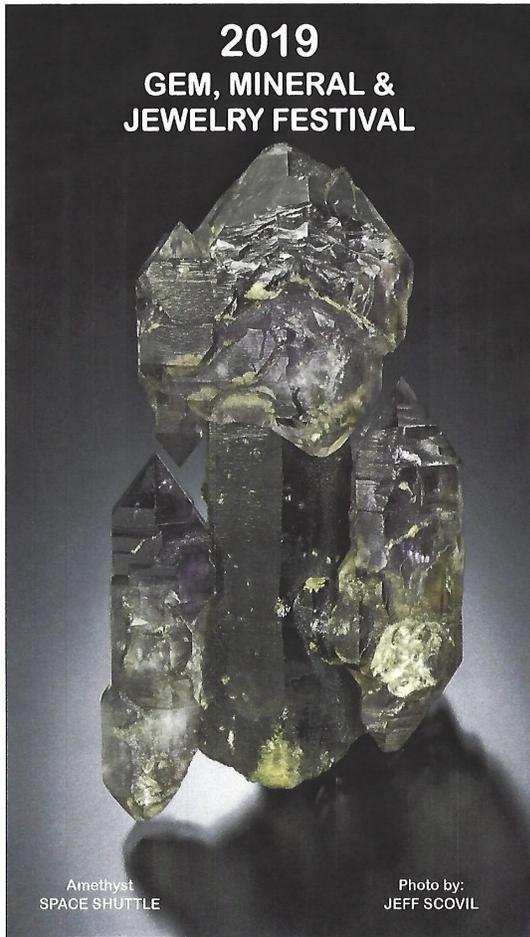




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2019 GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY FESTIVAL

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.

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President's Message

All hands on deck!

This area made a dramatic change in its geography during and after WWII. A lot of Naval ships used San Francisco as a port of entry and leave for their sailors. Families came here to be as close as possible to their husbands, boyfriends, and sons. There were a lot of women in the services too, although certainly not as many percentage wise as there are now. On a ship, 'All hands on deck!' meant that every sailor and officer who was not engaged in something critical to the running of the ship was to get to the deck as quickly as possible. This might mean that a battle was anticipated or a visit from an admiral was imminent. It usually meant some form of work (even if it was to polish the deck with a toothbrush because the captain didn't think it was clean enough).

And now I ask for 'All hands on deck!' for the upcoming festival. We need volunteers to be there on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – March 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. The greatest need is for set up (Thursday and Friday from xx am to xx pm) and tear down (Sunday after 5). There are many easy jobs to do for almost all ages, no very young children please, but even youth can help tape the skirting on the tables and help carry things to different areas. The fair, now called the festival, has been one of my most favorite things to do to since I was twelve, and now I am in the middle of making it happen again. All hands on deck!

Your President, Michele Smith

New Member

We are delighted to welcome **Danielle Diamond** to our society. Her rockhounding interests include collecting rocks and minerals, geology, field trips, and beading.

Sunshine

Kelly Van Vleck had a fall, but he was not seriously injured.

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

Calendar of Coming Events

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 Jim and Missy Fox's home

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

May 8 - Smithies workshop 10AM to 1 PM at Pat Speece's home

May 28 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Silent Auction

May 30 - Board Meeting at Paul Kidman's home

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.

Kyle Van Woerkom brought a fossilized Megalodon tooth the he bought while at the Tucson Show. **Jeremy Hamilton** brought samples of Agate, Jasper and Petrified wood that he collected on his trip to Texas. **Cesar Nunez** also brought some samples of agate and Petrified Wood from the same Texas trip. **Michelle Smith** brought a Fluorite and Calcite specimen she found while cleaning house!!

Note by Jo Borucki-This actually makes me want to clean my house. Who knows what treasures are there to be found!

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 Genies, available to whoever volunteers. We wish to express our gratitude to **Victor Gassmann** for leading this class the past two years.

Smithies

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

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

Bob Kout won for all of the things he does behind the scenes to help the club such as his current efforts helping to clean up and organize the trailer.

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](#)

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

Link to Our New SCVGMS Website

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.

Property Trespass Warning

Dear friends,

I am writing because trespassing on private property seems to be a problem once again. My friends, who live in Morgan Hill and are known to have poppy jasper on their property, have told me that they have recently observed trespassers on their property and are very upset over this. These individuals were seen riding on bicycles on county trails then crossing thru a well posted fence to enter private property. The sheriff was called, but he was unable to apprehend to culprits this time. An examination of the area revealed that the ground had been dug and disturbed in several areas and that footprints were left behind. This property is adequately posted, stating that trespassers will be prosecuted. Previous trespassers have been arrested, and the names of the violators listed in the local newspaper.

I am writing this because if you know persons who may be involved in this illegal activity, they should be warned that the property owners are on alert. It is hard to believe that in this day and age, when there are many security cameras, even some that are wireless and posted in remote areas, that this kind of activity still goes on.

Just a reminder; an arrest on one's record could make finding a job difficult as well as resulting in confiscation of property.

Respectfully,
Jim Sugiyama - SCVGMS member

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.

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 In Action

Pat Speece provides an excellent service to SCVGMS members through her twice monthly Smithies class. Her shed is completely dedicated to this effort. I have enjoyed this friendly and informative class. This time we made a cuff bracelet decorated with a spinner. The cuff is a closed circle that slides over the hand and onto the wrist. The spinner is a second circle slightly larger than the cuff that sits over the cuff and is loose enough so that it rotates easily on the cuff.

Making the bracelet provided the use of a variety of skills such as using jewelry saws, embossing techniques and tools, soldering skills, and using a tool that we fondly call The Squisher.

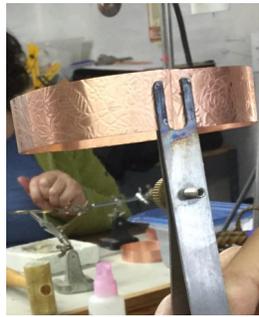
We began with a copper strip $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in width and long enough so that when curved into a circle, it slid over the widest part of the hand. Once measured, the strip was cut to length and smoothed so that the two ends fit together for soldering. We used embossing hammers or the rolling mill to emboss a design on the metal strip. The hammers have a variety of designs on the textured heads, while the roller imparts the texture of whatever is placed over the top of the metal strip before it and the textured material are put through the roller. Almost any texturing material can be used, such as embossed paper, Brillo pads, or sand paper.

Once the metal strip was embossed, we smoothed and polished all surfaces, and then we were ready to set up our piece for soldering. Trying to fit and clamp the ends of the strip for soldering was challenging. The fit must be perfect and stable. Most of us used clamps of one kind or another to secure the fit until it was soldered. Pat Speece introduced her Bezel Soldering Grip. It is pictured and is an excellent tool to secure the ends for soldering. In the past, I have used my Blazer Micro Torch, and it has provided sufficient heat for melting the solder. The $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch strip and its clamps cannot be heated sufficiently by this small torch so some of us used a propane torch and others used two Blazers together to provide a hot enough flame.

Once the soldering was completed, and we had constructed our spinners of twisted or decorative wires, or in my case beads strung on a wire, we were almost ready for the final step, that of using the tool, dubbed The Squisher by Pat, but first, the strip was annealed to soften the copper so that it could bend. Once this was done, the cuff along with its spinner was placed onto the squisher. The resulting curved up sides held the spinner in place, and our bracelet was complete. We had a new bracelet, learned the use of some new equipment and techniques, enjoyed the cookies Pat so kindly provided, and have had lots of fun. What more could one ask for?



The roller is used to emboss a design on the metal.



Jim Sugiyama's bracelet is about to be soldered, using the Bezel Soldering Grip to hold the ends together



Beverly is using the squisher to bend the edges of the bracelet so that it holds its spinner.

Smithies at Work on Their Spinner Bracelets



Jim Sugiyama contemplating the best method



Billie Gordon shaping her bracelet



Jose Sul fitting the bracelet for soldering



Michele Smith smiling over her completed bracelet



Beverly Thompson displaying her completed bracelet



Jo Borucki with her completed bracelet

Bragging Rights

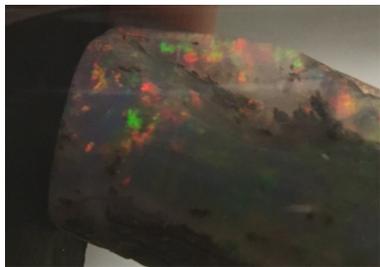
Chairman-Alan Achor

The bragging rights winner for the February 26 was **David Mosher** with his collection of tumbled or cut and polished petrified wood examples. Many of the other entries were also very beautiful. Some of them are shown below.

The topic for the March 26 meeting theme is “**Found in California**”.



David Mosher's Winning Entry



Frank Mullaney

Frank has been a member of our society since 1974. During these many years, he has served in just about every capacity other than editor. He was our president last year, and I think, was looking forward to relaxing a bit as his term ended. That was not immediately in the cards for him because someone was needed to fill in for the festival chairperson who had health issues and needed to step back. Frank generously took on this demanding role and has done an excellent job. Thank you, Frank.

By Your Editor, Jo Borucki

Fossil Hunting in Montana

by Jo Borucki

On July 24, 2007, we met our guide in Jordon, Montana. He took us for three days of fossil hunting on his ranch. He had bulldozed into new soil and rock in the same area where we had looked the year before when we had first met with him. With the sun beating down on us hour after hour, we dug and scraped patiently and found little. My best discovery for that day was a tiny perfect mammal tooth from a creature from the late Cretaceous Period, the Didelphadon, that had existed with the dinosaurs and was about the size of an opossum, actually a larger mammal of that time.

The second of our three days, was a red-letter day for me. I was very fortunate! I was digging patiently into the hills, carefully scraping and brushing when a small, exquisite object dropped out into the dirt. I sifted it out of the dirt, and was privileged to behold a perfect cuspid (front) tooth from a Ankylosaur Rugosidens, a Sauropod, a plant eater. I had no idea what it was, but our guide told me that he thought that it was from an Ankylosaurus, and further research, on my part, narrowed it further as a Rugosidens. Later in that same day, I also found the tooth from either Nano Tyrannosaur or a baby Tyrannosaurus Rex.

My best find on July 26 was a piece of crocodile vertebra. On examining it closely, I could see a groove where the spinal cord was once protected. This crocodile swam the waters of the Late Cretaceous Period perhaps munching juicy mammals such as the Didelphadon whose tooth I had found on the first day of fossil hunting.

I found other fossils, less well preserved dinosaur teeth than those just described, pieces of turtle shell, a gar scale, and other murmurs, whispers, and roars from the distant past. As we drove out of Montana to South Dakota, Montana's landscape no longer looked like rangeland to me, but like a tropical area where dinosaurs and early mammals once roamed, hunted, and grazed. I hoped that we would not inadvertently run over a small Didelphadon or be eaten by a ferocious Tyrannosaur.



Didelphadon Tooth



Ankylosaur Rugosidens
Cuspid



Nano Tyrannosaur
Tooth



Crocodile Vertebra

Field Trips

April 11-14: Topaz Mountain and Dugway Geode Beds, Northwest of Delta, UT
Contact: Gene Doyle, Cell: 408-605-9457, Email: eugene.doyle@sbcglobal.net or
Jim Barton, Home: 916-773-0458, Cell: 916-847-7321, Email: geologist1@surewest.net

Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May 669-248-3993 Email: Stephenmay0990@gmail.com

General meeting minutes

February 26th, 2019

The February 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 meetings. Directories will be finished and ready to distribute at the next meeting. Note that the next meeting will be after our Annual Festival. All hands are needed, welcome and appreciated.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club received a statement from State Farm, Gem Faire coupons, the AFMS Newsletter, and auction information from Holabird Western American Collectors. Stephen May distributed a number of flyers for various upcoming shows.

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 Frank Mullaney's home at 7:30.

Bragging Rights: Last month's winner was Margo Mosher for her "drusy" specimen. This month's theme was "Petrified Wood". Next month's theme will be "From California".

Rockhound of the Month: Bob Kout won for all of the things he does behind the scenes to help the club.

Field Trips: Stephen May is working on a trip to Virgin Valley and to Oregon. The full list of upcoming field trips can be found in the Breccia.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Kyle Van Woerkom brought a fossilized Megalodon tooth the he bought while at the Tucson Show. Jeremy Hamilton brought samples of Agate, Jasper and Petrified wood that he collected on his trip to Texas. Cesar Nunez also brought some samples of agate and Petrified Wood from the same Texas trip. Michelle Smith brought a Fluorite and Calcite specimen she found while cleaning house!!

Camp Paradise: Missy Fox talked about Camp Paradise and announced that the drawing for the next club sponsored trip 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. Stephen May gave an updated report on cases, and Jim Fox talked about security. 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: 39 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 in Pomona.

Sunshine: Margo Mosher reported that Kelly Van Vleck suffered a nasty fall and bruised his head pretty badly.

Program: Due to unforeseen technical complications, Alan Achor's program on Airplanes was unable to be presented, hopefully we will reschedule the talk for later this year.

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

March program: will be a panel discussion about our Festival and the Tucson and Quartzite shows

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting

February 28th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM at the home of Frank Mullaney.

Roll Call: All board members were present. Pat and Louis Schuesler were present as guests.

Reading of the minutes from the January 24th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read. (D. Welder, J. Fox).

New Members: M/S/P to accept the application of Danielle Diamond (R. Kennedy, J. Fox).

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox.

1. M/S/P to adjust the bank account balance to match the January bank statement (F. Mullaney, J. Fox).
2. M/S/P to move the CD from Chase to First Technology Credit Union in order to earn more interest (J. Fox, R. Kennedy).
3. M/S/P to approve \$2280.00 for the annual storage rental fee for our trailers (R. Kennedy, J. Fox).
4. M/S/P to approve \$152.95 for festival expenses. (J. Borucki, D. Welder).
5. M/S/P to approve \$42.29 and \$48.29 to State Farm for insurance on the trailers (F. Mullaney, S. May).
6. Missy is low on envelopes. Rick Kennedy will check inventory and report it at the next meeting.
7. M/S/P to make the county taxes we pay for the fairgrounds during our festival to be considered a part of the Festival expenses (S. May, J. Borucki).
8. Missy presented a list of the 2018 members who were delinquent in paying their dues. M/S/P to drop the delinquent members (R. Kennedy, J. Fox)

Committee Reports:

Audit Team: The audit team is not quite finished. They will have their report ready by the next Board meeting.

Federation: Stephen May will be attending the CFMS Meeting in Pomona in March. The 2020 Federations Show will be in Lodi.

Festival 2019: Frank Mullaney reported that the club is just about ready for the festival. He discussed some changes in staff at the Fairgrounds. M/S/P to order 10,000 business cards for the 2020 Festival (D. Welder, R. Kennedy). Sonia Dyer also discussed several topics related to the Festival.

Founder's Day Picnic: The date has been set for June 23rd. Stephen May is the chairperson. Michael Paone has volunteered to be the cook!

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, they plan to finish up this weekend.

Library: Stephen May and Sonia Dyer continue to make progress, Sonia has found a smart phone application that will be helpful in starting and maintaining an inventory.

Laptop: 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:

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

August – Alan Achor (Aircraft)

New Business

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

M/S/P to authorize a \$150.00 purchase from Kelly Van Vleck of a glass case for the DRC (R. Kennedy, S. May).

Bragging Rights: Alan Achor suggested that the electronic files he has for Bragging Rights should be on our club's website. Frank Mullaney and Michele Smith will work with him to make it so.

March Board Meeting: Will be at Jo Borucki's home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

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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 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 March 26.** The **Board Meeting is on March 28 at Jo Borucki'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?