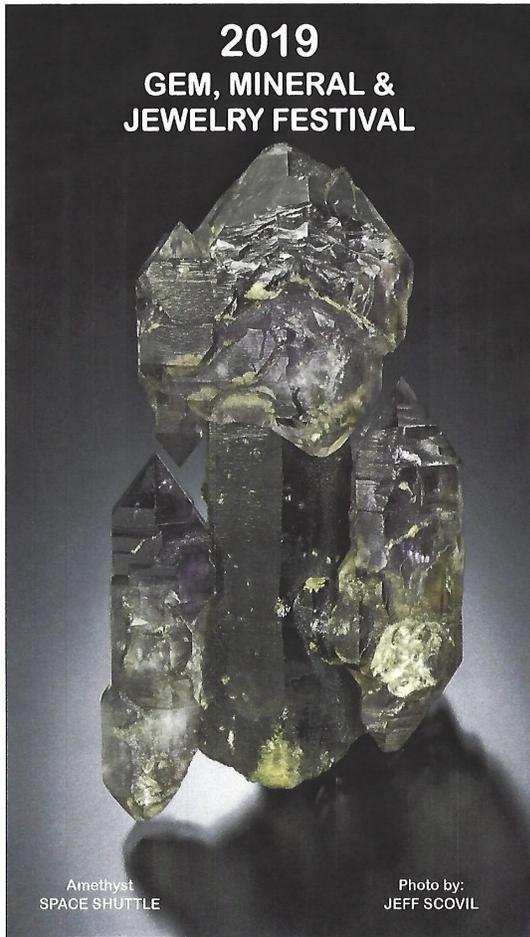




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2019 GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY FESTIVAL

SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Presents its 64th Annual Festival
at the
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

March 16 & 17, 2019

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday

Fun for children of all ages

See a large display of Petrified Wood.

Gold Panning, polish stones by Tumbling, and other how to Demonstrations.

See how the early Americans made Arrow Heads.

Over 45 dealers selling many treasures for you to purchase.

Many of the dealers are kid friendly so the children can touch and ask questions.

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President's Message

SCVGMS is definitely gearing up for the Gem and Mineral Festival.

I started attending the show, now the festival, when I was twelve. My family had moved from Arizona to California, and we had many wonderful adventures discovering this area. I was cold all year long for the first four years. Silicon Valley had not happened yet, there were no personal computers, and towns were separated by orchards and farmland. The Fairgrounds were busier, with many activities including Boy Scout Jamborees, a two week county fair, and the Gem and Mineral Show.

When I retired, I decided it was time to give back to this group that had given me so much pleasure. I had no idea of how much effort it was to put together this Festival. Deposits on the space a year ahead, insurance, property taxes (weird issue, best left for another time perhaps), contacting vendors, mapping the electrical cord and table placement, verifying the latest federal/state/county/city requirements. All right, this is getting boring, but it IS a well-oiled machine.

The SCVGMS volunteer hours help make the festival a success. You get together with other people who love rocks. Assembly, table leveling and skirting, security, hospitality, and tear down are some of the jobs that we do. Last year we started giving out tickets for every hour of volunteering that you did. The hours are counted when you sign in on the work days and, most important, sign out. Then your hours can be counted for the tickets you will be allotted for the drawing. A week stay at Camp Paradise is one of the prizes. (By the way, print the form in this Breccia, fill it out for another opportunity to win a week at Camp Paradise.)

When you come to the SCVGMS Gem and Mineral Festival, you will enjoy the displays, the instruction, and the treasures you can buy from the vendors. I find it safest to come with a budget, look first, then go back for what I loved the most. Just seven more weeks. I can't wait.

Your President, Michele Smith



The Rocks by Steve Breazeale - Contributed by Pat Speece

Calendar of Coming Events

February 6 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

February 13 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

February 26 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 with a lecture by

February 28 - Board Meeting at Frank Mullaney's home

March 6 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

March 13 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

March 16 - 17 - Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Festival Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

March 26 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Panel discussion about our Festival and Quartzite and Tucson Shows

March 28 - Board Meeting at Jo Borucki's home

April 3 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

April 10 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

April 23 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Rick Kennedy: 2018 Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Mine dig.

April 25 - Board Meeting at Missy Fox's home



Missy Fox is our treasurer, doing her second year of service in that capacity. As I participated in the January board meeting, I was impressed with the amount of work she is doing as treasurer, and she does it with such cheerfulness, friendliness, and thoroughness. In addition, she coordinates the scholarship programs for Camp Paradise and Camp ZYXYX. My hat is off to her as a valuable member of our society. Thank you, Missy.

Bragging Rights

Alan Achor-Chairperson

The winner of the January bragging rights is **Margo Mosher** with her drusy geodes.



The February theme is petrified wood so bring your petrified wood specimens. The winner gets to choose from a variety of coupons redeemable for such items as treats or movie admissions.

New Website

Great News!! **Our new website is up and running.** Click on the following link:

<http://www.scvgms.org/>

After you click on the above link, if you want to see the Breccia and other news items, scroll down and click on "Download", shown under the Newsletter option.

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 meetings when Silent Auctions are scheduled. 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.

Jo Borucki brought a sampling of some of the items she made during her time at Camp Paradise and gave a short talk about the wonderful time she had there. **Kyle Van Woerkom** got to go to Australia over the holidays and brought back some lovely Opal specimens from Lightning ridge. **Joan Schramm** brought an article about the largest Diamond ever found in North America, a 552 carat yellow Diamond from Canada. **Rick Kennedy** brought a rough and cut sample from his dig at Jackson's Crossroads.

The Admire Meteorite, A Treasure from Tucson

Jo Borucki

The worldwide show at Tucson Gem and Mineral Show is now in progress. Bill and I have enjoyed this huge show several times

I have a piece of the Admire Meteorite purchased at the show, I prize it, and this is why. There are around 40,000 meteorites discovered world wide. Of those, only 61 are of the Pallasite type which means it is both a stony and iron meteorite. The remaining around 39,939 meteorites are all either stony or iron. It has a further distinction of being one of the 6 or 7 Pallasite Meteorites world wide that contain Peridot (Olivine) large and clear enough to facet.

The Admire Meteorite was first discovered in a field near the town of Admire, Kansas in Lyon County in 1891 when a farmer was plowing his field. I bought this piece in 2013. Since then, several small Peridots from the Admire Meteorite have been faceted. Pieces of this meteorite now reside at the University of New Mexico (29 kg) and at the Smithsonian (15 kg) in addition to a ½ carat faceted stone.

Cabbers Class Instructor Needed

Currently, there are no classes because we are in need of a volunteer to teach others in our club how to cut and polish cabochons. The club has equipment Genies, available to whoever volunteers. We wish to express our gratitude to **Victor Gassman** for leading this class the past two years.



A Piece of the Admire Meteorite

Sunshine

We have some sad sunshine news. The Club has lost two long time members. **Jim Nelson**, an avid rock collector and active member since 1976, has passed away. His enthusiasm for rock collecting was evident in his vast collection. Much of it was donated to our Club's annual rock sales. Jim will be remembered and missed by all of us.

Long time member, **Eva Surrell** has passed away and will also be missed by many that knew her. She had been an active member since 1963 and was past President of our Club. Even when she was no longer able to attend meetings, her daughter Carol said she fondly remembered her friends in the Club. She will be missed by all who knew her. Eva's husband, John, also a past President, passed in 2009. She is now with her beloved husband. We send our thoughts and prayers to the families of Jim and Eva, missed but not forgotten.

Kelly Van Vleck continues to put up with the Shingles from hell. We wish him relief, and we hope to see him soon .

To report someone needing sunshine, email Margo Mosher - margomosher@yahoo.com

Festival Report

The 2019 Festival is just around the corner. But there is still plenty to do before the first guest walks through the door. Help is needed to make our festival a success.

- We need a volunteer to pull electrical cords to various booths and retrieve them up after the festival.
- Volunteers willing to display their collections and crafts are asked to contact Steven May and let him know. He has some display cases that are available for use. Contact him at stephenmay0990@gmail.com
- We need volunteers for our demonstration booths. If you have a skill that you would like to share with others, contact David Mosher at margomosher@yahoo.com

Margo Mouser will be contacting everyone to enlist volunteers to fill tasks that need to be done during the Festival.

Frank Mullaney– Festival Chairman

Calling all Rockhounds! (Camp Paradise)

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

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. Food and lodging are included.

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

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

Applications are available in this Breccia. The deadline for submitting your application is the beginning of the March general meeting.

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

The application form for the drawing is on the next page.

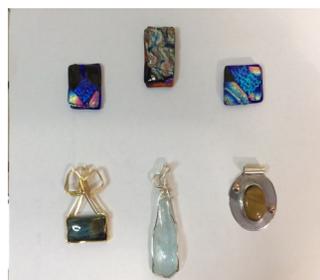
Camp Paradise Experience

My experience at Camp Paradise was one of learning new skills and broadening some that I already possessed. I had learned some metal smithing in Pat Speece's excellent Smithies class, and I wanted to learn more. I was fortunate to be in the beginning silver smithing class that met for the first 2 1/2 days I was at Camp Paradise. During this time, I honed former skills and learned new ones as I set a tiger eye cabochon in silver, emphasizing the color of the tiger eye with small copper balls.

I had done some wire wrapping. I refined former skills to wire wrap two pieces, a labradorite cabochon and an aquamarine crystal.

I spent one relaxing afternoon creating fused glass pieces. The technique is simple, but the items I made are startlingly beautiful. In addition to these three classes, there are many other classes offered at Camp Paradise, such as glass bead blowing, cabling, rock sculpting, faceting, metal clay jewelry, and others. Go and enjoy yourself!

Jo Borucki



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 March 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 the general meeting in March. 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 March meeting.

**Mail or turn forms in to Missy Fox, 16344 Shady View Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95032
Open to member and nonmembers alike.**

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

Smithies

We make jewelry using many techniques and tools/toys. Our workshops and processes are geared towards beginners, and as you progress, so do the processes. Class size of five students is limited to the space available in the workshop.

We meet the first two Wednesdays of each month from 10:00am until 1:00pm. There is a small lab fee.

Currently, we are working on spinner bangle bracelets. We supply necessary tools, and can supply metals for a small fee, and cabs (free).

Currently, we are in need of brass hammers, preferably one pound hammers, to be used with disc makers and doming blocks. If you have a spare you would like to donate to the Smithies, that would be appreciated.

If you would like to be on my email list, let me know via email. I send out workshop reminders.

NEWS: If you are interested in workshops on Saturdays, let me know via email. Time would most likely be 11am until 2pm.

Thanks,
Pat Speece
pat.speece@comcast.net

DRC

DRC (Donations Receiving Committee) accepts rocks, slabs, tools, machines etc from members and the general public to sell to members and the general public for the benefit of our club.

Though we have enough material to offer for sale now, we are waiting until after the rains. Putting on a rock sale takes a lot of work and time, and we prefer pleasant weather. We will let you know when, via our general meetings, the Breccia, and emails.

Questions?

Pat
pat.speece@comcast.net

Rockhound of the Month

Our Rockhound for the month of January is **Billie Gordon** for agreeing to be our Vice President after the member originally chosen was unable to fill the role. Thank you, Billie for assuming this responsibility in addition to the others you so conscientiously assume such as storing rocks for DRC and holding the sales in your lovely yard.

A thank you also to **Sonia Dyer** who took Billie's previous position on the board, thus freeing her to be vice president.

Links to Shows Calendar and CFMS Websites

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/>

The Programs at our General Meetings

After enjoying Jim Fox's excellent demonstration on using the wet grinder, I wondered what was in store for us at the next few general meetings held the fourth Tuesday of each month. I checked the minutes of our last board meeting to refresh my memory. We can look forward to good programs scheduled all the way through to our July meeting. They are as follows so that you can put them on your calendar:

- **February-Alan Achor** gives a presentation on aircraft.
- **March-is a panel discussion** on our festival, which will have just taken place earlier in March, and the shows at Quartzite and Tucson that took place in February.
- **April-Rick Kennedy**, who is always an excellent and informative speaker, will talk about the Jackson Crossroads Amethyst Mine.
- **May** is our Semi-annual **Silent Auction** where there are always many interesting items to bid on. Bring the things you no longer want but others would enjoy and bid on items that you would love to own. It is fun, and I always come away with some new treasure or two or three or more.
- **June-Jim Fox** will discuss computer attachments for the microscope. After enjoying his demonstration on wet grinders, I know this will be interesting and pertinent to all of us rockhounds.
- **July-Kyle Van Woerkom** will talk about his trip to Australia. He brought back some lovely opal specimens acquired during his recent trip.

Jim Fox gave a fascinating demonstration on how to use a wet grinder at our January meeting, stressing required equipment, techniques, and safety. He brought many samples of the grinding and polishing he had done on large rock and mineral specimens. Some are shown in the third photograph below. He will bring these to our festival as the Touch Table items for people to view and handle as a close up acquaintance with the beauty of rocks and minerals.



General meeting minutes

January 22nd, 2019

The January meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:45 pm at the Cabana Club.

Announcements: Welcome! From now on, there will be a meet and greet between 7:15 – 7:45 just before the general meeting. Directories will be finished and ready to distribute at the next meeting

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club received the yearly Dodge and Cox statement, discount coupons for the upcoming Gem Faire show in Pleasanton, March 8-10 and discount coupons for the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Spring Bling on February 23-24. The club also received a thank you card from one of our Scholarship recipients, Elizabeth Gutberlet.

Scholarship Recipients: Elizabeth Gutberlet and Laura Mosquera introduced themselves to the club and talked about their current and future study plans.

New Members: No new members. To apply for membership, one must attend at least two club meetings and have two sponsors from the club. It is easy to do!!

Board Meeting: Will be at Michele Smith's home at 7:30.

Nomination and election of Vice President: Billie Gordon was nominated. She accepted the nomination and was elected to be our Vice President for 2019.

Nomination and election of at large Board member: Sonia Dyer was nominated to take the Board position vacated by Billie Gordon as she became Vice President. Sonia accepted the nomination and was elected to be an at large Board member.

Bragging Rights: This month's theme was "Drusy". Next month's theme will be "Petrified Wood".

Rockhound of the Month: Billie Gordon won for stepping up to be the new Vice President!

Field Trips: The full list of upcoming field trips can be found in the Breccia.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Jo Borucki brought a sampling of some of the items she made during her time at Camp Paradise and gave a short talk about the wonderful time she had there. Kyle Van Woerkom got to go to Australia over the holidays and brought back some lovely Opal specimens from Lightning ridge. Joan Schramm brought an article about the largest Diamond ever found in North America, a 552 carat yellow Diamond from Canada. Rick Kennedy brought a rough and cut sample from his dig at Jackson's Crossroads and hinted at a possible program!

Camp Paradise: Missy Fox talked about Camp Paradise and announced that the drawing for the next club sponsored trip there will be at the March meeting, so get your nomination in!

Festival: Frank Mullaney reported that things are going well, plenty of advertising is happening, in media and in email. He does need a volunteer to help with the electrical set up. Stephen May reported that we still have lots of room for cases and strongly suggested just how fun it is to display, especially in our own show. Everyone will be needed to help and Margo Mosher promised that everyone will get a call!

Study Groups:

Cabbers: In search of a new leader.

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.

Hospitality: 32 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

ALAA: Nothing new.

Federation Report: Stephen May will attend the upcoming meeting in March at the Federation show.

Sunshine: Margo Mosher reported that two longtime members of our club had recently passed away: Jim Nelson and Eva Surrell. She read a lovely tribute to them that will be printed in the Breccia.

Program: Jim Fox presented a program/demonstration of wet grinding that was very informative and he also brought a number of great samples of what can be done with this process.

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

February: Alan Achor - Aircraft

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting

January 24th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM at the home of Michele Smith.

Roll Call: All board members were present except for Dean Welder and Alan Achor.

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

Reading of the minutes from the November 27th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read. (F. Mullaney, C. Hansen).

Reading of the minutes from the December 6th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as amended. (F. Mullaney, J. Fox).

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox.

There was a discussion about possibly moving our CD to another bank/credit union in order to earn more interest. Several Board members volunteered to check their banks/credit unions.

Signers for checking account: Frank Mullaney and Sonia Dyer will be removed as signers on our checking account and Billie Gordon and Michele Smith will be added.

Accountant meeting: Missy reported that she had a very productive meeting with our accountant which will help the club better prepare and present information to our accountant, thus saving us money.

Merchandise Inventory: M/S/P for club merchandise (Pins and club and CFMS decals) to be given to members for free until the items are gone (F. Mullaney, C. Hansen).

Post Cards: M/S/P for the post cards with the state symbols (Rock, mineral, fossil, gemstone) to be added to the next club silent auction.

Property tax for Fairgrounds: M/S/P to pay two different property tax bills of

\$263.50 and \$221.37 related to our club's use of the Fairgrounds during our Festival (P. Kidman, F. Mullaney).

CFMS Insurance and Dues: Rick Kennedy will send a copy of the edited club directory to Missy Fox so those numbers can be determined.

Audit Team: Will meet before the next General Meeting with Missy Fox and audit the books. Audit team is Stephen May, Paul Kidman and Michele Smith.

Committee Reports:

Federation: M/S/P to pay Stephen May mileage at the CFMS set rate for his attending the CFMS Meeting in Pomona in March (F. Mullaney, M. Fox).

Festival 2019: Frank Mullaney reported that he will meet with the representative of the Fairgrounds soon to go over final details. M/S/P to terminate club provided skirting for the dealers at our 2020 Festival (F. Mullaney, J. Borucki).

Founder's Day Picnic: A tentative date has been set for June 23rd. Stephen May is the chairperson.

Field Trips: Please refer to the Breccia for the most up to date information. Stephen May is working on a trip to Virgin Valley and other localities in that area for the summer.

Old Business:

Trailers: Frank Mullaney and Bob Kout have done a bunch of work on them, still some more to do.

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. A suggestion was made to reach out to the membership to see if anyone has an old computer they are not using that they would be willing to loan or donate to the club.

Programs: Here is a list of the upcoming programs:

February – Alan Achor (Aircraft)

March – Panel discussion about our Festival and Quartzite and Tucson Shows.

April – Rick Kennedy: 2018 Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Mine dig.

May – Silent Auction

June – Jim Fox: Photo/computer attachment for microscope.

July – Kyle Van Woerkom: Australia trip

New Business

Rockhound of the Month: There was discussion about who might be deserving winners of this award.

Hospitality: Thanks to Frank Mullaney for manning the hospitality table in Pat and Louis Schuesler's absence.

Membership directory: M/S/P to order 100 2019 club directories. Rick will deliver the file to the printer on Friday, the 25th and they will be done in time for the next meeting (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

February Board Meeting: Will be at Frank Mullaney's home, hosted by Frank.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy - SCVGMS Secretary

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Frank Mullaney (408) 691-2656

Cal Hansen (408) 394-4642

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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: Frank Mullaney

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:

Stephen May

Founder's Day Picnic Chairman:

Stephen May

Founder's Day Raffle: Pat Speece

Founder's Day Bingo: TBD

Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy

Member Displays: Rick Kennedy

Refreshments: TBD

Silent Auction: Pat Speece

Sunshine: Margo Mosher

Trophies: Frank Mullaney

Webmaster: TBD

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 February 26.** The **Board Meeting is on February 28 at Frank Mullaney's home.**

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

For information, please contact the leader listed below.

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Cabbers: We need a leader. Can it be you?