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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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Calendar of Coming Events

January 15– Festival Planning Meeting
January 28 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 with a presentation by Stephen May, Jim Fox, and Missy Fox on display cases.
January 30 Board Meeting The meeting place is to be determined.
February 25 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 with a panel discussion on the Quartzite/ Tucson Shows
February 27 Board Meeting The meeting is at Paul Kidman's home..
March 24 - Meet and Greet at 7:15 and General Meeting at 7:45 with a talk by Bill Borucki on NASA and the Moon Mission.
March 26 Board Meeting The meeting place is to be determined.

Take Note

General Meeting on: January 28

- **Bragging Rights**-Bring your entry which is something beginning with the letter A.
- **Show and Tell** -Bring a rock, mineral, or something else to do with rockhounding to show to the rest of us.
- The **speakers** will be **Stephen May** with **Jim and Missy Fox**, and the topic is "Display Cases and Making Displays for our Festival."

• **Festival Planning Meeting:** January 15.

SCVGMS Festival: March 21 and 22.

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General Information

President's Message

By Michele Smith

The past year was a very busy year for me, much more than usual, and I always have busy years. The role of President took a lot more time than I thought it would, and there is still so much to learn. The more I learn, the more I realize what I don't know. Maybe that means that I'm doing something right.

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS) has been a special part of my life for decades. It started for me when I was 12, and we first moved to California from Arizona. My family, as all families at that time, did a lot of activities that did not cost money, or were inexpensive. The Gem and Mineral Fair was one of those activities. My dad was always looking for specimens that contained copper. And, because life was simpler, easier, and more trusting, my brother and I were pretty much allowed to go where we wanted in the area (just tell Mom where you were going and check in occasionally). That was the SCVGMS I started with.

SCVGMS was founded in 1954 and is tied closely to California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). We try to be aware of the lands opened up and/or closed for mineral collecting (and camping or hiking) by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We are linked to and supported by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) which has rules we have to obey and that help all the mineral societies in this country. And we are a non-profit organization.

As usual, many members were not just ramping up for the holidays, just past, but they had their sights set on Quartzsite (the RV boondocking capital of the world) and Tucson (International Gem and Mineral Show). We will have a February presentation on these events.

We are also getting ready for the March Gem and Mineral Festival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. We will have a presentation on setting up your case displays of your minerals, art, jewelry, etc for our festival in March at this month's general meeting.

The year 2019 was a great year, and this is a great beginning for 2020! Thanks for all you have given me, I am proud to have been the 2019 and now to be the 2020 SCVGMS President.

Festival Planning Meeting

Our next festival planning meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 15th**, at 7:00 pm at the Round Table Pizza. The address is 3253 Steven's Creek Boulevard in San Jose, and their phone number is 408-296-3040. The dinner will include pizza, a salad bar, and a soda bar. Each member will pay \$5.00 and the club will pay the remainder of the cost. All are welcome, whether you have some ideas or not or just want to see what is involved in putting a show together.

For more details please call or email Missy Fox at 408-356-7711 or jfox152@comcast.net.

DRC

DRC is on hold until spring, but the Silent Auction netted \$723, much of it a result of DRC donations that were sold. We have a lot of new material to sort and price. We will keep you posted.

Pat Speece has stepped down as DRC chairperson. Our gratitude and thanks to her for her many years responsible for DRC. The new chairperson has yet to be determined.

Smithies News

Smithies is on hold for now. Pat Speece is dealing with the very difficult times of her husband, Daymond's illness.

Links to Important Websites

Link to Our SCVGMS Website: <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.

Link to CFMS Shows and Festivals: [CFMS Society/Club Shows](#)

CFMS Bulletin: <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

Just to Make You Smile

I hope that your holidays were filled with joy. I am thinking fondly of the year that while others decorated their homes and a tree for the holidays, my grand daughter, Maddie decorated me.



Rockhound of the Month

Pat Speece is our November rockhound of the month for all the many responsibilities and tasks that she has assumed for our club including DRC chairperson, Smithies leader, nominating committee member, Silent Auction chairperson, and proof reader for the Breccia. Thank you, 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, 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.

We are all eager to see any rocks, minerals, jewelry, or whatever else you would like to show our at our January meeting.

Rick Kennedy– Chairperson

Bragging Rights

There were no Bragging Rights contests in November or December, but please bring your entries to our January meeting. The **January** theme is "Items beginning with the **letter A**".

Alan Achor - Chairman

Sunshine

David Mosher had successful heart surgery, so successful that he was at the meeting just a few days later!

Pat Schuesler is recovering well from her fall the previous month and was able to come to our meeting in November and to the installation dinner.

Daymond Speece has Rapid Onset Dementia. It came on almost overnight two days after Thanksgiving. Kaiser has performed some tests, and a neurologist will be seeing Daymond, but so far all tests are negative, and it is not known what has caused it. Daymond has no pain, but his health is declining and the aim is to keep him comfortable.

Kaiser is providing at home nursing, physical therapy, and home health aide care twice a week for up to eight weeks, and then Pat and her family would need to hire a caregiver for as long as needed. **Pat has done so much for all of us in SCVGMS. Any support that we can give her, Daymond, and her family, I'm sure, would be appreciated.**

June Warne, died recently at age about 97. With her daughter Nancy Boring, she served as club librarian for many years. You couldn't miss them with their short curly red hair, sitting in the back of the meeting room. Always friendly and welcoming, it was a pleasure to visit with them. June's son in law, Hershall Boring, served as sergeant at arms.

June and Nancy were Smithies, and made jewelry using Smithie and stringing techniques. Both created big masterpieces using stained glass. Hershall made cabs for them. The family at least touched on just about every aspect of our hobby. No local services have been planned at this time.

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

Current Government Regulations That Affect Rockhounds

The new Mojave Trails National Monument will not see any planning changes in 2020, so rockhounding continues to occur just as it has in the past.

The new West Mojave route designations just came out, ending a 20 year court battle, and rockhounds gained more new roads and trails than they lost. This was the first route designation effort that had to follow the new rules set forth by DRECP (Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan).

The Dingell Act, passed by Congress and signed by the president last February, protected access on over a hundred miles of roads and trails within the desert Wilderness Study areas that were officially converted to wilderness, and we nearly doubled the size of the Spangler OHV Area, and added new acres to the El Mirage and Johnson Valley OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Areas. Also, some 150 miles of roads and trails in the Vinagre Wash Area are now congressionally protected from closure.

As a result, the areas listed above are currently open to rockhounding. **Our SCVGMS, with the dues that we pay to ALAA, have helped to keep these areas open.**

The SCVGMS December 3 Installment Dinner



Beautiful Displays by Rick Kennedy and Jim and Fox



Participants brought gifts for the Toys for Tots program.

There was lively conversation and delicious food.



The members for the 2020 board were sworn in.

Michele Smith received an award for her excellent work.



2020 Board Members



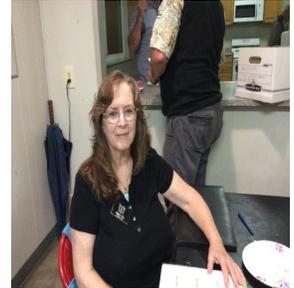
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Cal Hansen



**Festival -
Fun for All—Mark Your Calendar
March 21 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
10 - 5 daily**

Calling all Rockhounds! (Camp Paradise)

The Ruth Bailey Continuing Education drawing for Camp Paradise is coming in March! The exact dates of the camps are not set yet, but you can usually pick one of the 2 weeks offered with one at the end of August the other at the first week in September. To be entered in the drawing you must fill out the "SCVGMS Continuing Education Application" and give it to Missy Fox. It is included in this month's Breccia. 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, casting techniques and beading.

The cost of this wonderful experience is normally \$400.00 per person, but if you win, you and your guest will be treated to free meals, classes, and accommodations for the week.

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 ZZZZX for the past 3 years

Applications are available in this Breccia. The deadline for submitting your application is the beginning of the March 24 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.

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 Sandy Kilcrease at email: slk95228@gmail.com, CMFS head of Earth Science camps to make arrangements by July 1. Further contact information 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 at the beginning of the March 24 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

Fossil Hunting in Montana

By Jo Borucki

It's been awhile since I have read The Once and Future King by T. H. White, but I still remember one of my favorite characters in the book, King Pellinore. He was in love with a dragon. Pursuing her was his life's meaning and his life's work. He cherished any and all evidence of his dragon, and since all he could usually find was the scats (poop), he collected them and stored them in a sack, carrying his sack lovingly and hopefully with him where ever he went . I think that Bill and I are also in love with dragons. Our dragons, better known as dinosaurs, lived 64 million years ago Like Pellinore, we looked for evidence of the dragons of the Mesozoic Era, mainly those of the Cretaceous Period. Small mammals lived at the end of the late Cretaceous Period as well, so we also pursued evidence of them.

In the November Breccia, I wrote about our experiences rockhounding in Montana. We had a week left of our 2 weeks' time in Montana, so we shifted our focus from minerals to fossils. Dinosaurs such as tyrannosaurus rex and triceratops had roamed this region up until about 64 million years ago. We drove to Jordan because it is a prime area for dinosaur fossils.

After checking into one of Jordan's two motels, Gene asked the motel owner if he knew of anyone who led fossil hunting trips. He highly recommended a nearby rancher whom I will call Tom. At first Tom was a little reluctant to guide us when he realized that we were old dudes, but Gene assured him that we were in great shape, so he took us on.

We dug in two sites. There were fossilized bones scattered in the stream bed, but scattered as they were, they had no scientific importance because they could have washed down from anywhere and any layer. It was a thrill to find them nevertheless.

So, how do you tell a fossilized bone from just a piece of rock? You lick it. If it is fossilized bone, your tongue will stick because the fossilized bone is filled with tiny capillaries that try to pull the moisture from your tongue. In our SCVGMS meetings, Rick Kennedy has pointed out the folly of licking rocks, because some are poisonous, but this was before I knew about poisonous rocks and minerals. Even though I had eaten my lunch, I still enjoyed tasting the local rocks to determine which were fossilized bones. I bet you have never had fossilized bones for dessert. They are nonfattening, but not particularly tasty. I much prefer ice cream.

Gene found a piece of dinosaur vertebra with some ribs attached. Bill found a nice piece of dinosaur bone and a piece of turtle shell. My best find was a small bone from an ancient crocodile. Tom helped Gene stabilize and remove the vertebra. It was fascinating to watch Tom gently remove it from the earth using a small shovel, a knife, and a paint brush to carefully free it. Then I showed Tom my half of a crocodile bone, and he took the dirt from where I found the half bone, and screened it (shook the dirt through a screen) until he found the other half. He glued the two pieces together for me.

Too soon it was time to go home, so the next morning we reluctantly flew back to California.

We enjoyed our time digging for fossils in 2007 so much that we decided to return for more in 2008. Our first day of fossil hunting, Tuesday, July 24, 2008 was hot. Tom drove us to the ranch in his truck, talking affably all the way, and only occasionally looking at the road or the path along the edge of the deep gully where he was driving. We were used to his driving style, and it seems that he did not need to look at the road in order to drive safely. Nevertheless, I silently uttered a silent, pleading prayer for safe journey. He had bulldozed into new soil and rock in the same area where we had looked last year. With the sun beating down on us, we dug and scraped patiently and found little. Gene and Bill decided for a change of pace, they'd take a walk, but I had found something that looked promising. It looked like a nice sized bone, so I stayed and kept digging. When I dug it out, and Tom and I looked at it carefully, it proved to be simply a deceptively shaped piece of very hard, compressed mud shaped like a piece of bone. I was so disappointed. I had worked so hard in that hot sun. I think that Tom took pity on me, seeing my disappointment and gave me a small crocodile or turtle claw. Later that day, I was to make the best discovery for the day, a tiny perfect mammal tooth from a small creature, the Didelphadon, that had existed with the dinosaurs.

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 Edmontonian, a Sauropod, a plant eater. I had no idea what it was, but Tom told me that he thought that it was from a Ankylosaurus. When we were in a book store, I bought a book, Dinosaur Systematics Approaches and Perspectives by Kenneth Carpenter and Philip J. Currie, because I wanted to know more about the beautiful object that I had found.

Later in the day, my cup of happiness ran over. Once again I was digging, scraping, and brushing. As a shape began to take form in the shell layer where I was digging, I called for Tom, telling him that I did not want to go any further by myself, that I thought I had found something important. He coached me as I stabilized it and removed it from the soil. It was a tooth from either Nano Tyrannosaur or a baby Tyrannosaurus Rex. The Rex is only one of the Tyrannosaur Dinosaurs. Even today, I don't know which kind of dinosaur this tooth comes from, but I know that it is a thrill to have found it. Tom took it home, cleaned it up, and gave it back to me the next morning.

The third day was less dramatic. My best find on July 26 was a piece of crocodile vertebra. On examining it closely, I could see the groove where the spinal cord was once protected when 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 back to Billings to catch our plane back to California, I could almost see the dinosaurs walking the earth once more. It was haunting to drive through the land that had once been theirs. I could not help but wonder some if species 64 million years from now, perhaps other than human and not yet known, will love this beautiful land as dinosaurs did 64 million years ago as we humans do now.



General Meeting Minutes

November 26th, 2019

The November meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:58 pm at the Cabana Club.

Announcements: Welcome! Remember to sign up for the Installation dinner, which will be December 3rd. A reminder that the Board meeting will be immediately after the General meeting. Tonight's program is the silent auction and we will be holding elections to determine the 2020 Board.

Installation Dinner: Will be at the Cabana Club on Tuesday, December 3rd 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.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club received correspondence from State Farm and Chase. The club also received discount coupons for the San Rafael Gem Faire in January.

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 immediately after the General meeting.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. No member displays this month due to the Silent Auction.

Bragging Rights: Bragging rights will be on a hiatus until January, when the theme will be "The letter A"

Rockhound of the Month: Pat Speece won for her multiple contributions to the club, including Smithies and her work with the DRC.

Field Trips: Stephen May reported about a 2020 trip to dig Fire Agate and to visit the Hauser Thunder Egg beds.

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 has previously announced that she would like someone to help her with the group.

Hospitality: 26 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

ALAA: Nothing new.

DRC: Nothing new.

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

Sunshine: David Mosher had successful heart surgery, so successful that he was at the meeting!. Pat Schuesler is recovering well from her fall the previous month.

Program: Elections! Congratulations to our 2020 Board of Directors:

President: Michele Smith

Vice President: Billie Gordon

Secretary: Rick Kennedy

Treasurer: Missy Fox

Editor: Jo Borucki

Federation Director: Stephen May

Alternative Federation Director: Paul Kidman

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

At Large Board Members:

Cal Hansen

Frank Mullaney

Alan Achor

Jim Fox

Sonia Dyer

All of the winners ran unopposed with the exception of Vice President, where Billie Gordon narrowly defeated Kyle Van Woerkom

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

January program: Stephen May with Jim and Missy Fox: Display cases and making displays for our Festival (and other shows!!).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes November 26th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 PM at the Cabana Club.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Sonia Dyer, Billie Gordon, Paul Kidman and Dean Welder.

Reading of the minutes from the October Board Meeting: M/S/P to postpone the reading of the minutes. (F. Mullaney, S. May).

New Members: No new members.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox. M/S/P to pay \$50.00 for ALAA dues (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Festival: Next meeting will be in January

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kennedy

SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes December 5th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM at the home of Jim and Missy Fox.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Alan Achor, Sonia Dyer, Billie Gordon, Cal Hansen, Stephen May and Dean Welder.

Reading of the minutes from the October 24th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (F. Mullaney, J. Borucki).

Reading of the minutes from the November 26th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (F. Mullaney, J. Fox).

New Members: No new members.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox. All bills are paid, no need for any new motions. M/S/P to drop the three delinquent members (R. Kennedy, F. Mullaney).

Committee Reports:

Festival 2020: Festival Meeting: January 15th at Round Table. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Field Trips: No new news

Old Business:

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy reported that the dinner was enjoyed by all 25 who attended. Many gifts were donated to “Toys for Tots”.

Website: Michele Smith reported that she has put out a request for a webmaster within the club. No solid response yet.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 PM

Meeting reconvened with the new Board at 8:14 PM

Roll Call: All board members were present except Alan Achor, Sonia Dyer, Billie Gordon, Cal Hansen, Stephen May and Dean Welder.

New Business:

Approval of meeting dates and reservations for the Cabana Club: M/S/P to reserve the Cabana club for the fourth Tuesday of every month except December for general meetings and December 8th for the Installation Dinner (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Setting the Calendar for Social Events: M/S/P to have ice cream socials at the March and July meetings (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Board Meetings: Board members have signed up to host Board Meetings through the year.

Swingers and bars and triangles for Board, Committees, Rockhound of the Month, etc.: M/S/P to order any of the above as needed. (R. Kennedy, J. Fox).

Directory Printing: M/S/P to order 100 directories (F. Mullaney, J. Borucki)

Program Schedule:

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

June – Silent Auction

July -- Noel and Deb Runyon: Obsidian carving and polishing

ALAA: M/S/P to authorize the treasurer to pay the 2021 ALAA dues in December, 2020 (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Committee Chairs: Michele Smith and Stephen May will be filling open positions.

Santa Clara County Fair Interactive Display: M/S/P to participate in the County Fair in 2020. (F. Mullaney, J. Borucki).

Audit Committee: Michele Smith will solicit volunteers to be on the Audit Committee at the January General Meeting

CFMS Dues and Insurance: M/S/P to pay CFMS dues and Insurance after the directories are printed (F. Mullaney, J. Fox)

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

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Alternate Fed. Director:
Paul Kidman (408)356-4995
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Sonia Dyer (408)629-5735
Alan Achor (408) 749-0771
Frank Mullaney (408) 691-2656
Cal Hansen (408) 394-4642
Parliamentarian:
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
TBD
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: TBD
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Webmaster: TBD

Note: Some of these committee heads may change. Michele Smith and Stephen May are working to fill all positions.

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 January 29.** The **Board Meeting is at the home of Michele Smith on January 31**

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.

Smithies: Pat Speece 408- 266-4327 pat.speece@comcast.net

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