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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 at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (The Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Rd. between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Our next general meeting will be on May 23, '06 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on May 25, '06 at Jane Yamashita's home at 24320 Mt. Charlie Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95033, (408) 353-2982 at 7:30 PM.

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 are \$10.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published monthly. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris, who may be contacted via email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Linda Spencer. Ruth Bailey and Bill Norton handle all aspects of mailing. Exchange Bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. 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 on a study group, please call the leader(s) listed below

Carvers	Herb Vogel	(408) 247-1018
Cutaways	John Eichhorn	(408) 749-0523
Facet Cutters	Bill Norton	(408) 356-8254
Fossileers	Gail Mathews	(650) 962-9960
Juniors	Mark Wartenberg	(650) 568-6114
Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Kelly Van Vleck &	(408) 262-8187
	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327
Stringers	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327

John's Note

I hope everyone enjoyed the program on Yemenite jewelry. Bring your Thundereggs to the May meeting. Marc Mullaney will be giving the program on collecting of Oregon Thundereggs. If you have an idea for future programs, let us hear about it.

May 6-7 is another demo weekend at the Cabana Club meeting room. All the study groups will be set up with their equipment for a show and tell from 9 AM to 5 PM both days. All the study groups are open to anyone who is interested. Just call the group leader and get the details.

May 20, 2006 is the Clear Creek field trip. If you plan on attending, read the notice in the Breccia. The bathroom facilities are outhouses, and there is no water at the camp grounds. Dry camping is available at the campgrounds. The entrance to the area is 54 miles south of Hollister, by way of Highway 25 to Coalinga Road. Some people may want to spend the weekend, although the club trip is for one day only.

June 10th is the bus trip to Angels Camp for the CFMS show; hope to see you there.

Thank you, John Eichhorn

Words about the Website by RK Owen

There's something new on the club website at www.scvgms.org ... It's RSS, which is an abbreviation for "Really Simple Syndication". What's that you ask? The short story is that it provides a way for news aggregators to periodically check a website for new and newsworthy items without continually looking through the website. The website itself decides what's new and newsworthy by providing an RSS feed. The feed itself just provides a title and a URL pointing back to the website where more information can be found.

One of the more popular RSS aggregators is the Google Personalized Home page. Click on the "Add Content" link in the upper left hand corner. Once on the "Add content to your homepage" then look for "Add by URL" and click on that. In the text field, cut and paste <http://www.scvgms.org/cgi-bin/rss> then click on the "Add" button. If you're successful, then you should see a section titled "SCVGMS Newsfeed" on your personalized Google homepage, and you can move it wherever you like.

The SCVGMS RSS feed lists the "News & Events" items, and if you had used an RSS aggregator, then you would have been alerted to the availability of the Camp Paradise registration forms in time to reserve your spot. The RSS feed will let you find out about events almost as soon as they're posted.

May Program

Oregon Thundereggs
What they are,
where to find them, and
how to cut them.

Bring your specimens
to share.

Do you have any 2006
Show Expenses
that you haven't turned
in for reimbursement?

Please get them to
Frank Mullaney by the
May 23 meeting so that
an accounting for the
show may be provided
in a timely fashion.

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

MINERALEERS BY CHUCK BOBLENZ



The Mineraleers met at the Boblenz's home with seven members attending. We saw a presentation by Michael Miller, CEO of the Original 16 to 1 Mine given at our club show in 1999. This taping provided much interesting information about the mine and its production and future direction.

The next meeting will be May 15th at the Boblenz's residence, and the meeting will allow attendees to try their luck at gold panning. Each attendee will have the opportunity to see what it is like to pan for one's treasures using a gold pan. Each person will receive personal assistance from several experienced gold panners.

So plan now to come out and join us. Call (408) 734-2473 and let us know if you can attend.

**Bus trip to the
CFMS Show in
Angels Camp
June 10, 2006,
\$10.00 per person
Call Herb Vogel
for more info
(408) 247-1018
Call soon;
only a few seats
remain available.**

Study Group Demonstration Weekend

On May 6 & 7, the study groups will participate in a weekend-long event where their individual groups will hold demonstrations of their craft. Many of the study groups will be at the Cabana Club both days from 10-5. ***This weekend event is an excellent opportunity for guests, new members, and older members alike to have an opportunity to observe each group and possibly be able to try each skill for themselves.*** There are five confirmed study groups that will be represented, and possibly all eight.

Below is a short description of each study group.

"*Smithies*" - Work with various types of metals to make jewelry.

"*Cutaways*" - Cut stones to make things like cabochons, book ends, spheres, etc.

"*Faceters*" - Facet precious and semi precious stones for jewelry.

"*Carvers*" - Carve both soft and hard stones into jewelry and figurines.

"*Stringers*" - String beads to make jewelry and other beaded items.

"*Fossileers*" - Study and collect fossils.

"*Juniors*" - A special group for our younger members ages 7-17. They study rocks, have field trips, and make projects.

"*Mineraleers*" - Study and collect minerals.

Below is a schedule for the confirmed study groups who will be attending. There will possibly be more groups who will be attending. For further information contact Marc Mullaney, 691-1584 or geologistm@aol.com

Saturday, May 6

Smithies 10-5
Cutaways 10-5
Faceters 10-5
Stringers 1-4

Sunday, May 7

Smithies 10-5
Cutaways 10-5
Faceters 10-5
Mineraleers 10-2

April Program Reviewed

Our April program was a wonderful presentation on the history and art of Yemenite Jewelry. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Yehuda Tassa available to explain his vanishing art. Mr. Tassa was taught the art of granulation and filigree jewelry by his father. His education began at age six while his family still lived in Yemen. The techniques that Mr. Tassa uses are becoming a lost art.

The techniques used to make filigree jewelry are passed from father to son. The techniques in granulation are kept secret and only passed from father to son when the father fears he will be dying soon. Many times, the secrets of granulation were not passed on to the son soon enough and a father's unexpected death has made granulation an extremely rare technique for present Yemenite jewelry makers to use.

Mr. Tassa gave a brief history of Yemen and the Jewish community within Yemen. He indicated that most of the Yemenite Jews wear only silver jewelry, and other more wealthy Islamic cultures tend to wear gold filigree jewelry. He presented pictures of the typical Yemenite bride. A Yemenite bride wears forty to fifty pounds of jewelry to her wedding. The wedding celebration lasts for up to two weeks. This is one of many long standing traditions with the Jewish Yemenite community.

Mr. Tassa also showed pictures of his many unusual tools. After his presentation, everyone was encouraged to examine his many exquisite pieces of jewelry that he brought to share with our group.

To try to revitalize his art that has been passed from father to son for the last 3000 years, Mr. Tassa offers classes in making filigree jewelry. He currently is teaching classes at Little House every six weeks. He says that his classes have three main purposes:

1. To promote traditional Yemenite jewelry making methods and techniques.
2. To produce classical Yemenite jewelry.
3. To incorporate modern design with Yemenite filigree style.

We wish to thank Mr. Tassa for his wonderful presentation of his dying art. We hope that some our members will attend his classes.

SUNSHINE

Peggy Loranger had to be taken to the hospital yesterday with pneumonia. She is in Room 409, San Jose Regional Hospital.

Jason Windsor at 6:30 PM on April 25th was 1000 days old.

If you have information concerning any member who is ill, hospitalized, or has had a death in the family, please contact our new sunshine person, Ernestine Smith, (408) 395-5035.

Member Displays

There were only a few displays this month. Linda Spencer brought in some photographs that were taken at the show. Georgiana Rudge brought in another box of minerals from Evergreen College for identification.

Those people scheduled to display next month are: Gary and Kathy McChristian, Bill Mercer, Nancy Mezzanotte, Frank Monez, Larry and Winnie Moore, Gerry Moseley, Frank and Julaine Mullaney, Kevin Mullaney, Marc and Ann Marie Mullaney. Anyone else who has a something special that they would like to share is encouraged to bring it. Also, if you have any thunder eggs, please bring them to share as well. We'd love to see them. This is one aspect of our meetings that many people really enjoy.

Member News

Welcome to our two new members, Denise and Travis Osterback. Their address is 6019 Blackbird Court., San Jose, CA 95120. (408) 268-6858 Denise's Email is DeniseAlmaden@aol.com. Denise is interested in geology and fossils. Travis is a Junior member and is interested in collecting and fossils. Welcome to both of you.

SCVGMS Calendar



May 3 2006 Show meeting wrap up at Ruth Bailey's home at 7:30 PM (408) 248-6195.
May 6-7 Study Group Demonstration Weekend 10-5 at the Cabana Club
May 15 Mineraleers meeting at Chuck Boblenz's home, info on page 4.
May 17 Finance Committee meeting at Ruth Bailey's home at 7:30 PM
May 23 Regular business meeting at 7:45 PM. Program on Oregon Thundereggs
May 25 Board meeting at Jane Yamashita's home (408) 353-2982.
June 3-4 USGS Open House at Menlo Park 9-5
June 9-11 CFMS Show in Angels Camp
June 10 Club Bus Trip to CFMS Show reservations required.
June 27 BBQ and Potluck 6:30 /Regular business meeting and Silent Auction 7:45 PM
June 29 Board meeting at Frank Mullaney's home (408) 266-1791.
July 16 Founder's Day Picnic Reservations required. Form on Page 11
July 25 Regular business meeting
July 27 Board meeting at Bill Gissler's home (408) 241-0477.
August 22 BBQ/ Potluck at 6:30 Regular business meeting at 7:45
August 24 Board meeting at Larry Moore's home (650) 941-4966
September 26 Regular business meeting
September 28 Board meeting at Lynn Toschi's home (408) 353-3323
October 24 Regular business meeting
October 26 Board meeting at Frank Monez's home (408) 578-7067
November 28 Regular business meeting
November 30 Board meeting at John Eichhorn's home (408) 749-0523
December 5 Installation Dinner at Three Flames Restaurant. Remember Toys for Tots gift.
December 7 Board Meeting at Pat Speece's home (408) 266-4327

Upcoming Field Trip Opportunities



Contact Adam Yamashita (831) 335-9460 or John Eichhorn (408) 749-0523 for information about the below field trips. Adam or John will make the appropriate introductions for you to be able to attend. New additions to the field trip list will be in italics.

May 5-7 Synder's Pow Wow in Valley Springs
May 20 Clear Creek CA for jadeite, calcite roses, and plasma agate
May 20 Agate Beach, Bolinas Area for agates, tarbabies, chalcedony, shells, petrified whalebone (occasionally found)
May 27-29 Coaldale Junction NV, for Petrified wood, opalite, selenite slabs, chalcedony, agate, jasper, and possibly a fee dig
May 27-29 Black Rock Mine, Benton Hot Springs, for garnet, scheelite, quartz, epidote, and fluorescent minerals.
May 27-29 Delta UT, fee dig for trilobites and other fossils, tour of museum/ rockshop, other sites to be announced later.
June 10 SCVGMS Bus trip to CFMS Show in Angels Camp. Signup with Herb Vogel.
June 25 Rush Ranch, Suisun City for rock sale/ swap
July 15-16 Elbow Junction CA, for petrified wood and agate,
August 12-13 Lakeview OR, Tallman Show and Field trips
August 20 Spider Mine for rhodonite
Aug ? Virgin Valley NV for opal
Sept 2-4 Cedarville CA, for petrified wood, fossil leaves, agate, and obsidian
Sept 8-10 Black Rock Desert for geodes, Christmas Jasper, Black Rock Agate, petrified wood and fossil leaves.
Sept 30 (tentative) Monterey Bay Aquarium and Pacific Grove Natural History Museum tour.
Oct 2-6 Petrified Forest National Park AZ
Oct 7 Soapstone Ridge CA, for soapstone
Oct 14-15 Searles Lake, Trona, CA for halite, hanksite, and other minerals

CFMS Show Schedule



Changes to this calendar are printed in italics. For the latest version of the CFMS Show Schedule go to www.cfmsinc.org

May 6-7 2006, Bakersfield, CA Kern County Mineral Society Art in Stone Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 South P Street Hours: 10 - 5 both days Buster Ordiway (661) 563-8310 Email CaOrdPTA@aol.com

May 6-7 2006, Anaheim, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: 10 - 4:30 both days Beth Pelfrey - Email beth714sc-rocks@yahoo.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 6-7 2006, Bishop, CA Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Show Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Francis Pedneau (760) 876-4319 or Jeff Lines (760) 872-6597 Email franceem@qnet.com

May 13-14 2006, Reno, NV Reno Gem & Mineral Society "Jackpot of Gems" Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall 1350 N. Wells Ave. Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 John Peterson

May 19, 20, 21 2006, Anderson, CA Superior CA Gem & Mineral Association Shasta County Fairgrounds Hours: Fri/Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000

May 20-21 2006, Yucaipa, CA Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Yucaipa Community Center 34900 Oak Glen Road Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 William Jochimsen (909) 790-1475 Email bjm2285@aol.com

May 20-21 2006, Newbury Park, CA Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Borchard Park Community Center 190 Reino Rd. Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4:30 Sal Scarpato (818) 707-9972 Email SALSCARPATO@SBCGLOBAL.NET

May 27-29 2006, Weaverville, CA Trinity Gem & Mineral Society Annual Bigfoot Gemboree Hours: Sat/Sun. 10 - 5; Mon. 10 - 4 Jack Jennewein (530) 778-3786

June 3-4 2006, Glendora, CA Glendora Gem & Mineral Show 859 E. Sierra Madre Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638 Email: YBidwell2@aol.com

June 3-4 2006, La Habra, CA North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society Jubilee of Gems Show La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Hours: 10-5 both days Don Warthen (626) 330-8974 Email: warthen@earthlink.net

June 9-11 2006, CFMS Show at Angels Camp, CA Calveras Gem & Mineral Society Calveras Co. Fairgrounds Hours: 10-5 daily Website: calaverasgemandmineral.org

July 1-2 2006, Culver City, CA Culver City rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veteran's Memorial Complex, Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Website: CulverCityRocks.org Richard Shaffer (310) 391-8429 Email: maryellenandrick@aol.com

August 4-6 2006, Nipomo, CA Orcutt Mineral Society "Earth's Treasures" St. Joseph's Church 298 South Thompson Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788

September 23-24 2006, San Diego, CA San Diego Lapidary Society Bernado Winery 13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte Rancho Bernardo Hours: 10 - 4 both days Kim Hutsell; (619) 294-3914 Website: www.sandiegolapidarysociety.org

September 23-24 2006, Downey, CA Delvers Gem & Mineral Society Woman's Club of Downey 9813 Paramount Blvd Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4 Teresa Widdison (562) 867-1521 Email: twiddison72@aol.com

October 14-15 2006, Grass Valley, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Earth's Treasures Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 MC Courtney Road Hours: 10 - 4 both days Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

October 14-15 2006, Trona, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society "Gem-o-Rama" Searles Lake Gem & Mineral 13337 Main Street Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4 Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356 Email jbfairchild@verizon.net

October 21-22 2006, Whittier, CA Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 both days Jay Valle (626) 934-9764 Email res19pnb@verizon.net

October 21-22 2006, Anderson, CA Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Shasta District Fairgrounds Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4 Alex Stoltz (530) 474-4400

October 28-29 2006, Vista, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society 1200 Vale Terrace Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Mary Anne Mital (760) 758-4599

November 4-5 2006, Lancaster, CA Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club "Rock n Gem Roundup" Antelope Valley Fairgrounds 2551 West Avenue H Hours: 9 - 5 both days Susan Walblom (661) 943-1861 Website: pgmc@antelecom.net

November 4-5 2006, San Diego, CA San Diego Mineral & Gem Society Al Bahr Shrine Center (behind Hampton Inn) 5440 Kearny Mesa Road Hours: Sat. 9:30 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Wayne Moorhead (858) 586-1637

November 4-5 2006, Concord, CA Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Centre Concord; 5298 Clayton Road Hours: 10 - 5 each day Bill McKay (925) 439-8195 Email: williamrmckay@hotmail.com

November 4-5 2006, Ridgecrest, CA Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society Desert Empire Fairgrounds Call (760) 375-8000 for RV parking 520 S. Richmond Road Hours: 9 - 5 both days John De Rosa (760) 375-7905

November 11-12 2006, Yuba City, CA Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall) 442 Franklin Avenue Hours: 9 - 4 both days Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

November 18-19 2006, Livermore, CA Livermore Valley Lithophiles The Barn; 3131 Pacific Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Joyce & Dick Friesen (925) 447-8223 Email friesenjoyce@ixinetcom.net

November 18-19 2006, Oxnard, CA Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4 Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450 Show website: www.ogms.net

November 25-26 2006, Victorville, CA Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club San Bernardino County Fairgrounds 14800 7th Street Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4 Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894 Website: www.gbeal5084@aol.com

CFMS SHOW NEWS

By Claude Huber via CFMS 2/06 Newsletter

This is the first in a series of articles to inform you about the coming speakers and special exhibitors at the CFMS & CGMS Federation Show, Angels Camp Fairgrounds, 9-11 June 2006. We are excited and proud to tell you about our lineup for the show.

Special Exhibitor:

Alan Schaffert is a local physician and an amateur paleontologist with a passion for marine fossils. He found his first fossil by accident at age thirteen when he and his brothers were throwing rocks on a stony beach in Northern Michigan. One rock shattered as it landed and out popped a perfect brachiopod. It was awesome and he was hooked. Many more rocks were enthusiastically cracked that afternoon, alas, they were all duds. Far from being disappointed, this object lesson only served to whet his appetite for collecting more fossils.

Over the next 40 years, Alan has collected specimens from Michigan, Colorado, Utah, and California. He has also purchased numerous marine fossils from around the world. His interests include Cretaceous ammonites and invertebrates from some of the classic fossil deposits known as Lagerstätten. Lagerstätten are fossil deposits that exhibit extraordinary preservation and completeness of the plants and animals from a particular era.

Alan is new to exhibiting and is very pleased to share specimens from his collection. He hopes that the public will enjoy learning about them as much as he does.

The Exhibit: "Sea Dragons and Snake Stones"

While the dinosaurs ruled the land, aquatic reptiles or "Sea Dragons" ruled the oceans. Some Sea Dragons were relatively small and others reached gigantic proportions weighing up to 8 tons with a head larger than a T-Rex! These were the top predators of the ancient waters. Almost all animals were potential prey. Have you ever wondered what a Tylosaur would eat? The answer is simple, anything it wanted! Come and enjoy the mysterious and frightful world of the Plesiosaurs, Ichthyosaurs, and Mosasaurs. Full sized three dimensional casts will be on display during the show.

The great ocean going reptiles lived in a very different ocean than exists today. There were many strange and exotic creatures. The ammonites or "Snake Stones" were squid-like animals inhabiting a great variety of shells. Some had bizarre shapes and others grew up to 8 feet across! There were giant clams with giant pearls. The fish were very different species than we see today. Some of the fantastic specimens on display will be sure to capture your imagination.

Competition at Nature's Showcase Ruth Bailey, Judging Chairperson

We had a bigger response to our call for competition in this year's show and had some truly great displays in the show. We had two entries of cases, and these were both very well done. Chuck Boblenz received a first place for his case of cabochons, and Pat Speece was awarded a first place for her educational entry of Serpentine material. It was especially great to see Pat's entry, as this was her first ever competition display.

There was also a good response to the single item entries, and we received entries in almost every study group. In the Lapidary group, Bill Gissler received a first place for his cabochon entry, and Marc Mullaney received a second place for his sphere. Marc Mullaney placed first in the Smithie's competition with his entry of a handmade, soldered chain with a free form pendant. Bill Gissler placed second with his ring made in the Smithies class. Bill Gissler received a first place ribbon for his faceted stone.

We wish to congratulate all of those who entered and encourage the other members of the groups or club members to start thinking about entering a case or a single item in the next year's show. Please take another look at the single item rules and scoring and let the members of the committee know if you have any suggestions for changes in the rules or the scoring.

**2006 Show wrap-up meeting
May 3 at 7:30 PM
Ruth Bailey's home**

FACTS ABOUT CFMS & AFMS

by Bill Gissler, SCVGMS Member

What is the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)? What are the benefits to our club by being an affiliated member of CFMS? How is CFMS related to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)? These are questions that have recently been asked by new and fairly new members. So maybe it is about time that we answer them. CFMS, formed in 1935 as a not for profit corporation, is an affiliation of 116 mineralogical societies located in California and the western parts of Nevada and Arizona. The stated purpose of CFMS is "to do together what we can not do in small groups." The most important service that CFMS does for its affiliate clubs is to secure and maintain insurance coverage for the activities which we undertake. Other services that CFMS offers to its affiliated clubs are to:

1. Maintain avenues of communication through a monthly newsletter and a website
2. Promote an active field trip program through the focused efforts of several regional groups
3. Promote an annual California Federation rock, mineral and gem show and convention, and publicize affiliate club shows to advertise our interests, educate ourselves and the public, and generate revenue to sustain club operations
4. Sponsor annually two earth science seminars - one South in the Spring at ZZYX within the Mojave Desert, and one North in the Fall at Camp Paradise, north of Marysville
5. Offer educational seminars in the following areas: competitive exhibit; newsletter editing; safety
6. Maintain a list of programs and available speakers
7. Maintain a video, slide, and computer disc library available for a small rental fee
8. Fund and operate an active scholarship program
9. Maintain a public land use policies review committee to educate members and to inform government policy makers of our interests in public land use issues
10. Sponsor an active tax adviser and legal assistance program to help affiliated clubs comply with state and federal requirements
11. Maintain a scholarship program.

CFMS is funded through dues from the affiliated clubs based upon club membership, income from the annual show, and contributions from affiliated clubs and their members. Our club is represented at the CFMS Spring and Fall meetings by our elected Federation Director. The work of CFMS is performed through committees.

What is the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)? The AFMS formed in 1947 as a not for profit corporation, serves as an umbrella organization to the seven regional Federations covering all 50 States. The regional Federations are California, Eastern, Midwest, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, South Central and Southeast. Through the auspices of AFMS hundreds of gem and mineral clubs and thousands of their individual members - youth and adults - enjoy participating in national programs that promote popular interest, involvement, and education in the various earth science hobbies including Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects. AFMS maintains a website and issues a monthly newsletter which is disseminated to each of the clubs through the seven Regions. AFMS also promotes:

1. Awards competitive display trophies based upon procedures established by a Uniform Rules Committee
2. Sponsors a Program Competition for individuals to develop new slide, video and computer disc programs regarding some phase of our hobby, with the winning presentations being disseminated to each of the seven Regional Federations for their lending library
3. Promotes the All American Club Program to encourage clubs to reach their goals of demonstrated quality in club bulletins, programs, service to members, to community, to neighboring clubs and to their Federation
4. Maintains a program to honor bulletin editors for achieving excellence in club publications and to individual club members for articles they write for their newsletter
5. Promotes an emphasis on youth groups through a program called Future Rockhounds of America
6. Maintains a scholarship program. AFMS is funded by dues from the Regional Federations based on club membership, income from an annual show, and contributions from clubs and individuals.

CFMS is represented at AFMS by the current CFMS President and First Vice-President and for a six-year term by an appointed past president. The Regional Federations are not limited by the authority of AFMS, but are free to conduct their own programs and define their own goals. The AFMS is, rather, an alliance of seven Federations. The work of AFMS is performed through committees.

SAFETY

By Chuck McKie, Safety Chair
Via CFMS May 2006 Newsletter

This is the time of year we start going on field trips. Often we or our guests do have small injuries which may require some first aid. Following is the current recommendation of the HSA for a first aid kit.

CONTENTS	1 - 5 Persons	6 -25 Persons	26 -50 Persons
Adhesive plaster	12	20	40
Sterile eye pads (Bandage attached)	-	2	4
Individually wrapped triangular bandages	2	6	6
Safety pins	2	6	6
Medium individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 10 x 8 cm)	-	6	8
Large individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 13 x 9 cm)	1	2	4
Extra large individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 28 x 17.5 cm)	-	3	4
Individually wrapped wipes	8	8	10
Paramedic shears	1	1	1
Pairs of latex gloves	1	2	2
Sterile eye wash	1	2	2

Moissanite

Moissanite is the mineral SiC, first discovered in fragments of the meteor that crashed 50,000 years ago in Meteor Crater in Arizona. It was named in 1905 in honor of Henri Moissan (1852-1907) who discovered carborundum (a natural silicon carbide) that occurred as shimmering new mineral crystals in the fragments of the meteorite. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1906. The optical properties of diamond produce great luster and fire best seen in daylight, curiously, whereas the Moissanite's structure produces more sparkle and its fiery brilliance is visible in low light, say candlelight. Natural sources are rare, but the semiconductor industry has been growing single crystal silicon carbide for use in the high performance semiconductor devices. A North Carolinian diamond cutter noticed these crystals. Moissanite is now the trade name for the synthetic SiC gemstones. As a diamond stimulant, synthetic Moissanite is hard to differentiate from diamond, as it has a hardness of 9.25 compared to 10 for diamond. Its index of refraction is slightly higher than diamond, but because of the difficulty growing crystals, it is only slightly less expensive.

Ref. Excerpt from Brinton Brown, in *Lapidarian* 9/04, via *Petrograph* 5/05

Petrified Wood Created in the Lab

A team of US scientists claims to have created petrified wood in just a few days, mimicking a natural process that normally takes millions of years.

Researchers from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory turned wood into mineral by soaking poplar and pine in a solution and then cooking them. The process could provide new ways of filtering pollutants, soaking up contaminants, and separating chemicals. Details of the research appear in the journal *Advanced Materials*.

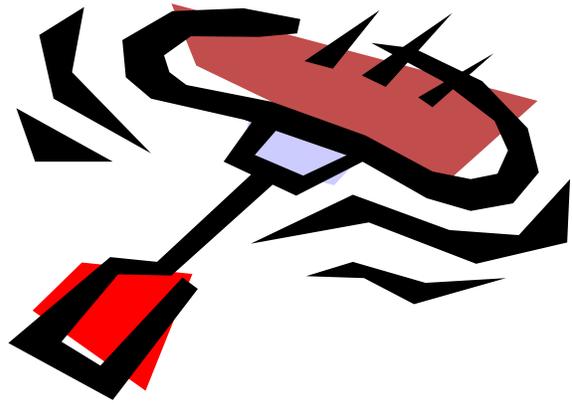
Petrified forests can form when trees are buried without oxygen, leaching out their woody compounds and sponging up the soil's minerals over millions of years. To mimic this process in the lab, the team led by Yongsoon Shin, bought pine and poplar boards. A 1 cm cube cut from these boards is placed in acid for two days, before being soaked in a silica solution for two more.

Next, the cube is air-dried, placed in a furnace filled with argon gas which is gradually raised to 1,400C and left to cook for two hours. Finally, the cube is left to cool in argon to room temperature. Silica takes up permanent residence with the carbon left in the wood's cellulose to form silicon carbide, a ceramic.

BBC Online via *The Matrix* 5/2006

Founder's Day Picnic

July 16, 2006



Time: Meal at Noon
Where: The Cabana Club,
100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos,

Who's Invited: All members and their Guests

What kind of activities are planned:
Swimming for those who choose, Bingo, & Raffle

Everyone who attends is asked to bring their own table service, including plates, eating utensils, cups, napkins, chairs, table covers, and serving utensils for the potluck dish you bring to share.

How can you attend this event?

You must:

Fill out the form below and
mail it in before June 27 meeting
To: SCVG&MS Founder 's Day Picnic
107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

SCVG&MS Founder 's Day Picnic Sign up form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Number of Adults attending _____
Number of Juniors attending _____
Number of Chicken dinners _____
Number of Tri-tip Dinners _____
Number of Hot Dogs for Children _____
Will you be swimming? Yes or No Number of people swimming _____
What type of dish will you bring to share (for 10-12 people)?
Salad or Dessert _____

DR. FREDERICK H. POUGH, PHD 1906- 2006

By Carolyn Weinberger, via AFMS 4/06 newsletter

Dr. Frederick H. Pough, distinguished mineralogist and author has died at the age of 99 while attending the Rochester Mineral Symposium on April 7. Dr. Pough would have been 100 in June. He was excited about attending the Symposium where he was to be regaled on his upcoming century mark. Shortly after arriving and chatting with a few participants, he suffered a heart attack and died shortly thereafter at the hospital. Medical professionals at the Symposium administered CPR until the EMT's arrived.

Although it's probably a good guess to say that most in the hobby never met Fred Pough, it's also probably a good guess to say that most have a copy of his "Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals" first published in 1953 and now in its 5th revision. During his long and illustrious career, Fred served as curator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and wrote numerous papers and articles on a wide variety of minerals. He was a micromounter and mineral collector as well as lecturer. After retiring from the American Museum, he moved west, last living in Reno, Nevada before moving to Rochester, NY to be near his children.

Fred never was involved directly in the AFMS, but he surely had a major influence on us all through his writings. He was a generous and terrific fellow with a keen mind and lovely sense of humor and we'll all surely miss him. He is survived by his son and daughter, a brother and several grandchildren.

Contributions in Fred's memory can be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, % of your local Scholarship Foundation Coordinator or mailed to Arlene Burkhalter, PO Box 1007; Choctaw, OK 73020. (Be sure to indicate the name of your club and Federation so proper credit can be given.)

Story about Thundereggs

via Napa Gems 10/2004, via Chips 08/01, via Snoopy Gems 8/01, via Rock Rustler News, via Osage Hill Gems

Thundereggs are nodules generally found in volcanic ash beds, cinder beds, or pumice deposits. It is said they owe their name to the Warm Spring Indians of central Oregon. They believed these hard, almost spherical concretions were missiles thrown out of the higher volcanoes in the Cascade Mountains when the gods living in those heights became angry. This interesting superstition is not borne out by fact since thundereggs actually form in an erode from very soft volcanic beds.

Thundereggs are especially abundant in areas of the western United States which are underlain by volcanic rock. Some are found in British Columbia. Per-

haps the most famous locality for thundereggs is the former Friday Ranch about 12 miles northeast of Madras, Oregon. Here, several horizons or beds of nodules embedded in volcanic rock are found short distances apart. Hundreds of collectors hunt there each year.

On the ranch, one bed yields nodules in which the chalcedony or agate is primarily bluish-gray, sometimes with white specks or banded with white layers. Greenish moss inclusions are also found in this type. Another bed holds thundereggs in which beautiful mossy or flower-like inclusions are found in clear agate. Very fine picture cabs are cut from these. In others, the internal patterns are very beautiful and varied, sometimes containing very fine plume, sagenetic, or moss agate or bands of striking colors. Some have a star-shaped translucent core, which may or may not be mottled, banded or spotted. Some may contain crystals in the center or near the outer sections of the agate. These are highly prized.

Thundereggs occur only as concretions on highly porous cinder eggs or pumice deposits. These porous deposits contain no large cavities to speak of. Silica borne by solutions merely permeated the cinders until favorable points were reached where agate could be deposited. Thus, thundereggs are not cavity fillings, but aggregations of agate. At some time before solidification was complete, the center of the concretion split and drew apart, permitting additional material to deposit in the space formed.

To saw thundereggs, first look for the largest dome on the specimen. This dome was in the upright position when the concretion was formed. Saw through this dome and it is likely you will expose the best picture or surface. If the specimen is egg-shaped, saw lengthwise for the best results.

HIGHWAY CLAIMS FAMED ROCK SHOP

BY EMINENT DOMAIN

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ALEXANDRIA, MO.

Betty Sheffler stubbed out her cigarette in the turtle ashtray, shifted in her motorized scooter and, with a whiff of resignation, signed the papers. She'd get her money in a week or so. For now, the 80-year-old woman lit into the young man from the Missouri Department of Transportation. "It is a house of history. And it seems such a shame, such a pitiful shame for so much thought to be put into any place," Sheffler said, "and have it destroyed."

They were gathered inside Sheffler's horseshoe-shaped house in the state's northeast corner. The highway - the reason for this awkward meeting - runs close by on its way to the Iowa border. The home's exterior walls were covered with exotic, multihued rocks from all over the world. Inside there was even more rock - Mexican calcite, Brazilian quartz and thousands of Keokuk geodes, rocks unique to this region.

For years, hobbyists and tourists have stopped here, at Sheffler Rock Shop, to buy, talk, or spend a few hours digging for their own rocks at Sheffler's geode mines. Sheffler's place is considered a treasure for collectors, and an ever-more valuable one as the places open to rock hunters become increasingly hard to find, just like the rocks themselves. "They have quite a reputation all over the country," said Steve Weinberger of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

But the rock shop and the house, and perhaps even the mines, will soon be gone. Sheffler has until May 1 to leave the land she's owned for nearly 60 years. The state needs it to expand Highway 61 to four lanes from two, part of the Avenue of the Saints running from St. Louis to St. Paul.

Sheffler fought the state. But the state pushed back with a court-ordered condemnation under eminent domain. Which is why the man from the highway department was visiting last week with the promise of compensation. "I'd just as soon tear up the check and set fire to it and stay home," Sheffler said. "But it's not my home, now is it?" The man from the highway department stood with his hands clasped in front of him. He said nothing. Off to the side sat an old cash register with a large sign reading, "All Sales Final."

Bit by "rock bug"

Sheffler grew up a few miles from Alexandria, in Keokuk, Iowa, just over the Des Moines River. That's where the "rock bug" bit early. As a young girl, she hunted geodes - ordinary round rocks that belie their sparkling crystal interiors. They were easy to find back then. The Keokuk region has one of the highest concentrations of geodes in the nation. Most were deposited more than 300 million years ago when a shallow sea covered the land.

Keokuk geodes are favored because of their colorful bursts of crystals - yellows, pinks, blacks and purples. "The rough exterior is not very pretty," Sheffler said. "But you look inside and it is beautiful."

In 1947, she married and moved to the property she is now losing to the highway. She recalled how her late husband was astonished at the truckloads of rocks that came with his new bride. Twelve years later, she opened her rock shop. In 1960, she opened her first geode mine. And in 1971, she and her husband finished the horseshoe-shaped house with 60 tons of rocks laid in the walls.

The aboveground mine looks like an old excavating pit with walls of dirt-covered shale. That's where the geodes hide. Sheffler started out charging \$2 per person to mine. She closed one mine and opened another. Last summer, the price was \$15 per person for 50 pounds of rocks. It is one thing to show a geode in a display case, Sheffler said. "It is another thing to let people go in and dig their own and get the thrill of it."

Steve Rudloff knows the thrill. A short time after the highway man left Sheffler's house, Rudloff arrived looking to dig. He'd driven the 160 miles from Jefferson City that morning. "I thought I'd give it a shot before the highway comes through," said Rudloff, 57. He was covered in orange mud. Rudloff wore an insulated jumpsuit and gloves to protect against the chill. Sitting on his knees, he swung a hammer against a chisel pointed into the shale. Tap, tap, tap. He moved the chisel a bit. Tap, tap. He tossed broken pieces of black rock over his shoulder. He set aside two small geodes. He hit the chisel a few more times and stopped. He picked up a gray geode that had split open. He held it in the sun. The light caught a wealth of crystals colored gold and shaped like tiny squares. Rudloff smiled. "I've just never found one that nice before."

"It's a terrible thing"

The 526-mile Avenue of the Saints project is completed except for a 17-mile stretch around Sheffler's place. The narrow highway is considered treacherous. Trucks fly past with only a double yellow line in between. In 2000, this stretch emerged as a symbol of unsafe roads when a teenager, just weeks from her high school graduation, was killed in a head-on collision.

Sheffler has known for years that the state might take her land. Last August, the highway department went to court, invoking the government's right to take private property for certain purposes. In January, the state paid \$632,868 to compensate Sheffler for the loss of 21 acres, according to state records. She will keep about 30 nearby acres. Most of the land is empty. But the highway and a new interchange will run through her house and between the two geode mines, coming perilously close to them, if not closing them entirely. "That's right where the interchange needs to be," explained Tom Batenhorst, a state highway project manager. "It's unfortunate."

Sheffler's son, Tim, manages the business for his mom. He wants to reopen the shop in a new location. He doesn't know what will happen to the mines. He expects the mines to be closed this year, and perhaps forever.

Keokuk, a town of 11,000 residents, had declared Sept. 20, 1997, "Betty Sheffler Day." There were T-shirts and speeches. Last year, the town hosted its first Rocktober Geode Fest. Sheffler's place was one of the main attractions. Most prime rock hunting spots are off-limits due to concerns about liability insurance and trespassing.

Rockhounds, with numbers estimated at more than 50,000 nationwide, say they don't know what they'll do without Sheffler's place. There are perhaps fewer than a dozen such geode mines in the country, and none as well-known.

"It's a terrible thing for all of us," said June Culp Zeitner, of Rapid City, S.D. Zeitner, known as the "Queen of Mineralogy," has authored nine books on rocks. At age 90 and with the days of climbing rock piles behind her, Zeitner is working on a new book. This one is about geodes. She has visited Sheffler's mine many times. "Every place we lose, we can't get back. It was the last place that I know of where we knew we could find something and it was legal," Zeitner said.

Back at her house, Sheffler recalled one of Zeitner's visits. She sat in her scooter in an area crammed with now-empty glass display cases. "We sat here, right where you're standing and pulled out geodes. She loves dew-drop geodes. And the dew drop is so lovely," Sheffler said. "So lovely." Sheffler recalled the crystal's appearance from memory. Her bright blue eyes see little these days. She can make out the shadows of a visitor standing in front of her, but not a geode's fine crystal fingers. The beauty of rocks she collected her entire life are beyond her now. "I miss them. I really miss them," she said. Soon, Sheffler will leave her house of rock.

Tim Sheffler secured two halves of a large geode with masking tape. His mother asked if it was one of her favorites. He asked her to describe it. "Selenite from one side to the other, probably 20 some-odd sprigs of Selenite," she said. "It's the same one," he responded. "The exterior felt different to me," she said. Tim Sheffler finished wrapping the rock and packed it away for the move. <frankel@post-dispatch.com 314-340-8110>

Another story about Thundereggs

via Napa Gems 10/04, via Chips 8/01, via Snoopy Gems 8/01, via rock Rustler's News

Thundereggs are agate-filled nodules found in various areas of the Western United States. They range in size from about 1/4 inch to as big as 5 feet in diameter. Generally, however, they are the size of an orange.

In spite of their superior general quality, only one in an average of twenty cuts makes an outstanding specimen. They show vivid scenes of land and sea fantasies which, besides the bright hues, reveal the appearance of depth and dimension of distance. Cut and polished thundereggs are beautiful to behold. They are indeed one of the marvels of nature and are sought after and highly prized the world over.

The unique agate-filled mud balls are found in

layers of rhyolite lava flows which spread over the land an estimated 60 million years ago. This was done long before humans appeared on Earth and thousands of centuries before the Cascade Range was formed and pushed upward, due to the tremendous stresses beneath the surface of the globe on which we dwell.

It is fairly well agreed among geologists that thundereggs were formed in gas pockets, serving as molds, left in the lava flows of the Eocene Geological Age. They say further that, over long periods of time, the gas cavities (or cooled bubbles) were filled by water. Water (hot cold) oozing into the cavities, carrying rich quantities of silica (quartz) in solution, lined, and in many instances filled, the cavity molds— first with the darker matrix material, and the inner core of agate or chalcedony. The beautiful and varying colors were derived from nearby minerals. This water robbed the rhyolite flow of its rich silica composition, causing it to eventually decompose, and leaving the harder agate materials in place. This is very likely the origin of thundereggs. Many still await discovery in the now-loose beds of rhyolite—to be dug, sawed, and polished by expert and amateur craftsmen—thereby revealing the hidden beauty of this remarkable wonder of nature.

Thundereggs

via Napa gems 10/04, via American River Currents 1/04, via The Matrix

You know them when you see them, but they're not easy to describe. Scientist have studied them but aren't sure just how they formed. And where did they get that weird name, anyway!

To answer the last question, it's the Warm Springs Indian legend that tells of Mt Hood and Mt Jefferson Thunder Spirits becoming angry with one another. They hurled spherical rocks back and forth during violent thunder and lightning storms. The Spirits had stolen these weapons from the Thunderbird's nest. Stray shots landed in the Warm Spring Indian Reservation where they can still be found today.

The thunderegg is the state rock of Oregon (although not technically a rock). Some of the nicest specimens and the most fruitful hunting areas are found east of Oregon's Cascade Mountains.

As to a description, Thunder eggs are balls of rhyolite matrix filled with agate, chalcedony, jasper, or opal. Rhyolite is a fine grained volcanic rock composed of quartz and feldspar, much like granite. The rhyolite shell is often knobby and may have a ribbed pattern,. The agate centers may be banded or contain plumes, moss-like inclusions, and or fortification or other patterns. Thundereggs can also be hollow or lined with quartz crystal-like geodes.

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2006**

President John Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club in Los Gatos. Members and guests were welcomed. Minutes were approved as printed in the Breccia. The Board meeting will be at Randy and June Harris' home on Thursday April 27th at 7:30 PM.

Correspondence: We received show fliers from other clubs.

New Members: Joan Zerbini will receive her new member packet next month.

Hospitality: There were 47 members and 12 guests in attendance tonight.

Sunshine: See details in the Breccia. Frank Monez had his 80th birthday today.

PLAC: See details in the Breccia

Study Groups: See details in the Breccia.

Field Trips: See details in the Breccia. The bus trip to the CFMS show in June has been opened to other clubs.

Show Report: Marc Mullaney gave a brief report on the 2006 show. Marc was presented with a gift for being show chairman. Ruth Bailey presented awards to the show competition winners.

Federation Report: CFMS President Colleen McGann was present to give a short speech about the CFMS and how they help further the lapidary arts.

Program: See details in the Breccia. Next month there will be a program about Oregon Thundereggs. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Members and guests enjoyed a Potluck Dinner before the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Harris, Secretary

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2006**

President John Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the home of Randy and June Harris. All board members were present except Larry Moore and Lynn Toschi. Parliamentarian remains vacant. Also present was George Yamashita. Minutes for the March 30, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: M/ S/ P to pay the bills.

New Members: M/ S/ P to accept Denise Osterback and Travis Osterback (junior member) for membership.

Communications: We received a letter from AFMS Scholarship Fund thanking us for a donation in memory of Carl Schultze, Mariposa show fliers from California State Mineral and Mining Museum, Dodge Cox report, and letters from KBAY and Mercury News.

Field Trips: See details in the Breccia. Bus trip to Federation Show still has openings.

Show Report: Marc Mullaney gave a brief summary of the 2006 show. Some of the numbers are still being tallied. M/ S/ P to pay the deposit for next year's show to the Fairgrounds. M/ S/ P to reserve March 31-April 1 weekend for 2007 show. Easter is April 8, 2007. There was discussion about the scholarships. M/ S/ P to pay this year's recipients.

Unfinished Business: Purchasing CFMS officers insurance. Discussion was held about building jewelers benches for the silversmithing classes. There was discussion about the lapidary shop at Shoup Park.

Finance Committee: There will be a Finance Committee meeting at Ruth Bailey's home on May 17th at 7:30

PM. The committee members need to work on defining the purpose of the Endowment Fund and other club funds.

New Business: Pat Speece volunteered to run the Founder's Day Raffle.

M/ S/ P to adjourn at 9:25 PM. June Harris served delicious refreshments that were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Harris

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
April 26, 2006

Beginning Balance: \$11,411.89

Receipts

Ticket Sales	\$6,285.00
Lucky Dip	\$ 988.00
Rock Sale	\$ 550.00
Dealers	\$1,902.50
Bags	\$ 120.00
Scholarship booth	\$1,774.33
Dues and Initiation	\$ 30.00
Bus Trip	\$ 45.00

Total Receipts \$11,694.83

Disbursements

Show Refunds	\$ 584.00
Grand Door Prizes	\$ 150.00
Parking refunds (guests)	\$ 97.00
Show printing	\$ 379.90
Bus Trip (Calaveras)	\$1,238.22
Breccia (April)	\$ 69.71
Fairgrounds Rental	\$7,158.50
Programs	\$ 109.00
Trailer Moving	\$ 246.78
Mementos and Extra Bags	\$ 323.40
Table Skirting	\$ 173.56
Other show expenses	\$ 199.41
Office Expense	\$ 20.00
Lucky Dip Mailing	\$ 35.57
Tickets	\$ 24.78
Postcards	\$ 266.66
Signs	\$ 275.50
Telephone	\$ 59.90

Total Disbursements \$11,411.89

Ending Balance \$16,838.38