



# BRECCIA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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## Calendar of Coming Events

**July 23** - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Kyle Van Woerkom Australia Trip.

**July 25** - Board Meeting at Michele Smith's home

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**August 1-4** SCVGMS will have an Interactive Display at the Santa Clara County Fair. Details will follow in the July issue.

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**August 27** - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Alan Achor will discuss airplanes

**August 29** - Board Meeting at Sonia Dyer's home

**September 24** - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 Jim Fox will discuss photo/computer attachment for microscopes.

**September 26** - Board Meeting at Rick Kennedy's home

Note: There will be no Smithies classes in July.

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## President's Message

By Michele Smith

Usually about this time of year, I am at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, or Lake Powell. I have a friend who owns a share in a houseboat, and I get invited to join a group of friends for about 12 days, including travel. We arrive at the Bullfrog Marina campground in Utah with food and supplies, sleeping bags, light clothing, and patience.

Currently the water is 479.12 feet deep at the Glen Canyon Dam. This means that everyone going to this National Park (Recreation Area) is in the higher elevations where most people never walked before the dam. It is so beautiful and fills me with awe. The first time I was invited, the view around every corner kept a perpetual smile on my face.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area where you can see Rainbow Bridge, a sacred Navajo area. Signs ask you to please be respectful and Rangers are in evidence. (You can see both dinosaur tracks and graffiti from the 1800s.)

We visited one place where the Anasazi lived. These pictographs of men brandishing clubs and shields led to naming the site "Defiance House". It is high hike up from the lake, just to make you wonder even more about these mysterious people.

But traveling from one lake site to another, about every two days, and seeing the amazing rock formations, was amazing. I hope this gives you a taste of this beautiful National Park and that I have tempted you to visit Glen Canyon Recreation Area.



## Sunshine

There were no new reports of people needing some sunshine in their lives due to illness or other reasons. No news is good news.

To report someone needing sunshine, email Margo Mosher - [margomosher@yahoo.com](mailto:margomosher@yahoo.com)

## Coming Interactive Display Weekend

We are planning a first time ever for SCVGMS event at the **Santa Clara County Fair Grounds**. **It will be held during the Santa Clara County Fair from August 1 through 4** and will be an interactive display of mineralogical and geological information. Mineralogical displays will include flint knapping, rock tumbling, and fluorescent minerals. Hopefully, we will also have a liquefaction display showing the effects of an earthquake on what seems to be solid ground, but when shaken by an earthquake shows what the results would be to any roads or buildings sitting on the liquified ground. **We need volunteers for set up on July 31, for take down after the show, and demonstrators for all four days.**

[michelesmith801@comcast.net](mailto:michelesmith801@comcast.net)

## Editorial

By Jo Borucki

The last week in June was one of the busiest and most enjoyable weeks that I have known during my participation in the SCVGMS activities. We began the week with our Founder's Day Picnic on June 23. Then during our General Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, I enjoyed some of the best presentations I've ever seen. Member displays and our evening's program on the just completed field trip to Hallelujah Junction and rock hounding sites north in Nevada and Oregon were interesting with good speakers and many examples of rock, minerals, jewelry, and crafts. We completed the week with our first rock sale on Saturday, June 29.

With all of those events in one month, all so very well done, I must spread the reporting of them over the next two Breccias. This July edition includes the picnic and the rock sale. The August edition will celebrate two months of Show and Tell and the field trip.

In addition to reports on our month's activities, one of our members, Missy Fox, has written an account of a rock hounding adventure that she had. That is also included in this issue. I am delighted that Missy has contributed her story. I hope this encourages others to do the same. Members in this club enjoy also sorts of activities. We would all enjoy reading about them.



## Smithies and Intarsias

We are not meeting this month. I'll let you know when I can resume.

Some of you signed up to take an Intarsia class with Bill Simpson at my home. Perhaps you signed up for the class at our show. I do not have that sign-up list, but Bill has informed me that he will be having knee surgery this summer, so no intarsia class here this year.

I'll keep you posted with any new information.

Thanks,  
Pat

## **Members' Displays (Show and Tell)**

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.

We had a wealth of excellent displays in June, so many in fact, that next month (August), the Show and Tell presentations will be the main feature of the August issue.

Show off what you love so that we can enjoy it with you.

Rick Kennedy– Chairperson

## **Calling all Rockhounds!**

The Ruth Bailey Continuing Education drawing for Camp ZZYZX is coming in August! 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

Application forms are available in this the July Breccia and then again also in the August Breccia. The deadline for submitting your application is the beginning of the August general meeting, August 27.

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

Thank you,

Missy

## 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 ZZYZX in April. The drawing will be held at the August 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 Paradise 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your favorite part in being in our hobby? \_\_\_\_\_

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Things you need to know:

- The drawing will be held at the general meeting in August. 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 March 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 August 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](mailto:jfox152@comcast.net)

### **Bragging Rights**

The Bragging Rights winner for June is **Margo Mosher** for her Herkimer Diamond and Smoky Quartz crystal cluster.

The theme for **July** is to **bring something that you have made.**

Alan Achor - Chairman

### **Rockhound of the Month**

**Stephen and Alan May** were recognized as our joint Rockhounds of the Month. Stephen was the picnic chairperson, and he and Alan did the brunt of the work to make this picnic the great success that it was. This award is a big, grateful thank you to both of you.

### **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.

Donations are always welcome. Items donated bring money to the club, a great opportunity buy rocks, minerals and other items for bargain prices, and enjoyment for all who participate.

Though the years our rock sales have brought in over \$70,000. With this success in mind, we had our **first rock sale of 2019 on Saturday, June 29**. Please see page 8 for details.

Pat  
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### **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 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.

## A Thank You Letter from One of Our Scholarship Recipients

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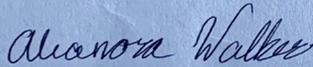
Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
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San Jose, CA 95103-0054

May 31, 2019

Dear Rick Kennedy,

It is with enormous gratitude that I write to thank you for your generosity and kindness in awarding me the 2019 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Scholarship. Here at San Jose State University, I find that each day makes me a little more excited, bemused, and perplexed at the ways that earth-systems shape the world around us. Although many of us barely notice, as William Durant wisely stated, "Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice." I hope that my research to constrain local seismic hazards of the San Francisco Bay Area and to understand the behavior of strike-slip faults in time and space will help us to understand this special place we live in, with all its joys and challenges. I deeply appreciate that you have chosen to support me through this journey.

Sincerely,



Alianora Walker

### New Members

We welcome the following new members.

**Joseph Porter** is interested in collecting, fossils, geology, minerals, and field trips.

**Mark Jackson** enjoys cutting and polishing, collecting, fossils, faceting, carving, geology, minerals, and field trips.

**Sabine Hessmer** enjoys cutting and polishing, silver smithing, fossils, stringing beads, and field trips.

**Noel and Deb Runyan** interests include cutting and polishing, collecting, and field trips.

## DRC's First Rock Sale of 2019



Billie Gordon Evaluating a Rock

### DRC - Hard at Work

It was a pleasant day for a club rock sale the morning of June 29 with lots of rocks, slabs, garden rocks, mineral specimens, and friendly rock-hounds all around.

We made \$676.50. The DRC (Donation Receiving Committee) has brought in over \$72,000 for the club.

Our next sale will be August 31, 2019. We have enough material for a sale tomorrow, but we need a rest, and are avoiding the heat.

Enjoy your rocks!  
Pat



Jose Sul



Pat Speece, Missy Fox, and  
Billie Gordon

The **Founders Day Picnic** on June 23rd was a huge success thanks to the participation of many people, but especially the Mays. **Stephen May** and his son **Alan** worked throughout the day; cleaning in preparation for the picnic, leading the set up effort, and leading the cleaning up effort afterwards. In addition, Stephen with the help of **Frank Mullaney** called the numbers of the winning tickets for door prizes, and then Stephen called numbers so that we could all play Bingo and win even more prizes. **Ian May** played his part, too as advisor, telling all those at the picnic to please not feed the zombies. As a result our picnic was not invaded by any zombies. A big thank you to the May family and also to **Michele Smith** who bravely and with great valor peeled onions so that we all might enjoy them with the choice of delicious Tri-tip, chicken, or hot dogs. Others, instrumental to the success of our picnic will be shown on the next pages.



Stephen May



Alan May



Ian May



Michele Smith



Michael Paone



Bill Borucki



Billie Gordon and Kelly Van Vleck

No picnic is complete without great chefs. **Michael Paone** smoked and cooked excellent tri-tip and marinated chicken in preparation for the picnic, and then he and his assistant chef, **Bill Borucki**, cooked the chicken and hot dogs. Now that I know that my husband, Bill, is a great chef, I may sit back at home and let him do the cooking.

**Kelly Van Vleck** donated many beautifully faceted gems and minerals. These were the top prize choices of those who completed rows on their Bingo cards.

By Jo Borucki-Breccia editor and former cook

We all enjoyed the comradery, food, and fun. I think that we had about 40 people in attendance. Among them were Frank Mullaney's daughter-in-law **Sheila Mullaney** and her son **Shane**, two of our newest members; **Deb and Noel Runyan**, **Gloria and Jose Sul**, and **Pat Schuesler**.



Shane and Sheila Mullaney



Deb and Noel Runyan



Gloria and Jose Sul



Pat Schuesler

## It Was the Best of Times. It Was the Worst of Times

By Missy Fox

Jim and I usually make the annual trip to the Madras rock show together but for several reasons, Jim was unable to go this year. Since this Oregon trip is an ultimate vacation for me, we decided that I should go alone. Now, traveling 1600 round-trip miles in a Chevy 3500, one ton, 4X4 dually truck with a camper on the back might not seem like much of a challenge to some, but to me it was somewhat daunting. There were all sorts of things to learn about the truck and camper; just simple things like learning how to turn the propane tanks on and off, how to hook up the electricity and water, how to find out how much power the camper was draining from the battery and just about a million other things. Then, there was this little problem of learning how to drive the monster and staying within the highway lanes. Ultimately there were the church parking lot test drives, learning how to judge the width and height of the camper without hitting anything with it. I hit the basketball hoop only once. Who knew that the camper was 12 feet high.

After starting off on my trip it took only 200 miles for me to feel comfortable driving the monster truck, but it did get easier. I spent the night at a rest stop near Yreka. Big mistake. The rest stop was located in a canyon with the traffic above. Now, I have gotten used to the sound of big rigs next to me running their engines all night but the sound of big rigs traveling above me with the noise bouncing off the canyon walls didn't allow for much sleep.

I made it to Richardson's Ranch the next day. This is a wonderful large rock shop and a rock hounding paradise. For those who haven't been there, it's a must-see if you ever get to the Madras, Oregon area. Inside the shop is a great variety of specimen and polished pieces, including spheres and eggs for sale. They also have a mini museum in the shop that has some of the finest Oregon material you'll ever see. It has terrific displays of Carey Plume agate and Graveyard Plume agate as well as many types of Oregon thunder eggs and landscape jaspers. And since the thundereggs that have Friday Plume agate are found there on the ranch it has the finest display of Friday Plume in existence. Outside the shop is even more amazing. There are piles and piles and piles of quality rocks for sale. You can find Graveyard Plume agate, Moroccan nodules, Rose and Lavender quartz, Brazilian agate, Serape jasper, Amethyst Lace, Cheetah agate, tons of petrified wood and so much more. My favorite pile is a \$1.00 per pound "goodie pile" where you can find any number of different types of agates, jaspers and petrified wood. My vision of paradise is spending the whole day crawling around on this pile with my squirt bottle and my knee pads finding all sorts of treasures. And if this isn't enough to keep you busy, Richardson's also has several thunder egg beds open for fee digging.

I spent the night at a wonderful RV park along Lake Simtustus which is about a 30 minute drive from Richardson's Ranch. The camp sites are right on the lake where you can sit and enjoy the serenity and watch the ospreys and eagles dive for fish in the lake.

I settled in for a good dinner and decided to have s'mores for desert. I was toasting a marshmallow over one of the gas burners when a sudden shrieking noise sent me jumping out of my skin. It was the smoke alarm. I lunged at the ceiling trying to turn it off but to no avail. Next, I grabbed my heavy flashlight and started beating the poor thing senseless. The top soon popped off and the battery fell out. Quiet at last! I sheepishly looked out the window to see what attention I'd drawn but all was quiet. Needless to say, I did not get my s'more. But what I did get about 5 minutes later was a police squad car driving to and fro close to my camper. Fortunately, he left within a few minutes and I sighed with relief that I didn't have to explain an embarrassing situation about my smoke detector and why it lay in pieces on the floor. With this excitement I was grateful for a light rain that night and it's gentle tapping on the camper that lulled me to sleep.

The next day I'd planned to spend at the Polka Dot Agate mine, but I found it was not open yet, so I spent the rest of the day at Richardson's again. At the end of the day when the shop closed I hopped in the truck and started off. I was ready to start off but the truck wasn't. The engine turned over once but wouldn't restart. Mr. Richardson and his son kindly took a look at the engine but weren't able to help. The tow truck came out and towed me back into Madras to a repair shop called Prince's. The silver lining of the day was that on the ride back to Madras, I saw the most incredible view of the Three Sisters mountains. It was an absolutely crystal clear day, the mountains were covered with snow and framed in a gorgeous turquoise sky; a view I'll never forget. I spent a very noisy night at the repair shop right on Highway 97. I spent the whole day at the shop and I was ultimately told that the problem was 2 dead batteries. The cost to replace them was \$465.00. My husband is a kind man and when he informed me that he had just had the batteries replaced and that I paid way too much for what they did, his voice was calm and he didn't yell at me. It was an early

evening because our camper only holds a charge for a day or two and when it runs low, I spend the evening eating and reading by lantern.

The next morning I was ready to set out for the Prineville Rock show. My problem was the engine. Again, it wouldn't start. I called Prince's, explained the problem, and to my surprise, he informed me that he didn't work on diesel trucks, and he had no idea what the problem could be. Needless to say, I would never recommend that repair shop. I waited a while and after several attempts, the truck started. With my fingers crossed, I headed out and arrived in Prineville a half hour later.

The Prineville show is not as large or as well known as the one at Madras, but it had at least 80 dealers with beautiful old material as well as new finds. This year I discovered some very lovely and interesting material from Brazil, called Cheetah agate. This is a yellow or orange agate with black irregularly shaped spots. The unique thing about this rock is it occasionally has remnants of apatite crystals. The crystals are quite fractured but are a beautiful teal blue color. This material is mined for the apatite, and apparently they don't care about the colorful agate that surrounds the crystals. Another material I found was called Zebra feldspar. It's a light pink feldspar with beautiful patches of shimmer. The day was gorgeous and even though the truck wasn't fixed it was holding up for the time being.

I went to Quant's Rock Shop in Prineville the next morning. When Shirley Quant (Shirts) was alive, the shop was a wonder to behold. He always had amazing material at a good price, and most of the material that he sold, he had dug out and collected himself. There was Stinking Water Plume, Nye digger Plume, Carey Plume, landscape jaspers and dendritic agate just to mention a few. Shirts died a number of years ago, and I miss him. He was a kind man with a wonderful personality and his stories would keep you laughing and often in awe, (although, as with all reputable rock hounds the truth was stretched on occasion). His son and daughter run the shop now and they are pleasant and helpful. The prices are still good and there's plenty to buy. I bought some beautiful material called "Ochoco Dendritic, Polka Dot, Sunset agate". It is a good solid agate that comes in mixtures of white, browns and black. Much of it has dendrites, dots and occasionally patches of peach or gold. Well, I was through now for the day, paid Bill and sat relaxing and staring at the most beautiful scene of Mt. Jefferson. It stood in front of me, capped with snow and with the most incredible coral sunset sky behind it. Another amazing scene I will never forget. Bill returned with another surprise. My credit card had been rejected! I was humiliated. I called Visa and was told that because I had not informed them that I would be using the card out of state it had been cancelled due to the possibility of fraud. In addition, I could only continue to use the card in Oregon if each time I used it I called Visa and gave them an authorization code. Surprise number 2 was, again, the truck wouldn't start. I was lucky to get a tow from "The Guys Automotive and Lube Shop" but, unfortunately, instead of bringing a standard tow truck with a boom they showed up with a long bed truck. Since I was parked in tight quarters, it took them 2 1/2 hours to get the truck loaded. Again, I spent the night in a repair shop that was right off their "major" highway.

I spent the whole next day in the repair shop and it was a long, noisy, hot day. Yet, I can't praise these guys enough. They moved other appointments around and started on my truck right away. They went to another town to get the needed part and even stayed open an extra half hour to get me on the road that night. Great guys and they actually fixed the truck!

Now, I don't know about you guys, but when I'm on vacation one of the best parts is the eats. Diet be damned! I headed to the grocery store and zoomed in on the Deli. Jewel colored jello and whipped cream sparkled, and macaroni and potato salad smothered in mayonnaise called my name. And then there's the delicious smoked ham! Whoo boy! I finished off the feast with some Boston cream pie and the troubles of the day were washed away. I fell to sleep to the soft sound of frogs as I spent the night at the Crook County RV Park in Prineville.

I was at the Madras Pow Wow the next day. The air was so clear and fresh that it was a delight to breath. The Pow Wow is a really good show not only because of the dealers and what's for sale but because of the activities. Each day there is a trip to a nearby ranch where, for a moderate fee, one can dig for various materials such as agate, jasper, petrified wood and thunder eggs. Each evening there are planned events such as a movie and popcorn, Bingo, a dinner on Friday night (paid for by the sponsoring club) or the rock auction. There are various activities for the kids, too. This year there were fewer customers at the show than I'd ever seen before; maybe due to the high price of gas or

waning interest in our hobby, or maybe because the price of rocks and equipment was getting just too high. Several dealers told me it was getting too expensive and too much work for them to come and set up for too few customers. However, the club has new people on it's Board of Directors and they are dedicated to making the show more enjoyable and organized for both customers and dealers. Let's hope for the best.

The next morning I finally got a chance to visit the Polka Dot Agate mine. The owner, Dale, was not able to get the excavator to the mine this year, so not a lot of new material had been dug out. You can work the agate out of the wall by hand but it is truly hard rock mining. A few intrepid individuals did attempt this adventure but it was too difficult for me. Dale did have all sorts of agate dug out of the mine from previous years available for sale. This material wasn't the top grade "blue ice" agate that I've seen come out of this mine, but the material had good dots and some had beautiful scenic patterns. Dale also had other material for sale including Succor Creek jasper, Rocky Butte, some Owyhee jasper and even some Bertrandite, all for \$3.00 per pound.

The next day I headed home. On my way down Interstate 5, I took a little detour to a rock shop in Los Molinos, CA. I'd never been there before and didn't know what to expect. What I found was a large corrugated metal Quonset hut. Since it was the end of June, it was hot in Los Molinos, 112 degrees hot, and the shop had only one fan. It is owned by an amiable gentleman who was talkative and helpful. Now, from what I could see, it looked like there were many treasures hiding there but due the sweat falling in my eyes and blurring my vision and the dust that covered everything, it was hard to tell. I did come home with a beautiful 4 pound piece of Jade Cove jade and a stunning sterling silver pendant of charoite. The nice surprise is if you are a member of a rock club, any rock club, he gives you a discount. If you'd like to visit the shop I'd recommend going in the Spring or Fall and bring a big squirt bottle with you.

The trip was wonderful despite the days in the repair shop, having to dine and read by lantern, the screaming smoke alarm, and the fear and trepidation of driving and parking my monstrous truck and camper. And yes, I desperately missed my husband, my pets, and my comfortable bed, but I'd do it all again tomorrow.



## Field Trips

**Saturday-Sunday, July 20-21**, (Town of) Washington. Argillite,

Contact: John Dolman 530-272-3752

**August?**: Foresthill Divide, Ammonites, quartz crystals,

Contact Rich Cross 530-401-7066

**Saturday-Sunday, September 28-29**, Tuledad Canyon, NV. Agate, Petrified Wood,

Contact John Dolman 530-272-3752

This is an incomplete list of field trips. Our coordinator, listed below, has the information on field trips not listed here. Contact him for further information.

Field Trip Coordinator: **Stephen May** 669-248-3993 Email: [Stephenmay0990@gmail.com](mailto:Stephenmay0990@gmail.com)

## **General meeting minutes June 25th, 2019**

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

**Announcements:** Welcome! New directories are available. Dues are due! Please pay Missy Fox. The Founder's Day picnic was a blast! Stephen May had the "X" on his forehead to run this show. Michael Paone smoked several tri tips, which were fantastic! The drawing and Bingo saw many rocks go to new homes. Kelly Van Vleck donated many beautiful gems he had cut. There will be a DRC rock sale Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 12:00 at 15851 Izorah Way, Los Gatos. Please help our interactive displays at the Santa Clara County Fair.

**Correspondence:** Rick Kennedy reported he just got the key back and will check our mail before the Board Meeting.

**New Members:** No new members. In order to join the club, 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 Stephen May's home at 7:30.

**Member Displays:** By Rick Kennedy. Michele Smith talked about her cruise to the British Virgin Islands and showed off Larimar earrings, a necklace and a piece of unpolished Larimar. Ben Tang talked about his trip to Prineville and the Lucky Strike Mine, where he brought home 93 pounds of Thundereggs!! Jann Fabrin brought some Rose and bluish green Quartz he dug north of Reno as well as some Hallelujah Junction Quartz he collected from the California side of the mountain. John Bahr brought material from a trip he went on with David and Margo Mosher and Larry Moore. They found Orbicular Jasper and Amethyst sage agate from Blue Mountain, Opalite, China Hollow Jasper (Looks like Biggs) and Polka dot Agate. Noel and Debbie Runyan brought examples of what they call "Art Techo", which is polished stones set in with material fashioned from technology (Hard drives, floppy disks, etc.). Rick Kennedy brought a matrix scepter from Hallelujah Junction that he collected two years ago while he was still on crutches! All members are strongly encouraged to bring member displays every month, show off what you love!!

**Bragging Rights:** This month's theme was "Quartz". Margo Mosher won April's Bragging rights. Next month's theme will be "Something you made".

**Rockhound of the Month:** Stephen May, Alan May and Michael Paone won for their help in cleaning up an unexpected mess at the Cabana Club before the picnic started.

**Field Trips:** Stephen May announced that there are currently no new field trips, but that by next meeting, there will be 3-4 new ones. This is the time of year that trips pop up quickly, so please check the Breccia for the most up to date information.

**Camp Zzyxz:** Missy Fox announced that the drawing for the 2020 Camp Zzyxz scholarship will be at the August meeting.

### **Study Groups:**

Cabbers: In search of a new leader.

Smithies:

The Smithies are taking a break for June and July, please check the Breccia for the most up to date information.

**Hospitality:** 35 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

**ALAA:** Nothing new.

**DRC:** Rock Sale Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 12:00 at 15851 Izorah Way, Los Gatos.

**Federation Report:** Stephen May reported that there is nothing new from the CFMS for this month.

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

**Program:** Panel discussion led by Stephen May that discussed the club's field trip to Hallelujah Junction, Prineville and Virgin Valley.

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

**July program:** Australia, presented by Kyle Van Woerkom.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 9:08 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

### SCVGMS Board Meeting

June 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the home of Stephen May.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except for Dean Welder and Jo Borucki. David Mosher was present as a guest.

**Reading of the minutes from the May 30th Board Meeting:** M/S/P to approve the minutes as amended. (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

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

**New Members:** M/S/P to accept the applications of Joseph Porter, Mark Jackson, Aidan Jackson, Nina Jackson, Sabine Hessmer, and Noel and Debbie Runyon (R. Kennedy, F. Mullaney).

**Correspondence:** Rick Kennedy reported that the club received the State Farm statement, a Dodge and Cox statement, some Gem Faire passes, the AFMS newsletter, some dues payments and a very nice letter from one of our scholarship students, Alianora Walker.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Missy Fox.

M/S/P to pay \$705.00 to the Cabana Club for the next six months meetings (F. Mullaney, J. Fox).

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Federation:** Stephen May reported that there was nothing new since the general meeting.

**Festival 2020:** Jim and Missy Fox are co-chairing the 2020 festival and will have their first meeting at Mountain Mike's on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM. This first meeting will be

a 2019 debrief and the 2020 initial planning. M/S/P to charge \$5.00 per person for pizza, the club will pick up the rest of the bill (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

**Founder's Day Picnic:** Stephen May reported that we had 36 people attend and that all had a good time. M/S/P to reimburse Stephen May for the money he spent on food, not to exceed \$500.00 (F. Mullaney, S. Dyer). M/S/P to take the \$26.00 from the drawing, add \$24.00 of club funds and make a donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund (F. Mullaney, S. May)

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

**DRC:** Michele Smith reported that the last sale took in \$676.50

### **Old Business:**

**Library:** Stephen May and Sonia Dyer continue to make progress. This will be an ongoing project.

**CD:** Missy Fox and Michele Smith need to make an appointment with Rick Kennedy to go to Chase and open up the account.

**County Fair:** Frank Mullaney reported that planning is going well, the Gold Panners are unable to attend, but everything else is going well. Volunteers are still needed.

**Tumblers:** David Mosher gave a presentation to the Board about the vibratory tumblers he uses to make tumbled stones for the club. M/S/P to authorize up to \$550.00 for David to get the replacement parts he needs and to stock up a bit so that there is no down time when a part fails (R. Kennedy, S. Dyer).

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

July – Kyle Van Woerkom: Australia trip

August – Alan Achor (Aircraft)

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

Future program: Noel and Debbie Runyon would like to do a program on Obsidian polishing.

### **New Business**

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

**2020 Festival:** M/S/P to make 1000 generic business cards for the club (R. Kennedy, S. May).

**Post Office:** Rick Kennedy will make sure our PO Box is renewed during the month of July.

**July Board Meeting:** Will be at Michele Smith's home.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kennedy

SCVGMS Secretary

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### SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor  
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Festival Chairman 2019: Frank Mullaney  
Festival Chairpersons 2020: Jim and Missy Fox  
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 July 23.** The **Board Meeting is on July 25 at Michele Smith'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](mailto: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.

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**Note that there are no classes for June and July**  
**Cabbers: We need a leader. Can it be you?**