



# BRECCIA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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## Calendar of Coming Events

**November 6** - Smithies 10:00 to 1:00 at Pat Speece's  
**November 13**- Smithies 10:00 to 1:00 at Pat Speece's  
**November 26** - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 when we will have our Silent Auction.  
**November 26 Note:** Board Meeting immediately after the General Meeting  
**December 3** Installation Dinner  
**December 5** Board Meeting at Jim and Missy Fox's home.  
**January 28** - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 when we will have a presentation by Stephen May, Jim Fox, and Missy Fox on display cases and making displays for our Festival.  
**January 30** Board Meeting The meeting place is yet to be determined.

### Take Note

**November 26 Silent Auction and Annual Election of Officers.** Do you want to hold an office or know someone you'd like to nominate? See page 4

**December 3 Installation Dinner .** Come for delicious food and good company.

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## President's Message

By Michele Smith

Twice a year the SCVGMS (Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society) has a Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is always a popular event and the next Silent Auction is this coming November meeting. Feel free to invite friends to our meeting to enjoy this opportunity to buy donated jewelry, gems, rocks, statues, tools, equipment, honey, magazines, and sometimes, cookies. You might have noticed that the items are focused mostly on geology – perfect for our group. With your donations of special things that you have no room for anymore, we will have some wonderful and one of a kind treasures. I have pulled out a box and am looking over my 'stash' to offer up some of my best junk and duplicates that others can't live without. I am looking forward to seeing what you will donate.

In addition, the November SCVGMS will be holding our annual elections. Our officers and board members will be voted in. In this edition of the Breccia there is a slate of the offices. Please look these over so you will know who is up for election. There is only one name on each office, but you can still throw your hat into the ring. And there are still many opportunities open in small ways that make our group so interesting.



### 2020 Slate of Candidates

**President:** Michele Smith  
**Vice President:** Billie Gordon  
**Secretary:** Rick Kennedy  
**Treasurer:** Missy Fox  
**Editor:** Jo Borucki  
**Federation Director:** Stephen May  
**Alternate Federation Director:** Paul Kidman  
**Parliamentarian:** Dean Welder

#### **Board:**

Jim Fox  
Alan Achor  
Calvin Hansen  
Frank Mullaney  
Sonia Dyer

### Bragging Rights

The winner of the October Bragging Rights is **Jose Sul** with his red obsidian.

There will be **no Bragging Rights in November or December.**

The **January** theme is items beginning with the **letter "A"**.

Alan Achor - Chairman

## DRC

The DRC (donation receiving committee) rock sales are on hold until probably late spring, depending on the weather.

We have a big new donation of rocks, slabs and machines, just waiting to go to new homes.

**NOTICE:** We are looking for more DRC members. **If you are fairly strong and under 70 years old, we would like to talk to you!** Being on the committee does not obligate you to work, though you would get notices of work days. If you can work on any of the days, you would be welcome. If you can't, maybe you can on some other day. We have about 3-4 rock sales per year at about 2-3 sort days per sale. We pick up about half the donations, and about half are delivered to Billie Gordon's. Work days are usually 9am until noon, though you are free to come and go as needed.

Thanks,  
Pat  
pat.speece@comcast.net

## Smithies News

I have headed the Smithies for many years, introducing beginners to basic skills. It is time for me to slow down. I would like a helper/s who knows skills that I do not know, and then I can have time to create/play and learn. A team of several metalsmiths would be ideal, so the leading could be shared.

Meeting days and times could be changed, the place would still be here. I would assist as needed.

Please let me know if you could teach something, or would like to be on the teaching team. Smithies are a helpful, friendly group. No tests. Quite enjoyable.

Thanks,  
Pat  
pat.speece@comcast.net

## Silent Auction News

The Donation Receiving Committee has donated several items to be sold at the November Silent Auction. Some of the items include: **Slabs of Cathedral Agate, Wingate Agate, Plume Agate**, and several slabs of **dinosaur bone**. In addition there will be **rough rocks of Plume Agate, Thulite and Rhodonite**. These are good specimens and should bring some lively bidding.

See the following page for more information about our upcoming Silent Auction.

# **Silent Auction**

## **November 26, 2019**

### ***What's That?***

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

### ***What to Bring?***

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

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

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

### ***What Happens Then?***

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

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

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

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

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

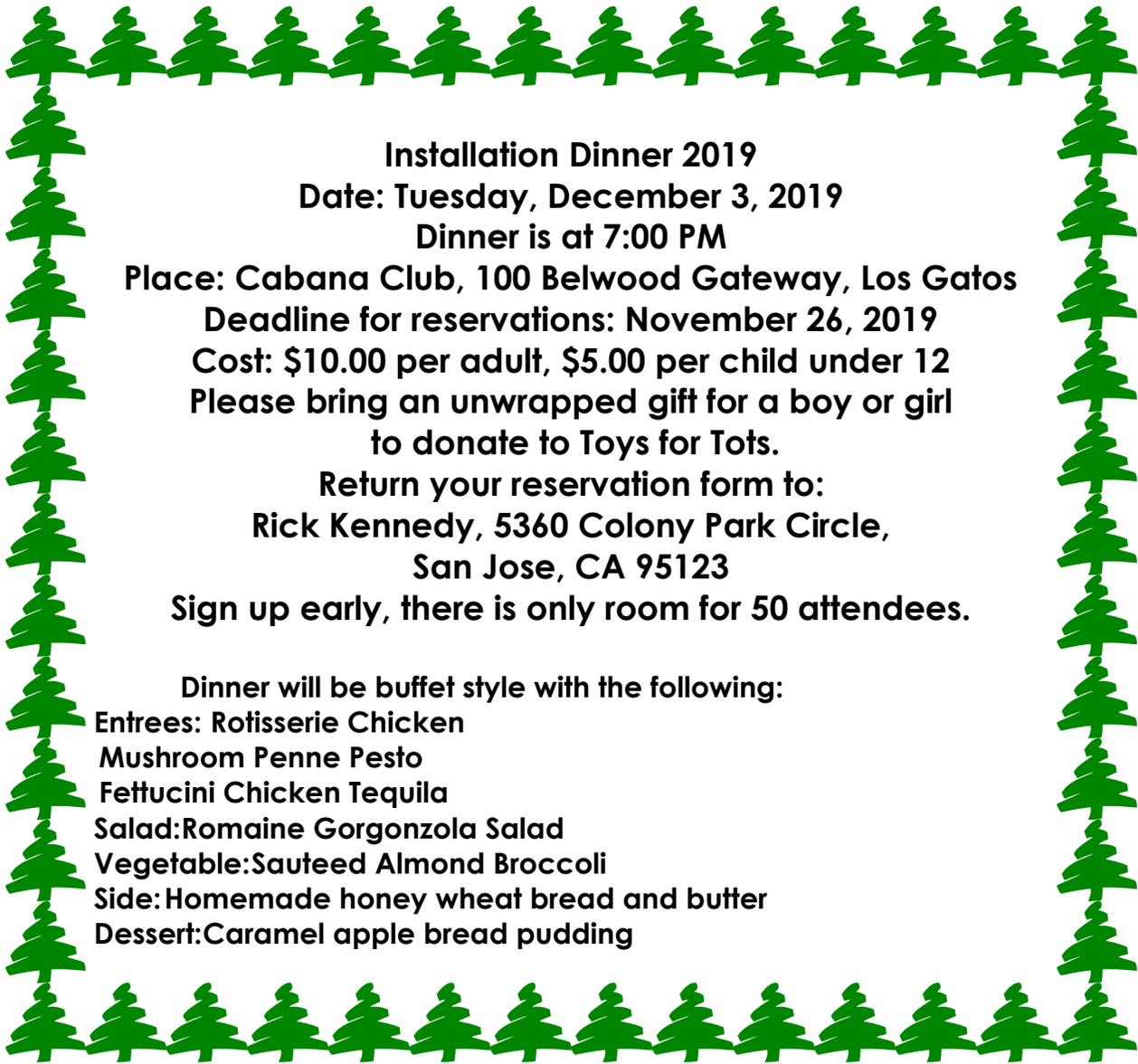
### ***Suggestions:***

Come early to add your item to the fun, and to see what other people have brought that you might like.

Bring a tote bag for your goodies.

Bring cash or check.

**Questions? Email Pat Speece [pat.speece@comcast.net](mailto:pat.speece@comcast.net)**



**Installation Dinner 2019**

**Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

**Dinner is at 7:00 PM**

**Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos**

**Deadline for reservations: November 26, 2019**

**Cost: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12**

**Please bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.**

**Return your reservation form to:**

**Rick Kennedy, 5360 Colony Park Circle,  
San Jose, CA 95123**

**Sign up early, there is only room for 50 attendees.**

**Dinner will be buffet style with the following:**

**Entrees: Rotisserie Chicken**

**Mushroom Penne Pesto**

**Fettucini Chicken Tequila**

**Salad: Romaine Gorgonzola Salad**

**Vegetable: Sauteed Almond Broccoli**

**Side: Homemade honey wheat bread and butter**

**Dessert: Caramel apple bread pudding**

**Installation Dinner Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS)

Mail this form and your payment to:

Rick Kennedy, 5360 Colony Park Circle, San Jose, CA 95123

## Rockhound of the Month

**Alan Achor** won for his work revitalizing the Bragging Rights contest. Congratulations, Alan, and thank you for making the Bragging Rights so enjoyable for us all.

## Sunshine

**Pat Schuesler** fell off of the back of Dean's and Karen's pickup truck at their house in Minden, Nevada. She suffered injuries to her face and hip, but Dean reported that after a hospital visit, she is home recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**Bill Borucki** suffered a mild heart attack and was rushed into emergency surgery last Saturday. He had a 100% blockage in one of his arteries and received two stents. He was released on Monday and is expected to make a quick and full recovery.

**Joe Lattuada** had Hernia surgery. He was at the meeting and told us he is ok!

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

## 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.

## North Bay Field Trips *The Last President Message*

North Bay Field Trips was founded January 5, 1974. On September 21, 2019, by vote of the Officers and Directors, it was disbanded. The end came slowly; decline in hosted field trips, low to very low attendance at our Spring and Fall meetings, culminating with not being able to get a host society and canceling our Spring 2019 meeting. The excitement for NBFT, the interest in NBFT and apparently the need for NBFT was gone.

I called our final Board meeting to Order and welcomed the 4 Officers, 4 Directors, and 3 Committee Chairs. Betty, NBFT Secretary/Treasurer, passed out the minutes of our last meeting on September 22, 2018, and our final Treasurer's Report. An Audit committee was appointed. There was no old business. We moved into New Business. The motion was made to disband NBFT and disburse the funds in the Treasury equally between CFMS Endowment Fund and ALAA. Motion passed. It was that simple, that easy and 45 years of sharing field trips, seminars, Spring and Fall meetings, potlucks, and silent auctions passed into history. All that remains are memories.

Dean Welder has agreed to continue the NBFT Yahoo Group for as long as it is being used. He will contact the Group Members through NBFT Group site.

When I sat down to write this last President's Message, I thought that there would be more to say, more that needed to be said. But this is all that needs to be said.

*Keep on rockin',  
Dick Pankey*

## Rockhounding in Montana

By Jo Borucki

One of my most enchanting dreams throughout my childhood was that I am wandering along and picking up gem stones. One of Bill's and my favorite vacations is a quest to Montana to do just that. Montana is a treasure in itself with its vast skies and areas of wilderness. It is one of the least populated states and one of the most mineral rich. .

Bill, our friend Gene Westerberg, and I flew to Billings, arriving late in the evening and staying at the Guest House Inn. Early the next morning we drove to Helena because it is an area rich in rockhounding sites. There are two sapphire mines in the area where you can purchase buckets of gravel and search through them for sapphires and an occasional ruby or garnet. First we tried the Sapphire Bar Mine just outside Helena. We bought 2 large buckets of gravel; one of local gravel and one from a site about 60 miles away. The local bucket was supposed to have more colorful stones and the other bucket larger but less colorful stones.

Sifting through the gravel is a well defined process. A few cups of rocks and dirt from the bucket are dumped into an 1/8 inch mesh screen with a wooden frame. The screen is lowered into a tank filled with water. With short quick thrusts you move it up and down barely below the surface to get rid of plant debris and dirt. Then you shake it by pushing one side then the other into the water. This mounds the material with the heaviest material going toward the center and sinking to the bottom. Then with short

gentle thrusts, the screen is pushed just into the water to level the material spreading it over the bottom of the screen. The screen is rotated side ways, horizontally 90 degrees. The material is mounded and then dispersed once again, and then the screen is rotated. This process is repeated several times. The last step, done in the water is to very gently disperse the material over the bottom of the screen a final time, and then remove the screen from the water. If this has all been done correctly, the sapphires, being the densest material, will now all be in the bottom center of the screen. The screen is carefully flipped over onto a table. Now the sapphires will be top center of the screen. While the material is on the table, you take your tweezers and gently remove all the treasure. At the Sapphire Bar Mine, I accumulated around six sapphires and one garnet with one of them large and clear enough to facet. Bill found a nice blue cuttable sapphire, and Gene found several cuttable stones.

Our desire for great sapphires was not satisfied so we went on to Gem Mountain about 80 miles south west of Butte near Phillipsburg. Gem Mountain is a much better organized operation. Gravel can be bought at the price of 7 buckets for \$77. We began with 7 buckets. By the end of the day, Bill had processed 6 buckets, Gene has processed 10 buckets, and I had processed 5 buckets. I could barely stagger, I was so tired. Before the day was over, there was a thunderstorm with heavy rain. Bill was sane and quit when it started to rain, but Gene and I pressed on amidst pouring rain, thunder, and lightning. It was cold and drizzling when I finished and with shivering, I joined Bill in the car, while Gene stayed behind to talk with one of the mineral experts. Bill and I each had 13 cuttable stones, and Gene had a lot more than that. Gem Mountain had trained jewelers who sorted the stones as cuttable and not cuttable for no charge, and they had sorted our stones for us.

We had wonderful success in finding sapphires, so we decided to try our luck with garnets. The best place to look for garnets was described to be Ruby Ridge Reservoir especially in the very early Spring before the snow melts and fills the reservoir, or in the late summer or early fall when the reservoir is low after the dry summer. We were there in the late spring when the water was at its highest, full of snow runoff. The banks of the reservoir are the best places to dig for garnets, but they were under water. After a day of searching, I had found 2 microscopic sized garnets, and Bill and Gene had found none. As we were driving out of the site and were about 10 miles from the reservoir, we found a roadside stand where a man had set up tanks of water, had screens, and sold buckets of condensed garnet gravel that he dug out of a nearby creek. We bought a large bucket of less condensed gravel, had good luck finding garnets so bought a bag of very condensed gravel to search. The process is the same as for sapphire gravel except that you sort only a couple of handfuls at a time. We all finished with many dozens of garnets and kept the center portion of each of our gravel piles to take home so that Bill's and my grandchildren could have the fun of searching. What had seemed rather discouraging with Ruby Ridge ended as fun and satisfying at the little roadside stand.

Now that we were enormously wealthy with all our gemstones, we decided it was time to explore the geology of various sites around Butte. We started on an icy cold day, at a road cut area that was listed in our [Rockhounding Montana](#) as having nice barite crystals. I was so cold my eyes were popping and my shivering threatened to start a landslide so I only looked at the bottom of the steep slope. Bill was brave, ambitious, and a little crazy so he climbed the rubble and came back with some good crystals. I had a few rocks with small crystals and so did Gene. To the strongest go the real spoils. This barite was a beautiful butterscotch gold color. It is too soft to endure wear and tear, or I think it would be considered a very desirable gem stone.

We checked into the historic Finley Hotel in Butte where we stayed for 4 days at about \$70 a night. Bill

and I had a small suite of lovely rooms for the first 2 nights and an equally lovely very large room for the last 2 nights. We had to move after the first 2 nights to the large room from the suite because there was a wedding, and guests had previously reserved the suite. The Finley Hotel is over 100 years old. It was gradually going to ruin when it captured the imagination of the current owners who are restoring it little by little to its previous glory. They have decided to keep the rooms very affordable and to rent them out, each as it becomes ready for occupancy.

In reading Rockhounding Montana, the description of Clancy and Strawberry Butte nearby promised arsenopyrite, so we decided to try our luck. Like so many places in the west though, it has been developed as a gated community and there was no longer access to this area. We looked around to find that there were some old mining tailing nearby that were not posted. Searching the tailings, we found some good examples of arsenopyrite.

We spent Saturday at a manmade lake at Calvert Loop, created when miners dug to mine tungsten, leaving a large pit that was filled with water. The site was described as having garnet, scheelite, aquamarine, calcite crystals and epidote. We found many wonderful examples of garnet and calcite matrix. The epidote was abundant, but much of it was very weathered. As the rock was eroded away, the epidote crystals eroded out and broke, but upon searching we found some nice samples. Bill was determined to find some aquamarine. He and I climbed through the rubble searching for a hour or so, and then decided we needed to make contact with Gene. I marked the site with a duck so that we could find where we had left off. (Just to clarify, a duck is usually three or more rocks piled one on top of the other to mark a place that you wish to be able to easily find again.) There was a 18 inch length of plastic covered wire nearby so I decided to do a bit of crude wire wrapping and wrote the word "Bill" and attached it to the top of my duck. We found Gene, and the three of us returned to the site. I knocked over the duck, but attached the wire constructed "Bill" to my hat just for the heck of it.

We had to park on the street this night because the wedding guests had used all of the hotel parking spaces. Bill went out to the car first on Sunday morning, greeting Gene and I when we arrived with, "I hope you are ready for a little excitement". The car's back passenger window had been bashed in. Two of our day packs, Gene's jacket, and my hat had been stolen. So if you happen see a guy wandering around Butte with two packs on his back and wearing a beige jacket and a hat with a wire wrap spelling "Bill" on it, you will have found our thief.

The trip just described took place in 2007. At that time, Montana had many great rockhounding sites. I hope that it still does. If you decide to try it, take the Falcon Guide, Rockhounding Montana with you, use it, and have a great rockhounding adventure in the state with the big skies, also called the Treasure State.



Some of the Sapphires and Garnets from our Montana trip



## 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, so there will be no member displays at our November meeting. 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. Show off what you love so that we can enjoy it with you.

**Alan May, Jose Sul, Kyle Van Woerkom** and **Paul Kidman** talked about the recent Clear Creek trip, all of them showing off some impressive Plasma Agate. **Rick Kennedy** showed off some stunning Epidote and Quartz specimens from Alaska that he had bought while attending the Friends of Mineralogy Symposium in Kelso, Washington

Rick Kennedy– Chairperson

## General Meeting

October 22nd, 2019

The October meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:48 pm at the Cabana Club.

**Announcements:** Welcome! Remember to sign up for the Installation dinner, which will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill Borucki had a mild heart attack (More about that in the Sunshine report) and will not be able to present tonight's previously scheduled program. Rick Kennedy has volunteered to step in with a discussion about field collecting do's and don'ts.

**Upcoming Elections:** Please fill out "Time and Talent" sheets and return them to Stephen May. He and Pat Speece are on the Nominating Committee and will have a full list of candidates in the next few days.

**Installation Dinner:** Will be at the Cabana Club on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00. Willow Street will do the catering. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the toys for tots program. Rick has sign up sheets and will also bring them to the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Rick Kennedy reported that the club received statements from Dodge and Cox, State Farm, Chase and from Skorey and Hughes.

**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 Billie Gordon's home at 7:30.

**Member Displays:** By Rick Kennedy. Stephen May brought up Alan, Jose, Kyle and Paul to talk about the recent Clear Creek trip, all of them showing off some impressive Plasma Agate. Rick Kennedy showed off some stunning Epidote and Quartz specimens from Alaska that he bought at the Friends of Mineralogy Symposium in Kelso, Washington.

**Bragging Rights:** Last month's theme was "Your Best Rock". Lynn Toschi (Poppy Jasper) and Kyle Van Woerkom (Opal) tied for the win! This month's theme is the color red. Bragging rights will be on a hiatus until January, when the theme will be "The letter A"

**Rockhound of the Month:** Alan Achor won for his work revitalizing the Bragging Rights contest.

**Field Trips:** Stephen May talked a bit more about the Clear Creek trip and sadly mentioned that the Thanksgiving Extravaganza trip had been cancelled due to issues with the BLM.

**Study Groups:**

**Cabbers:** In search of a new leader.

**Smithies:** The Smithies are back on schedule, please check the Breccia for the most up to date information. Pat announced that she would like someone to help her with the group.

**Hospitality:** 36 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

**ALAA:** Nothing new.

**DRC:** It was reported that a very nice donation had been recently received, but that there will be no new sales until the spring.

**Federation Report:** Stephen May reported that the yearly meeting is next month. The 2020 CFMS Show will be June 26-28 in Lodi.

**Sunshine:** Bill Borucki suffered a mild heart attack and was rushed into emergency surgery last Saturday. He had a 100% blockage in one of his arteries and received two stents. He was released on Monday and is expected to make a quick and full recovery. Pat Schuesler fell off of the back of their truck at Dean and Karen's house in Minden, Nevada. She suffered injuries to her face and hip, but Dean Welder reported that she is back home and on the mend. Joe Lattuada had Hernia surgery. He was at the meeting and told us he is ok!

**Program:** Rick Kennedy led a discussion about planning and running field trips, there was quite a lot of participation by the membership.

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

**November program:** Elections and silent auction!! Bring great stuff to donate, and bring cash or checks to buy other people's great stuff and remember: If you don't show, you might get nominated!

**Meeting was adjourned** at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

## Board Meeting

October 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM at the home of Billie Gordon.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except for Dean Welder and Sonia Dyer.

**Reading of the minutes from the September 26th Board Meeting:** M/S/P to approve the minutes as read. (C. Hansen, F. Mullaney).

**New Members:** M/S/P to accept the application of Don Jensen. (R. Kennedy, F. Mullaney).

**Correspondence:** No new correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Missy Fox. Nothing to approve for this month.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Federation:** Stephen May reported that there was nothing new since the general meeting. Frank Mullaney reported that the CFMS Secretary resigned mid year and that a replacement will be found.

**Festival 2020:** M/S/P to authorize the Festival chairs to spend up to \$50.00 on individual purchases for the Festival without requiring additional Board motions (F. Mullaney, S. May). Name tag holders are needed, Frank Mullaney will research quantity and cost.

**Scholarships:** Letter has been sent, SJSU will choose during in November and Rick Kennedy will get the info to Jim and Missy Fox.

**Field Trips:** No change since the general meeting. Please refer to the Breccia for the most up to date information.

### **Old Business:**

**Library:** Stephen May and Sonia Dyer are making great progress. Although there is more to do, the library is already much better organized. This will be an ongoing project.

**Time and Talent sheets:** Michele Smith and Pat Speece will make edits to the time and talent sheet during the next calendar year.

**Nominating Committee:** Stephen May, Pat Speece and Michele Smith will meet in time to get the recommendations out in this month's Breccia.

**Website issues:** Michele Smith will bring this topic up at the general meeting and see if we have a web savvy person in the club who can help. Frank Mullaney is going to research the available options with GoDaddy.

**Installation Dinner:** Rick Kennedy reported that 12 people signed up at the general meeting with 3 more signing up at the Board meeting). He will be bringing signup sheets to the next meeting.

**Trailers:** Stephen May and Bob Kout will go to the trailers on November 1<sup>st</sup> to retrieve some items and take pictures of the tires for Cal Hanson.

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

November – Silent Auction

December – No program, Installation Dinner

January – Stephen May with Jim and Missy Fox: Display cases and making displays for our Festival.

February – Panel discussion on Quartzite/ Tucson Shows.

March – Bill Borucki: NASA and the Moon Mission

April – Alan Achor: Antarctica

May – Missy Fox: Agates

### **New Business**

**Study group:** David Mosher expressed an interest in leading a study group on tumbling next spring.

**November Board Meeting:** Will be at immediately after the general meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy-SCVGMS Secretary

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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  
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 November 26.** The **Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.**

**Our Society's Purpose:** The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' interests in the earth sciences and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

**Our Membership Requirements:** Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues per year are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

**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.

## Study Group Leaders

For information, please contact the leader listed below.

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