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President's Message

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

The year is winding down, and a lot of exciting things have happened. The 2018 Festival was a great success, and everyone had a lot of fun. Things are underway for the 2019 Festival which will be even bigger and better. The new website is up and running. It still needs some work, but that will happen, and it will be great. Don't forget the silent auction that is going to happen at the November meeting. See you there.

Well, folks. this is my last president's message. It will be short and sweet. I want to thank you all for your support this year. The year could not be the success it was without all of you. Please support the new president like you supported me this year. It was a pleasure serving you.

Frank Mullaney, SCVGMS President

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Event Highlights

November 27 - General Meeting with Silent Auction and Election of Officers for 2019. See Page 10 if you would like to run for one of our offices for 2019.

December 4 - Installation Dinner

January 22 - General Meeting with Jim Fox's talk on Wet Grinders

Calendar of Coming Events

November 13 - Cabbers 7 to 9:30 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
November 14 - Smithies workshop 10 AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home
November 17 - Cabbers 10 AM to 2 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
November 27 - Social at 7:15 PM and General Meeting at 7:45 PM, with the election of officers for 2019
November 27 - Board Meeting following immediately after the General Meeting
December 4 - Installation Dinner
December 11 - Cabbers 7 to 9:30 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
December 15 - Cabbers 10 AM to 2 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
December 27 - Board Meeting at the home of Stephen May at 7:30 PM
January 2 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home.
January 8 - Cabbers 7 to 9:30 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
January 9 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home.
January 19 - Cabbers 10 AM to 2 PM at Victor Gassmann's home
January 22 - General Meeting with a lecture by Jim Fox on Wet Grinders
January 24 - Board Meeting . The meeting place is yet to be determined.

Note: There are no Smithies workshops during the month of December.



Happy
Holidays!

Sunshine

We received some sad news from long time member **Lynda Dei Rossi** that her husband **James Dei Rossi** passed away in April. Our heartfelt thoughts & prayers go out to her at this difficult time. Lynda mentioned that when she was able she would like to attend a meeting. We hope she does. We would love to see her and will make her feel very welcome.

After a bout with pneumonia and recouping quite well, **Fred Fisher** is now battling Valley Fever. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Also those of us attending last month's meeting, probably noticed **Karen Welder** limping. This is not due to her hip surgery. She recovered from that very well, but she has since broken 2 toes. We hope Karen heals up quickly.

Bob Phelps, a valued member of the Club, had recent heart bypass surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. He is a great asset to our club. Get well soon, Bob.

Both **Betty and Dick Pankey** are recovering from recent illnesses. We wish you both renewed health.

Kyle Van Woerkom is recovering from a gunshot wound to the arm, received when he was in a store where there was an armed robbery.

Please contact Margo Mosher for any information about anyone in need of some sunshine.

Email: margomosher@yahoo.com

New Website

Great News!! Our new website is up and running. Details will follow in the next issue of the Breccia in January. The Breccia is not published in December.

Nominations for 2019 Officers

Our nominating committee: **Stephen May** (Chair), **Pat Speece** and **Billie Gordon** have come up with the following slate of officers for the 2019 year:

President – **Michelle Smith**

Vice President – **Sonia Dyer**

Treasurer – **Missy Fox**

Secretary – **Rick Kennedy**

Newsletter Editor – **Jo Borucki**

Parliamentarian – **Dean Welder**

Federation Director – **Stephen May**

Alternate Federation Director – **Paul Kidman**

At large Board Members:

Jim Fox, Billie Gordon, Alan Achor, Cal Hansen and Frank Mullaney (past president).

These positions will be voted on at the next General Meeting in November. **It's not too late to add your name to the slate of candidates.** If you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact Stephen May at Cell: 408-306-6782; Home: 669-248-3993, Pat Speece at pat.speece@comcast.net, or Billie Gordon: billiegordon@comcast.net

We always welcome new talent. See "Time and Talent Sharing" on the following page.

Once a Rockhound, Always a Rockhound

The picture shown below is of **David Mosher** looking for rocks while on vacation in the Austrian Alps. There is an expression that goes something like this; "You can take the guy out of the country, but you cannot take the country out of the guy?" To paraphrase it: "You can take the rockhound away from his rocks, but you cannot take the rocks away from the rockhound?" We rockhounds love our rocks wherever they may be!



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 construct 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 (408) 266-1791 or (408) 691-2656 for further information. 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.

Please fill out this sheet to indicate what offices and or committee you are willing to fill, and either turn it in at the next general meeting or mail it to Pat Speece, 2357 Loma Park Court, San Jose, CA 95124. If you live out of state, you don't need to fill out this sheet.

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
- Write Articles for the Breccia
- Give a demonstration at the festival
- Lead a study group
- Take on a lead position on the festival committee
- Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

Committees

(Chairpersons are appointed by the President. Co-chairpersons are welcome.)

- Bragging Rights
- Donation Receiving Committee
- Festival Chair (2020)
- Field Trips
- Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- Founder's Day Picnic Food
- Founder's Day Picnic Bingo
- Hospitality
- Juniors
- Installation Dinner
- Librarian
- Programs
- Member Displays
- Public Lands Access (PLAC)
- Refreshments
- Silent Auction
- Meet and Greet
- Sunshine
- Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- Trophy Chair
- Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

Special Items at our Silent Auction From Your DRC

Polka Dot is a mine in eastern Oregon (**Polka Dot Agate**)... The Indians had a cave and wall, where they heat treated artifacts. They piled wood, logs, branches, dead leaves, and other materials around this wall of agate and stuffed the cave with the same material, lit it on fire, and let it burn for a week or so. Then they threw water from the nearby creek onto the wall. The shock of the cold water on the hot wall shattered the wall of agate, and that is how they heated treated the points and collected agate. The arrowhead shown in the picture shown below is one of the arrowheads made from the agate. It will be on sale at our silent auction on November 27.



Another special item to be auctioned is the 1 inch long **Tourmaline** crystal in matrix shown above. In addition to these two items, donated to the auction by DRC, are a variety of faceted stones, also available for bidding.

The auction will offer the surprise of the many items people will donate for bidding. In the past, many excellent items have been donated for our bidding pleasure.

Silent Auction

November 27, 2018

What's That?

Items will be offered for bid and are brought by members/guests and displayed on tables. Each item has a bid sheet. Bids are in 50 cent increments. The last name on the list wins the item, and pays the cashier.

What to Bring?

Bring just about anything. Items do not have to be gem or mineral related. We have auctioned off homemade candies, homemade cookies, plants, pottery, tools, and thingamajigs. And, of course, there are always gems, minerals and samples of our member skills.

Bring your items, find an empty spot on a table, fill out the sheet/s that will be with your items, and get ready to have fun.

Remember that your items are a donation to the club and that all money collected goes to help the club. We thank you in advance!

What Happens Then?

Your club president will announce each break for time to bid on the items. When the whistle blows, that bidding time period is closed. Bidders cannot even start to write their name!

There will be three bidding time periods. The president will announce the closing of each period, and the whistle will be blown.

At the end of each time period, one of the three tables will be closed, signifying that the last name on any bid sheet wins the item.

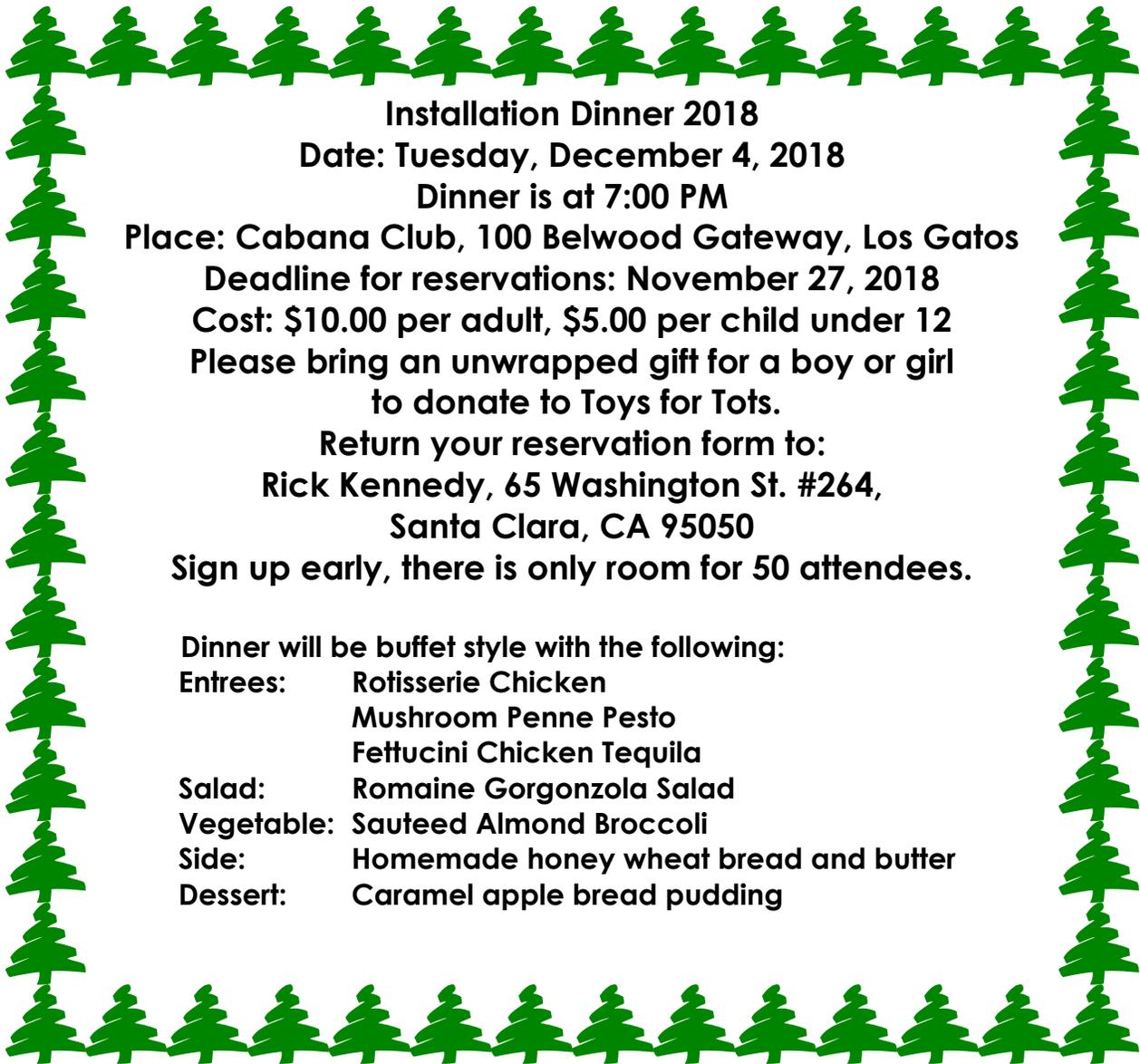
Example: The table with yellow cat sign is closed. This is the signal that you can go see if you won anything on that table. If so, pick it up and take it to the bankers in the back by the kitchen. Pay for your items and you get your winnings.

Payment: Cash or personal check. All proceeds go to the club treasury.

Suggestions:

Come early to add your item to the fun, and to see what other people have brought that you might like. Bring a tote bag for your goodies. Bring cash or check.

Questions? Email Michele Smith801@comcast.net



Installation Dinner 2018

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Dinner is at 7:00 PM

Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos

Deadline for reservations: November 27, 2018

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 50 attendees.

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

Entrees: Rotisserie Chicken

Mushroom Penne Pesto

Fettucini Chicken Tequila

Salad: Romaine Gorgonzola Salad

Vegetable: Sauteed Almond Broccoli

Side: Homemade honey wheat bread and butter

Dessert: Caramel apple bread pudding

Installation Dinner Registration

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

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. Sharing items helps to educate all who attend the meeting.

Beverly Thompson brought some Halite and Hanksite from her trip to the Searles Lake dig in Trona, California. She also gave a great account of what that dig and event are like.

Joan Schramm brought a framed piece of plume agate from Succor Creek at the Oregon/Idaho border that has a similar outline as the USA! **Kyle Van Woerkom** brought a large boulder of very hard rock he found in Guadalupe Creek. A slightly more interactive member display, **Rick Kennedy** offered up was a Hallelujah Junction smoky quartz cluster for silent auction held during the meeting.

Rick Kennedy - Chairperson

Bragging Rights Alan Achor-Chairperson

Jim Fox's opalized clam shell fossil from Coober Pedy, Australia, won the September Bragging Rights, and his **blue jade** won the October Bragging Rights.

The next contest will be in **January 2019** with the theme being items that are **drusy**.

The picture to the right shows a rare piece of blue jade from the Vonsen Ranch in Sonoma County, California that I displayed at October's Bragging Rights.



This was dug in the 1990's, I was lucky to find a small collection of these at the Big Sur Show about 15 years ago. The Vonsen Ranch has been mined out for many years now.

Large pieces like this one are impossible to find anymore.

The color blue is just breathtaking.

Even better is the botryoidal nature of this piece of blue jade.

Jim Fox

Drusy

Drusy refers to a coating of fine crystals on a rock's surface. Usually the fine crystals are quartz, but other minerals such as dolomite, calcite, or garnets may also form a druse on the surface of a rock. This happens when ground water carrying dissolved silica settles into the porous areas of the rock, and then rapid cooling causes the formation of tiny crystals on its surface. Examples of minerals that may have drusy surfaces are chrysocolla, malachite, pyrite, hematite, and others. A druse can be put on a surface artificially, for example, I have a glass cabochon with a quartz druse. Minerals with drusy surfaces are often used in jewelry.

Jo Borucki

Smithies

Our November meetings are the last of this year. We will resume in January 2019, the first two Wednesdays of the month from 10:00AM until 1:00PM.

Smithies make jewelry using saws, files, torches, rotary drills, dapping blocks, disc cutters, and lots of other tools.

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.

I send out an email to the Smithie list several days prior to the Smithie meeting. If you would like to be on that email list, let me know via email. **Since we have room for five students, you must sign up to come.**

I am planning the processes for next year. If you have suggestions, or if you would like to be on the planning committee, please let me know.

There is a small lab fee.

Thanks,
Pat Speece
pat.speece@comcast.net

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 7:00 to 9:30 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. My home is small, so space is limited. Sign up early!

CONTACT: You must call to let me know if you are coming. (408)376-1721

If you would like to be on my email notification list, email me.

gassmannv3@gmail.com

Rockhound of the Month

David Mosher was awarded Rockhound of the Month for his help refurbishing our rock tumblers and for tumbling rocks for the scholarship booth. Thank you, David.

Links to Show Calendar and CFMS Bulletin

To get a full listing of **CFMS shows**, go to the CFMS shows website by clicking the following link: [CFMS Society/Club Shows](#)

Or to access the **CFMS Bulletin** click on: <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

2018 Field Trips

Trip Date to be Determined – Hallelujah Junction, NV. 5.5 hours. Sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society. For smoky quartz, quartz, amethyst. 4 wheel drive needed. Further details and date pending.

November 22-25 – Black Butte and Stony Creek, CA. 4.25 hours, 12 miles west of I5, sponsored by Contra Costa. For Colorful jasper, agate and occasional petrified wood. Bright colors, sometimes poppy jaspers, often brecciated, reds, yellows predominate, but green, and variegated combinations are common, too.

Call Stephen May for information on field trips shown here that interest you or for any information on new field trips you are aware of and that have not been reported to the Breccia editor and therefore, not listed.

Field Trip Coordinator:

Stephen May: Cell: 408-306-6782; Home: 669-248-3993

2019 GEM FESTIVAL

by Sonia Dyer

A thanks to **David Mosher** for agreeing to be the coordinator of the demonstrators for our 2019 Gem Festival. If you would like to demonstrate cabbing, faceting, sawing, etc. at the show, please contact him. Thanks also to **Margo Mosher** for agreeing to coordinate the worker bees at the Festival.

For those who will be helping out with setup and teardown at the Festival, you will be happy to hear we've decided to scrap the old skirting material pieces. We will be cutting new pieces fresh from rolls during setup. During teardown, dealers can keep their tables' skirting if they want it, and then all other pieces will be scrapped. This change is expected to trim our teardown time by about an hour on Sunday night.

All are welcome to attend the next Festival planning meeting. It will be held on Thursday November 15th, 7PM, at Pat Speece's house. Please let Pat know that you are coming.

Welcome to New Members

Beverly Thompson, Jeremy Hamilton, and Lucy Nunez received their materials and were welcomed into the club at our October general meeting.

DRC Donation Receiving Committee

The sale on October 27 was a big success, and we brought in \$1311. We had a very good turnout, and as a result, a very good sale. We had a whole variety of items; Fossils, Minerals, Amethysts, Quartz Crystals, a couple of small machines and a lot of fine quality rocks. We attribute the excellent turnout to the success of changes to our email system, which had not been working correctly and to some signs placed around the neighborhood before the show. To fix the email problem, we made our contact lists smaller because sometimes bulk emails are considered spam and are dumped in Spam or Junk folders instead of Inboxes. Sometimes it is good to check your Spam or Junk folders to see if valid messages are there in error. **If you did not receive our rock sale notice, and you have received them in the past, please let me know.** Thank you all for a very successful sale.

Founded in 2007, the DRC (Donation Receiving Committee) has brought in about \$70,000 to the club. Typically, we have rocks, slabs, and mineral specimens both common and special, and from closed areas. We give rocks to teachers, and at our sales, we have several price tiers: "FREE", "50 CENTS PER POUND", "50 CENTS EACH", and for the best items: "INDIVIDUALLY PRICED".

Our rock sales are the easiest field trips you have ever been on. All but the biggest rocks are on tables.

Rocks that are on the FREE TABLE have been offered at least once on the for-sale tables. At the end of each sale, the free rocks must go. If you are interested in taking them, please do so. They must go, but we want to keep the buckets

Frequently, in addition to rocks and slabs, we receive lapidary equipment, grit, jewelry making findings, and tools. DRC items are offered at our rock sales, show up at the Silent Auctions and the Founder's Day Picnic, and are given to teachers. We have three big refurbished tumblers that are kept busy and used at our annual show in the Demonstration Area during our annual festival.

Our next sale will be in the spring after the rainy season is past.

Want more information? Email: pat.speece@comcast.net

Membership Dues for 2019

It is time to renew your club membership. The dues are \$30 for a household, \$20 for an individual, and \$5 for a junior. If you are not yet a member, you may apply after attending two of our meetings. Please contact Missy Fox at jfox152@earthlink.net or pay at our next meeting .

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes

October 23rd, 2018

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

Announcements: Welcome! From now on, there will be a meet and greet between 7:15 – 7:45 just before the general meetings. Dues are due! Please give them to Missy Fox or mail them to our PO Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that there was no new correspondence and that he would check the PO Box in time for the Board Meeting.

New Members: Beverly Thompson, Jeremy Hamilton and Lucy Nunez received their materials and were welcomed into the club.

Board Meeting: Will be at Pat and Louis Schuesler's home at 7:30.

Bragging Rights: Jim Fox won last month's contest for his precious Opalized Clamshell fossil from Coober Pedy, Australia. Next month is the silent auction. January's theme will be Drusy.

Rockhound of the Month: David Mosher won for his help refurbishing tumblers and tumbling rocks for the scholarship booth.

Field Trips: Stephen May reported on a trip October 27th to the Barstow area and a trip to Boron on November 24th. The full list of upcoming field trips can be found in the Breccia.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Beverly Thompson brought some Halite and Hanksite from her trip to the Searles Lake dig in Trona, California. She also gave a great account of what that dig and event are like. Joan Schramm brought a framed piece of plume agate from Succor Creek at the Oregon/Idaho border that has a similar outline as the USA! Kyle Van Woerkom brought a large boulder of very hard rock he found in Guadalupe Creek. A slightly more interactive member display, Rick Kennedy offered up a Hallelujah Junction smoky quartz cluster for silent auction!

Festival: Sonia Dyer reported that planning is going well. At the meeting, David Mosher volunteered to be the Demonstrator Coordinator and Margo Mosher volunteered to be the Show Worker Coordinator.

Nominating Committee: Stephen May (Chair), Pat Speece and Billie Gordon have come up with the following slate of officers for the 2019 year:

President – Michelle Smith

Vice President – Sonia Dyer

Treasurer – Missy Fox

Secretary – Rick Kennedy

Newsletter Editor – Jo Borucki

Parliamentarian – Dean Welder

Federation Director – Stephen May

Alternate Federation Director – Paul Kidman

At large Board Members:

Jim Fox, Billie Gordon, Alan Achor, Cal Hansen and Frank Mullaney (past president).

These positions will be voted on at the next General Meeting in November.

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. Victor announced that he is ready for someone to take over the group.

Smithies:

The Smithies meet the first two Wednesdays of the month from 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

DRC: Pat Speece and Billie Gordon announced that there will be a DRC sale at Billie's home on Saturday, October 27th. They reported that there will be plenty of new material!

Hospitality: 30 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

ALAA: Nothing new.

Federation Report: Stephen May will attend the upcoming meeting in Visalia.

Sunshine: Fred Fisher is recovering from both pneumonia and valley fever. Both Betty and Dick Pankey are recovering from their illnesses and Lynda DiRossi contacted Margo to let her know that James DiRossi had passed away.

Program: Hallelujah Junction 2018: Rick Kennedy presented a program on his group's 2018 mining season at Petersen Mountain, Hallelujah Junction.

All Future Meetings: There will be a meet and greet with refreshments from 7:15 – 7:45 before our General Meeting.

November: Silent Auction. Bring stuff people will like!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM

SCVGMS Board Meeting
October 25th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the home of Pat and Louis Schuesler.

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

Reading of the minutes from the September 27th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as amended. (S. Dyer, L. Schuesler).

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that we received a letter from our accountants showing the club's non-profit status is reconfirmed, a copy of our Yellow Pages free listing and a statement from Dodge and Cox.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox. All bills presented had already been approved, so no need for a motion to pay the bills.

Unpaid Dues: Missy Fox updated Rick Kennedy and the letters will go out by the weekend.

Committee Reports:**Festival 2019:**

M/S/P to authorize the purchase of new skirting for the 2019 Festival, at a cost

not to exceed \$300.00 (S. Dyer, R. Kennedy).

Installation Dinner:

Rick Kennedy reported that 13 people signed up at the last meeting and that he had confirmed with Michael Paone about Willow Street. As Rick will be out of town, Karen Welder, Sonia Dyer and Stephen May have all volunteered to be of help.

Field Trips: Please refer to the Breccia for the most up to date information.

Old Business:

New Webmaster: Frank Mullaney, Jo Borucki, Sonia Dyer and Rick Kennedy have met and made changes. The website is now live! Sonia Dyer will be the contact for the company.

M/S/P to authorize \$2250.00 to be put in our account with the web company to be used as needed for updates and changes to the website (R. Kennedy, J. Fox).

M/S/P to reimburse Frank Mullaney \$299.40 for his payment to GoDaddy, who will be hosting our site (This pays for five years of hosting) and an additional \$200.00 to GoDaddy for a firewall for our website for two years (R. Kennedy, J. Fox).

Trailers: Frank Mullaney and Jim Fox will try to get the needed maintenance done in the next week.

Library: Stephen May and Sonia Dyer will continue to go through the library and weed out old or unusable books.

Laptop: Cal Hansen will try to complete the task before the next meeting.

Programs: Here is a list of the upcoming programs:

November – Silent Auction

December – Installation Dinner

January – Jim Fox (Wet Grinder)

February – Alan Achor (Aircraft)

New Business

Insurance: Sonia Dyer has agreed to be the contact person for McDaniel's Insurance, letter will go out soon.

DRC: M/S/P to reimburse Jim Fox \$18.00 for paper he purchased for DRC signs (D. Welder, R. Kennedy).

November Board Meeting: Will be immediately following the general meeting.

Combined 2018 and 2019 Boards on December 27: Will be at Frank Mullaney's home, hosted by Stephen May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kennedy
SCVGMS Secretary

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Vice President: Sonia Dyer
(408) 629-5735

Secretary: Rick Kennedy (408) 529-9690

Treasurer: Missy Fox (408) 356-7711

Editor: Jo Borucki (408) 245-2881

Federation Director: Stephen May
(669) 248-3993

Alternate Fed. Director: Karen Welder
(408) 353-2675

Board Members

Jim Fox (408) 356-7711

Alan Achor (408) 749-0771

Louis Schuesler (408) 353-2329

Pat Schuesler (408) 353-2329

Cal Hansen (408) 394-4642

Historian:

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 2019: Sonia Dyer

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:

Stephen May

Founder's Day Picnic Chairman: Sonia

Dyer assisted by Cal Hansen, Stephen

May, and Mike Paone

Founder's Day Raffle:

Founder's Day Bingo:

Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy

Member Displays: Rick Kennedy

Refreshments: Michele Smith

Silent Auction: Michele Smith

Social:

Sunshine: Margo Mosher

Trophies: Frank Mullaney

Webmaster:

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 with meet and greet time beginning at 7:15 followed by the meeting 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 November 27.** The **Board Meeting will follow immediately after the General Meeting.**

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.

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