to keep pursuing academic excellence. I have gained a passion for Geology through my classes and experiences in college, and I hope that one day it will be as strong as the passion SCVGMS members have for it.

Thank you for awarding me this prestigious scholarship, and I look forward to using it to further my education at San Jose State University.

Sincerely,
Benjamin N. White



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society,

I am writing to thank you that I was selected as the recipient of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society scholarship.

I am a Geology major with a Computer Science minor studying as an undergraduate in San Jose State University. I am a full time student focusing on my studies, and I will graduate this summer after the summer field camp.

By awarding me the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Scholarship, my financial burden for this upcoming summer has been lightened. I hope that I can provide the same opportunity to others some day in the future. Once again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Dennis Hau

Letters from Scholarship Recipients Continued

Dear Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society,

I just want to express that I am very thankful for being selected as a recipient for the 2018 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society scholarship.

This is currently my 5th year in San Jose State University, and it has been 2 years since I have applied as a Geology undergraduate major. I love what I have learned through the courses related to the major so far, however, school has been a burden to my shoulders financially. As a student who has been working part time and saving since high school to pay for college tuition, this will be a huge help for me for the upcoming school year.

Thank you very much again for the generosity. With the financial help, I hope to focus more on to finish my studies at this college.

Sincerely,

Amy Hagiwara

Sunshine

No News is good news, but let me know if someone needs a bit of sunshine.
Margo Mosher: margomosher@yahoo.com

2018 Field Trips

Stephen May is planning a trip to **Topaz Mountain** in Utah from on **June, 11th – 15**. As well as a paid dig at the Topaz Dome Mine, also Garnet Hill in Ely, Nevada and Dugway, Utah for geodes and possibly one of the Trilobite digging areas. Details will be posted in subsequent Breccias. Contact Stephen if you are interested in participating.

Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May: Cell: 408 306-6782 Home: 669 248-3993

Camp ZZYZX Participants Clowning Around but Getting it Done



Camp ZZYZX is over, and we are on to Camp Paradise!

Calling all Rockhounds! Ruth Bailey Continuing Education Drawing

The **Ruth Bailey Continuing Education drawing for Camp Paradise** is coming in April! This is a wonderful opportunity for those who enjoy working with rocks. Some of the classes include silver smithing, cab making, soft stone carving, wire art, precious metal clay and other casting techniques and beading. Food and lodging are included.

The cost of this wonderful experience is normally \$400.00 per person but **if you win the drawing**, you and a guest will attend free.

The following 3 **criteria** must be met in order to enter the drawing:

- Attended 3 or more general meetings in the last year
- Volunteered 8 or more hours for the annual festival
- Have not won and attended Camp Paradise or Camp ZZYZX for the past 3 years.

Please see the application form on the following page.

If you have any questions about the camp or the drawing please contact Missy Fox at jfox152@comcast.net or call 408-356-7711.

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 the week-long stay at Camp Paradise the end of August and the beginning of September. The drawing will be held at the end of the May general meeting. The SCVGMS board welcomes you all to fill out the application if you have met the eligibility criteria below:

- Attended three or more SCVGMS general meeting a year.
- Volunteered eight or more hours at the annual show or in preparation for the show.
- Have not been a winner and attended the this camp or Camp Z'ZYZX in the last three years.

Name _____

What is 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 would 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 this coming season? _____

What is your favorite part in being in our hobby? _____

Things you need to know:

- The drawing will be held at a society general meeting, the date of which will be communicated at the upcoming society meetings and the Breccia. You do not have to be present to win.
- Up to five names will be drawn. If for any reason the winner is unable to attend the camp, the second person will be contacted, and so forth.
- The winner is responsible for his/her transportation to/from the camp and any additional material fees for special classes. The ticket includes accommodations and meals.
- To assure your accommodations and attendance in one of the camps, you must contact Marion Roberts, CMFS head of Earth Science camps to make arrangements by July 1. Contact information for Marion Roberts can be obtained from Missy Fox, Continuing Education Chair.
- The winner will share his/her 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 submitting the application for the drawing for Camp Paradise is the May meeting.

Mail or turn forms into Missy Fox, 16344 Shady View Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Open to member and nonmembers alike.

Questions??? Contact Missy Fox (408) 356-7711 or jfox152@comcast.net

CFMS Club Shows



To get a listing of shows, go to the CFMS shows website by clicking the following link:

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Show and Tell Members' Displays

All members are asked to display at least one time per year, but you may display as many times as you like. There are no displays in June and November because of the Silent Auctions. There are no displays in December because there is the installation dinner in lieu of our regular meeting.

Don't know what to display? Any type of rock, mineral, or fossil (identified or not), your latest project, information on a field trip, ideas for a display case, anything to do with rocks is appreciated.

Kyle VanWerkum brought a Topaz specimen he purchased at our Festival. **Rick Kennedy** brought some examples of Carpathite as a preview of next month's program.

Rockhound of the Month

Cathy May won the March award for going above and beyond the call of duty during teardown at our Festival.

DRC (Donation Receiving Committee)

We have moved about 99% of the DRC materials to Billie's home, the new site of our rock sales.

After the rainy season, we will sort and price the material. At this point, we *tentatively* plan for a sale toward the end of May. I'll let you know as soon as we are sure of the date.

These outdoors sales are always on a Saturday or Sunday from 9:00am until noon.

The DRC has brought in over \$46,000 to the club since its inception in 2007.

Questions? Email pat.speece@comcast.net

Thanks,
Pat

Festival and Founder's Day Picnic

A big thank you to all the many club members who helped make our recent Gem Festival a big success.

At the last club meeting, we had our drawing for 3 prizes for the volunteers who helped at the festival last month. The winners were: **Michelle Powers, Louis Schuesler, and Victor Gassmann.**

The **Founder's Day Picnic** will be on Sunday, some time between mid June and mid July. I have agreed to organize it again this year, but am in search of a protegee to learn the ropes, and lead the organizing in 2019. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thank you.

Sonia Dyer
sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net

Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

Smithies

We continue to explore using the flex shaft, now aiming for a finished product using the flex shaft for various textures.

These are guided workshops, a perfect place for beginners to become comfortable with tools and techniques in a small, friendly atmosphere. No tests; no stress; no contracts.

Tools and materials are supplied, but you are free to bring your own. If you would like to be on the Smithie email list, or want more information, let me know via email.

We meet the first two Fridays of the month from 11:00am until 2:00pm. There is a small lab fee.

Thanks,
Pat

pat.speece@comcast.net

Cabbers

Cabbers With the two club Genies and my slab saw, I can show you how to safely use the equipment to make a cabochon. These are formed rounded and polished stones to incorporate into jewelry. There is a \$7 shop fee. Beginners are welcome.

WHEN: We meet on the **second Tuesday** and the **third Saturday** of the month. Tuesday hours are from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday hours are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

WHERE: 2150 Almaden Road, San Jose. This is near Curtner and Almaden Road.

CONTACT: You must call to let me know if you are coming.

Victor Gassmann 1(408)376-1721

If you would like to be on my email notification list, email me.
gassmannv3@gmail.com

Bragging Rights Chairman-Alan Achor

Participation in the February 27th meeting included three entries. **Jim Fox's** spectacular Crocoite specimen received the most votes.

March's theme is items that are **clear**.

CFMS Conference

We are very happy to announce the CFMS is having its conference alongside the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Inc. Show, Sept 15th & 16th, 2018, in Chico, California. We were hoping to make an announcement before the March federation newsletter arrived in your mailboxes, so there must be something about the luck of the Irish with March just around the corner. As luck and good fortune would have it, the Feather River society is thrilled to have us join them at their show.

CFMS has a new addition to the family of Rockhounds. She is an animated baby Triceratops puppet, designed by a paleontologist, and made for Natural History Museums and Jurassic theme parks. She blinks her dreamy eyes, opens and closes her mouth to say “hi,” and is sure to be a charmer for kids and adults alike. She has been donated for appearances during the Annual CFMS Shows & Conferences. We will be having a “naming” contest for the sweet creature, so get your Pebble Pups ready and stay tuned for more information about this soon.

Jennifer Haley - CFMS President

General meeting minutes

March 27th, 2018

The March meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:50 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: Welcome! Directories are ready to pick up from Rick Kennedy.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club has received the Dodge and Cox statement, some correspondence related to our Festival (Dealer fees) and post cards for the Santa Lucia club's show in April.

New Members: No new members this month.

Board Meeting: Will be at Dean and Karen Welder's home at 7:30.

Bragging Rights: Last month's winner was Jim Fox, with a Crocoite specimen from Tasmania. This month's theme is clear! Next month's theme is anything that begins with the letter “R”.

Rockhound of the Month: Cathy May won March's award for going above and beyond the call of duty during teardown at our Festival. Frank Mullaney also presented Jim Sugiyama the award for his win in February.

Field Trips: Stephen May announced that the Topaz Mountain trip is on for, June 11-15th. As well as a paid dig at the Topaz Dome Mine, they will also visit Garnet Hill in Ely, Dugway for geodes and possibly one of the Trilobite digging areas. As always, please refer to the Breccia for all of the details.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Kyle VanWerkum brought a Topaz specimen he purchased at our Festival. Rick Kennedy brought some examples of Carpathite, a preview of next month's program.

Festival: Sonia Dyer reported that the Festival went smoothly and was very successful. Michelle Powers, Louis Schuesler and Victor Gassman all won prizes for their volunteerism! The club presented Sonia Dyer with a lovely plaque decorated with Amethyst as thanks for her great job as Festival Chair.

Festival Meeting: The Post Mortem will be Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00PM at Sonia's house.

Study Groups:

Cabbers: Meetings are usually the second Tuesday from 6:00 – 9:00PM and the third Saturday from 10:00AM – 2:00PM at Victor Gassmann's home. \$7.00 shop fee. Please RSVP if you are planning on attending. Always check the Breccia for details.

Smithies: The Smithies meet the first two Fridays of the month from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Camp Paradise: Missy Fox reported that there will be a drawing for Camp Paradise in April, so start thinking about who you would like to nominate.

Hospitality: 35 members and 4 guests were in attendance.

Founder's Day Picnic: Looking for someone to chair this event.

ALAA: Nothing new.

Federation Report: Stephen May reported that the CFMS will not have a show in 2018, but will have a two day conference September 15-16 in Chico. He also mentioned that they will be holding a raffle and are looking for donations.

Sunshine: No news is good news!

Program: Rick Kennedy brought a video on the history, development and mining of America's premier Rhodochrosite locality, the Sweet Home Mine. There were many oo's and aw's!

April Meeting: There will be an Ice Cream Social before the April meeting, starting at or before 7:00

April Program: Rick Kennedy will make a presentation about a little known locality near our own backyard: Carpathite from San Benito County.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting

March 29th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the home of Dean and Karen Welder.

Roll Call: All board members were present except for Jo Borucki.

Reading of the minutes from the March 1st Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read. (D. Welder, J. Fox).

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox. M/S/P to pay the bills (J. Fox, S. May).

Committee Reports:

Festival 2018: Sonia Dyer reported that almost all of the vendors reported good sales. Though there is always room for improvement, most aspects of the Festival went very smoothly.

Festival Meeting: There will be a post mortem on the Festival on Wednesday, April 4th at Sonia Dyer's home at 7:00.

Scholarships: M/S/P to reduce the number of scholarships down to three (R. Kennedy, L.

Schuesler) **Explanation:** The reason for this is that we raised the number of scholarships to five because of all of the work needed to run the Kid's Area. We had trouble keeping five students busy the last two years, hence the change.

Skirting: There was discussion about how to best utilize our time at teardown in regards to skirting.

Field Trips: Stephen May reported that the Topaz Mountain field trip will now be offered to members of the North Bay Field Trip Consortium.

Old Business:

Social: Karen Welder agreed to run the Ice Cream Social for the April meeting.

Founder's Day picnic: Sonia Dyer agreed to chair, Cal Hansen and Stephen May will assist.

New Webmaster: Frank Mullaney reported that he has been in touch with the company that the Santa Cruz club chose after a long vetting process. The company made a proposal that Frank presented to the club. M/S/P to accept the proposal from Pigeon Point Design for 25 hours of web design, graphic design and Constant Contact email service, prepaid at \$90/ hour (Discounted from their regular rate of \$129.00/ hour) (D. Welder, R. Kennedy)

Constant Contact: Because Pigeon Point Design already has Constant Contact and will be sending out mass emails for the club in the future, the club will not renew it's current contract with Constant Contact.

Patches: Frank is working on these.

Refreshments: There was much discussion about monthly refreshments and about the way the club runs socials. M/S/P to pay \$100 per month for refreshments (S. Mat, C. Hansen)

Programs: Here is a list of the upcoming programs:

April – Rick Kennedy – Carpathite mining in San Benito County.

May – Stephen May and Rick Kennedy – Topaz Mountain

June – Silent Auction.

Rick Kennedy reported that while looking for the Benitoite video for the March program, he came upon several DVD's that would be appropriate for programs in the month's that we do not have a live speaker.

New Business

Trailers: Frank reported that maintenance work needs to be done on the trailers. Frank Mullaney and Bob Kout will try to get that done in the next month or so.

Library: Stephen May and Sonia Dyer have volunteered to go through the library and weed out outdated material. Anything weeded out will be part of the next silent auction.

Fluorescent display tents: Rick Kennedy reported that the Fire Marshal made us take down the Fluorescent tents and relocate the display due to a new law in Santa Clara County. M/S/P To have Rick offer the tents to members of the Fluorescent Mineral Society for ½ of what the club paid for them over 4 years ago (D. Welder ,R. Kennedy).

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kennedy - SCVGMS Secretary

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Pat Schuesler (408) 353-2329
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Parliamentarian:
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece, Missy and Jim Fox
Festival Chairman 2018: Sonia Dyer
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Stephen May
Founder's Day Picnic Chairman: Sonia
Dyer assisted by Cal Hansen and Stephen
May
Founder's Day Raffle:
Founder's Day Bingo:
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:
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trailer Custodian: **OPEN**
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Webmaster: RK Owen

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An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the **fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (the Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032.** Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road. The next **General Meeting is on April 24.** The **Board Meeting** is on **April 26** at the home of Rick Kennedy.

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 per year are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. **The deadline for all articles is the Sunday after the general meeting.** The Breccia editor is Jo Borucki who may be contacted by email at joborucki@yahoo.com or by phone at (408)245-2881. Leave a message if no one picks up the phone. The Breccia is proofread by Pat Speece. Exchange bulletins may be sent to Jo Borucki, 1196 Sesame Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

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