



# Breccia

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**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society**

San Jose, California

## **Randy says...**

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I would like to thank all who helped with the show. I think the show was a great success. The comments I heard were all positive. The CFMS was pleasantly surprised by how well the show was run. Many of us put in long hours, and I think Frank will agree, it would not have happened without your help.

## **Show 2010**

You should all be proud of the quality work that we put into our annual show. Marc Mullaney has volunteered to be Show Chairman for 2010. This will be his fourth show in five years. We have many ideas that we hope will improve the event next year. If you have any observations or ideas for next year, please let Marc or me know.

## **Dues are due**

You probably haven't thought about it, but your annual dues are due at the end of May. Please pay them promptly.

## **Picnic**

The Founder's Day Picnic will be June 28th. I am sure Michael and Nancy would appreciate help with some of the details. Please volunteer to help them. The more help they have, the easier it will be. The reservation form is here in the Breccia.

There are several interesting field trips coming up soon. There is a listing here in the Breccia. Contact Dean Welder for information about them (E-mail is best). He is listed in the directory. As always, guests are welcome on field trips, with proper introductions.

Thanks again for your help in all of the things we do.

Randy Harris, President

## **Lucky us!**

At our April general meeting program, Rick Kennedy donated to our club garnet and benitoite specimens given to him by a collector in Santa Cruz. To give all members equal access to them, we are going to have a Secret Auction at our next general meeting, May 26, 2009.

How does a Secret Auction work? You've seen them frequently at our general meetings. Each specimen has a can and slips of paper. Write down your name and how much you are willing to pay for that item. Stuff the paper into the appropriate can. At the end of the meeting, George and Jane Yamashita (head of the Donation Receiving Committee --- DRC) examine each entry slip to determine who is the highest bidder for each item. That person gets the item after money is received.

Here's some tidbits about the items to be auctioned secretly:

- The Garnets are from the Coyote Front Range near Bishop, CA
- The Gem mine specimens have both Benitoite and Neptunite.
- There are about six of the garnet specimens and 8 or 9 of the Gem Mine specimens.



**DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH.  
PAY AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING OR  
MAIL THEM TO OUR TREASURER**

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## Welcome, New Members!

### Marie Vargas

408-719-1124

Marmag56@comcast.net

1559 Ellis Avenue, Milpitas, CA

Interests: collecting, fossils, stringing, field trips

### Charles Tucker

408-985-2505

1159 Main St, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Interests: cutting, polishing, collecting, faceting, field trips, wire wrapping

### Marjorie Frank

408-892-8017

Mef6343@aol.com

Interests: collecting, gems

Say hello to Marie, Charles, and Marjorie!



### Member Displays:

Last name initial: O-P-Q-R and anybody else. A favorite part of our meetings. ★

### Correction:

*The Statement of Revenue and Expenses was incorrect or misleading.*

*Chuck Boblenz was not the author.*



## Field Trips

**Call our field trip leader, Dean Welder, to sign up and for further information.**

**June 6** Virgin Valley opals, opalized petrified wood.

**June 7** University of the Pacific in Stockton. Contact Dean today. **Limit of 30 people.**

**June 13/27 rain date** Babcock Peak for rose quartz and tour of Taylorsville Museum.

**July 4, 5** Buffalo Canyon, Middlegate, NV fossils.

**July 30 – Aug. 2** AFMS/NFMS Show and Convention in Billings, Montana. During the week following the show, field trips in Montana.

**Sept. 19 or 26** Hanksville, UT for petrified wood, fossils and agate.

**October 3** Empire Mine Tour.

**Nov.** Thanksgiving week trips.

## New book for Smithies



The club has purchased the *Complete Metalsmith (professional edition)* by Tim McCreight for our library. This is the book that we recommend to our Smithie students.

First printed in 2004, this spiral bound book has clear chapters on Materials, Tools, Shaping, Surfaces, Joining, Color, Finishing, Casting, Stones &

Stonesetting, Chains & Clasps, as well as Findings & Mechanisms.

The 24 page Appendix covers ventilation, studio chemicals, melting points, weights and sizes, templates, geometry formulas, suggested reading, on-line resources, and suppliers.

With numerous clear detailed drawings throughout the 301 pages, and a seven page index, it is easy to find what is needed. Check it out! See Dean Welder for your own copy. Good prices!



## Smithies

We are looking for beginners who know nothing or next to nothing by your own definition. We plan a class to get you familiar and comfortable with the tools and their intended processes.

If five members are interested, a date will be set and you will be notified of the details. Five students per class.

Please email Pat at pat.speece@sbcglobal.net, or call at 408-266-4327 to get on the list.



## Mineraleers

This group will meet May 12 at the Moore residence, and learn about Clinocllore. There will be no meeting June, July or August. The September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Eichhorn residence where the focus will be on Beryl.



## DRC (Donation Receiving Committee)

We will be able to announce a sale date at the May general meeting. We will be sorting our rocks soon, since Randy and June Harris have donated their dining canopy to us. Thanks, Randy and June!



## Show news

### What a wonderful show!

Here's some comments from our show staff and others:

**I think the Treasure Hunt was a great idea.** All the kids and parents seemed to love it. It was fun to see how anxious the kids were to find the right answers and their excitement to get a treasure!

Since I missed being able to work in the scholarship booth this year, I liked having the treasure chest in the hospitality booth. I know it took some time and effort to put together, so I hope it served the purpose and brought exposure to the different areas and especially the vendors.

One thing to keep in mind if doing it again - it does need to be staffed continuously with a person dedicated just to that. I think Frank estimated that about 1000 kids participated and received buttons.

*Carol Pimentel (Hospitality)*

**We had 2050 paid admissions,** around 2000 kids and between 500 to 700 free admissions.

There were about 100 display cases of which 25 were competitive.

There were 88 people who attended the banquet and 44 attended the breakfast.

All the dealers seemed to be happy. Financials will follow.

The show overall was a resounding success.

*Frank Mullaney (Show chair)*

**"Are those real pearls?"** We heard this more than any other question.

Neither the children nor many of the adults had ever seen someone knot between pearls.

*Pat Speece (Pearl knotting demonstrator)*

**How much are those pearls?** *How do you make those pearls? Why are you tying knots on the string of pearls? How are pearls made?* We heard these comments over and over.

Both children and adults were interested in the pearls and the setting of various stones.

I enjoy passing on information and methods of stone setting and pearl stringing. The little kids all wanted to know how the pearls got into oysters.

*Kelly Van Vleck (Pearl knotting and stone setting demonstrator)*

**Comments about the show were all positive:** *"This is better than I thought it would be.*

*Really great for kids.*

*The dinosaur guy is awesome!*

*Wow, this is so big."*

Obsidian was very popular.

The double wheel was a hit.

*Nancy Reineking and Michael Paone (Scholarship Booth)*

**Frequent questions for Larry Knutson:** Larry always brings a large faceted glass stone, purple in color. 9 out of 10 kids thought it was a real diamond.

**For chain making by Mary Lu: Is that gold?** Can you make me a chain? How long does it take? That long? Can I do that here?

Quite a few people were interested considering all the other demonstrations going on. Many times the kids would watch the faceting, and the mothers would watch the chain making.

I choose chain making because there is not a lot of material to haul around and it is easy to clean up and also easy to demonstrate.

*Mary Lu Ferrara (chain making demonstrator)*

*Larry Knutson (faceting demonstrator)*

**What I feel was interesting about my demo at the Cutters/Grinders station** was being able to show the visitors how a "rock" found on a walk could go from what looked like an ordinary rock to something beautiful in a cabochon form (the "before" and "after" and the stages in between).

I was pleasantly surprised when I asked children if they collected rocks at home; many said "yes". A number of them proudly held up their bag of rocks received at the Kids Area minutes earlier.

More children than adults were drawn to my station, a number of families, scouts, and school kids.

*David Marshall (Cabbing demonstrator)*

**"The Gem and Mineral Show is a veritable gold mine** of activities and source of knowledge for the collector and the curious."

*Steve Yvaska (Guest speaker and informal antique appraiser)*



### Hobby Hints

You're on your own!

1- Is it a Cz , or diamond? If the stone is loose, turn it iupside down on its table and slide it over a thin black line on a piece of paper. When looking straight down through a CZ, you wil see a circle in the center of the stone. A diamond won't do this.

2- To clean nonplastic metal costume jewelry, immerse it in rubbing alcohol for five minutes. Rinse in warm water and dry with a lintfree cloth. To prevent metal costume jewelry from tarnishing, store it with a piece of white chalk.



## More show news

Our show was both a joint show with the CFMS, and also a CFMS business meeting.

Here's what Ruth Bailey, our Federation Director, reports:

The next joint CFMS/AFMS show is June 18-20, 2010 in La Habra, hosted by the No. Orange County Society.

The 2011 show is at the Fairgrounds in Anderson, hosted by both the Shasta club and the Paradise club May 14-16.

The CFMS Insurance chair reports that there is a new field trip liability form online. It has been checked by our legal representative.



The 2010 CFMS representative to the AFMS is Marion Roberts of the Mother Lode Society in Modesto. He served as the coordinator for our recent show.

The Uniform Rules Committee reported that we had 26 competitive entries, with 11 trophies presented and that five of them went to our members:

**Bill Spence, Master:** Trophy 1, A-1 Minerals, Open Division

**Bill Spence:** Trophy 8, BT-1 Thumbnail Minerals

**Leo Lu:** Trophy 16, CA-1 Carving, Soft Stone

**Ed and Eileen Ferner:** Trophy 28, EGC-3 Education General Audience - Concept

**Ed and Eileen Ferner:** Barranca Educational Award

**Randy Harris,** Trophy 28, EG-5, First Place Education, General Audience ---Skill or Craft.

**Gail Matthews:** Trophy 30 EIC-5 Informed Audience --- Concept

**Gail Matthews:** Trophy 32 F-9 Fossils from one Classification Unit

**Gail Matthews:** Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> place UV-3 Ultra Violet, Short and Long Wave Fluorescent Minerals

**David Marshall:** 1<sup>st</sup> place CA-1 Carving, Soft Stone

We, the **Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society**, won the Sweepstakes trophy as the society with the most awards.

**More winners were announced** at the Editors' Breakfast.

The 2008 Breccia received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Large Bulletin contest. Editor **June Harris**.

**Chuck Boblenz** won first place in the Advanced Adult articles with his "*Lapis Lazuli*" article.

**John Eichhorn** won fifth place in the original adult articles category with his "*Try a Club Awareness Project*" article.

**RK Owen** won third place for the CFMS Webmaster contest.

## More Hobby Hints

The Breccia has not tried these hints unless otherwise noted, and advises caution when trying any new procedure or products. Comments or questions welcomed.

1- Make your own sanding sticks using paint stirring sticks from the paint store, or yardsticks cut to size. Glue the emery paper onto one side, label the grit on the other side, and you are ready as soon as the glue dries. This works with popsicle sticks, too. [This works.]

2-Use stainless steel cotter pins to hold pieces in place while sweat soldering. [This works.]



## APRIL 2009 Treasurers Report

As of 4/28/09

Beginning Balance \$5,423.33

### Receipts

\$4,000.00 Pay back to club from show loan

\$1,440.00 Club Raffle

\$1,525.00 Kids area

\$2,529.53 Scholarship

\$0.03 Interest

Total Receipts \$9,494.56

Total Plus Receipts \$14,917.89

### Disbursements

1117 \$66.05 Scholarship Booth Chris Cherry

1118 \$20.00 Secretary of State, Statement of Information

1119 Void

1120 \$21.60 Scholarship Booth June Harris

1121 \$90.88 Future Rockhounds June Harris

1122 \$162.68 Kids Area June Harris

1123 \$135.64 Volcano Case June Harris

1124 \$157.18 Kids Area Expressions

1125 \$35.72 Kids Area Expressions

1126 \$54.56 Expressions Breccia

1127 \$1,000.00 Scholarship

1128 \$1,000.00 Scholarship

1129 \$1,000.00 Scholarship

1130 \$19.80 Expressions Kids area printing

1131 \$87.91 Expressions Rocks are cool

1132 \$13.09 Chris Cherry Scholarship booth

1133 \$55.25 Julaine Mullaney Raffle Prizes mailing

1134 \$64.80 Julaine Mullaney Gem Jars

1135 \$25.00 Donation to CFMS endowment fund in memory of Sylvia Palmieri

1136 \$31.86 Ruth Bailey Breccia Postage

Total Disbursements \$4,042.02

Balance \$10,875.87



## ***World Rock Tumbling Championships***

The Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society (FRLMS)  
Proudly Announces a Special Contest: The First Annual

We are a relatively new lapidary club, and we have decided that the world needs an international rock tumbling championship to see who really is the very best rock tumbler in the entire world.

This contest is open to everyone, in every country, who would like to see how they rank in the popular worldwide field of rock tumbling. There are no age limits or other restrictions.

**Here's how it works:** Once we receive your completed application with your \$40.00 entry fee (entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2009), we will send you, via Postal Priority Mail, about 4 pounds of our special Stoney Creek Jasper tumbling rock. Then, you will tumble the rock in a rotary or vibratory tumbler and mail ½ pound of your best pieces back to us for judging--**the entries must be received by us no later than September 15, 2009.**

Yes, you may grind the rocks with an 80-grit or coarser wheel to remove cracks and flaws in Stage 1. Once your entries are received, our elite panel of judges will then evaluate each entry on the basis of smoothness, shape, shine and overall appeal. **The results of the judging will be announced at the Annual Rock and Gem Show of the FRLMS on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM, in Oroville, California.**

**This year's prizes are:**

**1st Place: \$250.00 Cash + Perpetual Trophy Inscription + World-Wide Bragging Rights**

**2nd Place: \$100 Cash**

**3rd Place: Lortone Model 33B Twin Barrel Rock Tumbler**

We are hoping that every rock club will sponsor their top tumbler(s) to see just how good they are when matched up against the best of the best. This means that the Reno Gem & Mineral Society is invited to sponsor an entry, as well as the 7 Regional Federations of the AFMS. Moms, Dads and Kids everywhere are hereby invited to send in an application--someone has to win--it might as well be you! And you tumblers in Hawaii, Australia, Mexico, France, England and Germany--send us your best rock tumblers. This includes all you internet tumblers--it's time to quit blogging about how good you are and put your rock tumbling. We are asking all Lapidary Shops and Equipment Manufacturers to post this notice so all their customers hear about this first-ever contest. And one day, we'll be on the front cover of Rock & Gem Magazine! If you would like more information about this contest, please log on to [www.oroverture.rocks.com](http://www.oroverture.rocks.com).

2009 Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Country Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail applications with a check or money order made out to FRLMS to: FRLMS Contest Headquarters, c/o Steve Hart, 200 Oliva Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966--all entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2009.

[Note: You don't have to be sponsored by your club. You can enter anyway.]

# Let's See a Show!

## **May 9-10, 2009, Reno, NV**

Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Events Ctr Exhibit Hall  
1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4

## **May 15, 16, 17, 2009, Anderson, CA**

Superior California Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta Dist. Fair; Near Redding off hwy 273  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5  
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
Email: [mmpg@earthlink.net](mailto:mmpg@earthlink.net)  
Website: [www.superiorcal.com](http://www.superiorcal.com)

## **May 16-17, 2009, Newbury Park, CA**

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park, 190 Reno Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4:30  
Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsora@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsora@adelphia.net)  
Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

## **May 16-17, 2009, Yucaipa, CA**

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Yucaipa Com. Ctr; 34900 Oakglen Road  
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4  
Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475  
Email: [webmaster@yvgms.org](mailto:webmaster@yvgms.org)  
Website: [www.yvgms.org](http://www.yvgms.org)

## **May 30 -31, 2009, Glendora, CA**

Glendora Gems; 859 E. Sierra Madre Ave.  
Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4  
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Email: [Ybidwell2@aol.com](mailto:Ybidwell2@aol.com)

## **June 5-7, 2009 Woodland Hills, CA**

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society  
Pierce College - Victory & Mason; 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Gary Levitt, Show Chair (818) 993-3802  
Email: [Show@Rockatomics.org](mailto:Show@Rockatomics.org)  
Website: [www.Rockatomics.org](http://www.Rockatomics.org)  
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

## **June 6-7 2009, La Habra, CA**

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Com Ctr; 101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days  
Don Warthen (626) 330-8974  
[warthen@earthlink.net](mailto:warthen@earthlink.net)  
Website: [nocgms.com](http://nocgms.com)

## **June 13-14 2009, Cayucos, CA**

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cayucos Vets Hall; 10 Cayucos Drive  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603  
Email: [kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
Website: [slogem.org](http://slogem.org)

## **July 11-12 2009, Culver City, CA**

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club  
Veterans Mem Auditorium and Rotunda  
4117 Culver Blvd; Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5  
Robert Thirlaway (310) 213-7677  
Email: [thirlawr@gmail.com](mailto:thirlawr@gmail.com)  
Website: [CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm](http://CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm)

## **August 1-2 2009, San Francisco, CA**

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
San Francisco Cty Fair Bldg; Ninth Ave. at Lincoln  
Way  
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5  
Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org)  
Show Flyer [click here.](#)

## **August 7-9 2009, Nipomo, CA**

Orcutt Mineral Society  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-388  
Email: [Rocks4u@proigy.net](mailto:Rocks4u@proigy.net)  
Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)  
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

## **September 4-7 2009, Fort Bragg, CA**

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society  
Town Hall  
Cr. of Main & Laurel  
Hours: Fri. to Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-4  
Don McDonell / (707) 964-3116

## **September 12-13 2009, Vista, CA**

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Sante Fe Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8464  
Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073  
Lois Harr (560) 724-0395



**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2009**

President Randy Harris 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 published in the Breccia. The Board meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Rick Kennedy's home.

**Announcements:** Randy Harris announced that he is looking for a 2010 Show chairman and a Historian. See Randy, if you are interested.

**New Members:** Robert Phelps and Don Jensen were given their new member packets and welcomed into the society.

**Correspondence:** Coupons from Togo's restaurant, Fliers for USGS open house, Livermore rock sale fliers, Letter from the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and field trip information from COOP.

**Sunshine:** Ernestine reported that John Surrell was recently diagnosed with cancer. Frank Mullaney reported that Chris Cherry fell at the show, broke her elbow, and had surgery last week to repair the injury. Chris is at home recovering. Steve Pullman, Whole Earth Minerals, passed away three weeks ago.

**Study groups: Jewelers:** next meeting at Marc Mullaney's on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. They will be working on braided chains.

**Cutaways:** next meeting at John Eichhorn's on May 9<sup>th</sup>. **Stringers and Smithies:** will announce new class next month.

**Faceters:** next meeting is May 2 at Max Casey's home. Call Max for more information. **Mineraleers:** next meeting at Winnie and Larry Moore's home on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Subject: clinocllore; Bill Spence leading the evening. **Fossileers:** next meeting on Demo Day, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaws recommendation:** Randy Harris read the current wording for Bylaws Article III Dues and read the Board recommendation for a bylaw wording change. MSP(M. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to accept the board's recommendation.

**Hospitality:** We had 49 members and 3 guests present.

**DRC report:** Pat reported that the DRC has picked up several new donations and will be sorting rock as soon as an overhead canopy can be arranged. Once the material has been sorted, a sale date will be set.

**Federation Report:** Ruth Bailey announced the federation show display case winners and the winners from the Editors Breakfast. See article in Breccia for details. Ruth also reported that the 2010 AFMS/CFMS show will be in La Habra on June 18-20, and the 2011 CFMS show will be in the Redding area on May 14-16. There is a newly approved CFMS club field trip Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability form. Marion Roberts has been appointed the CFMS representative to the AFMS and will become the AFMS 4<sup>th</sup> vice president.

**PLAC:** Frank Monez had no report but will have something placed in the Breccia.

**Field Trips:** Dean Welder announced Snyder's Pow Wow on May 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, Tri Fed. Trip to Davis Creek on May 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, Monte Cristo mountains trip on May 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, Virgin Valley trip on June 6<sup>th</sup>, University of Pacific mineral collection viewing on June 7<sup>th</sup>, New Almaden mine county park trip on June 13<sup>th</sup>, Babcock Peak trip on June 13<sup>th</sup>, Spider Mine trip on June 13<sup>th</sup>. John Eichhorn will be leading the field trip to the USGS Open House in Menlo Park on May 16-17. Dean announced the World Rock Tumbling Championships being held by the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society.

**Fairgrounds Redevelopment Committee:** No report

**2009 CFMS/SCVGMS show report:** Frank reported that the show was really well done. There are no final figures yet because not all of the show expenses have been turned in to Chuck Boblenz. Frank felt the treasure hunt was a huge success. We had 26 competitive display cases entered, almost 100 other display cases, 61 dealers, 2050 paid admissions, 2000+ children, 500-700 free admission. Frank passed out the raffle prizes to the people who had not picked up their prizes. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

**Members Displays:** See Breccia for report.

**Program for the evening** was on the making of the Travel Channel's *Cash and Treasures* show at the Benitoite mine in San Benito county. Rick Kennedy gave a first hand account of the taping of the show and plenty of funny stories from behind the scenes. Rick also gave an update on the current status of the mine.

Next meeting will have a secret auction of benitoite specimens that were donated to the club through Rick Kennedy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



# You're invited to a picnic!

You = members and your guests

**Sunday, June 28, 2009**

at the Cabana Club, 1000 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032

**This is our annual Founder's Day Picnic; always fun!**

**Planned activities: the ever-popular B-I-N-G-O and raffle**

Bring your own table service (silverware, plates, cups, napkins, chairs, tablecloths) and a salad or dessert to share with about 10 others as well as any necessary serving utensils.

**What you need to do: fill out the form below and mail it to  
SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic, 229 Massol Avenue 34, Los Gatos, CA 95030  
Deadline to get it to Mike and Nancy is the June 23, 2009 general meeting.**

Here's the form. This is for planning purposes.



## Picnic signup form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of juniors attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of chicken dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tri-tip dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hot dogs for children \_\_\_\_\_

What type of dish are you bringing to share? Salad? Dessert?

Will you be swimming? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in your party who will be swimming: \_\_\_\_\_

*Now send it to the above address.*

## **Society of Vertebrate Paleontology**

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### **The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act Is Now Public Law**

To The Members of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology:

On March 25, 2009 the House of Representatives passed a Public Lands Bill that contained the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (PRPA) by a vote of 285 – 140. The bill has been signed by the president and is now public law.

Although the information has always been readily available on the SVP website, we offer this reminder of what the PRPA actually does:

The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act codifies the exhausting practice of requiring that vertebrate fossils and other rare and scientifically significant fossils be collected only by qualified researchers who obtain a permit. Permittees must agree to deposit the fossils in public institutions, which will ensure their future availability to researchers and the public. The PRPA strengthen penalties and acts as deterrent for illegal collecting activity.

The PRPA greatly benefits amateur paleontologist. For instance, the BLM and Forest Service have been allowing casual collecting of common plant and invertebrate fossils for many years, but without specific statutory authority from Congress. This activity could have been taken away at any time. However, the PRPA ensures amateurs can continue to pursue their hobby on BLM and Forest Service Lands. The Savings Provision specifies that, **“nothing contained in the Act shall apply to, or require a permit for, casual collecting of a rock, mineral or invertebrate or plant fossil that is not protected under this Act.”**

**Over the years there has been an abundance of misinformation regarding the PRPA. Please note that the PRPA DOES NOT:**

- 1. Affect Private lands or Indian Lands in any way.**
- 2. Prosecute anyone for misidentifying a fossil unless that misidentification is made in association with a knowing criminal violation of the PRPA.**
- 3. Interfere with rock collecting.**
- 4. Restrict access to those who do not have a Ph.D.**
- 5. Interfere with mining on federal land.**
- 6. Create restrictions for public lands access.**

In the days ahead, SVP's Government Affairs Committee will offer any expertise that is required by federal agencies in regard to regulations and implementation of the PRPA. We will also take a look at new initiatives and opportunities that will greatly benefit the SVP and the science of vertebrate paleontology.

This has been a very long and arduous process that has been under consideration for almost 18 years. It is hard to imagine how many members of the Society, Congressional staffers, associated societies and friends have contributed to the success and passage of the PRPA. We want to thank everyone who helped in a small and large way, because without your determination and support, passage of the PRPA would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

The SVP Government Affairs Committee.



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2009

President Randy Harris called the April 30, 2009 meeting to order at 7:37 PM at the home of Rick Kennedy. The meeting agenda was distributed. All board members were present except Vito Cangemi, Frank Mullaney, and Michael Paone. Minutes from the March board meeting were approved as read.

**Correspondence:** None

**New members:** New member applications from Maria Vargas, Charles Tucker, and Marjorie Frank were reviewed. MSP (M. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to accept Maria Vargas, Charles Tucker, and Marjorie Frank as new members.

**Treasurer's report:** Marc Mullaney passed out Treasurer's report. MSP( R. Bailey, R. Kennedy) to pay the bills as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**2009 CFMS/SCVGMS show:** Show was discussed. Marc Mullaney volunteered to be the show chairman for the 2010 show. Final numbers are not available. Bills and expense records need to be turned in.

**Old Business:**

**Professional Investments advisor for the endowment fund:** Marc Mullaney requested clarification of the board's intended goal with the endowment fund. The goal was defined as "Long-term investment for growth".

**Club Trailer wheel covers:** Report in May

**SCVGMS Cost/Member analysis:** Marc Mullaney will issue a new article for the Breccia which further defines the cost analysis and clarifies who actually created the spreadsheet used to develop the analysis.

**Reserving a date and site for 2010 show:** Report in May.

**Scanner for historical documents:** Marc Mullaney indicated that he has access to a high speed scanner at work and would work on scanning our minutes, treasurer's reports, and historian albums. He will investigate which form of storage media would be best to use for future documentation. He will report back to the board at a later date. June Harris will pick up several binders of information from the storage trailers.

**New Business:**

**Scholarship recipient problem:** One of our chosen scholarship students chose not to work for the prescribed period of time at the 2009 show. A letter written to her was read and suggestions for wording were made. Letter is to follow up a phone conversation between the recipient and our club president regarding the scholarship. Copy of the letter will be sent to the recipient and the provost who recommended her.

**Carving Class:** David Marshall sent Randy Harris an email requesting that the club facilitate having a gemstone carving class in June of 2009. David indicated that a facility would need to be engaged. Ruth Bailey graciously offered her garage for a weekend class in June. Randy will contact David to get a list of members who are interested in the class and facilitate an arrangement between the instructor and the class attendees.

**Volunteer Rewards:** Marc Mullaney suggested a rewards program for members who support the organization. An advisory committee was formed to review the idea, assess its merits, and if appropriate return with a recommendation for implementation. Advisory committee members are Marc Mullaney(Chairman), Rick Kennedy, Gail Matthews, and Karen Welder.

**Chris Cherry Injury: Insurance status report:** All paperwork has been submitted to the insurance company and the fairgrounds. We are waiting for a report from the insurance company. Bill Spence asked that Chris Cherry be kept up to date with any information from the insurance company or fairgrounds. Marc Mullaney indicated that he would ask Frank Mullaney to contact the insurance company again to attempt to get further information regarding the claim and to report the information found to Chris Cherry and the board.

**Founder's Day Picnic:** Pat Speece was asked to create a flier for the Founder's day picnic and to place it in the Breccia.

**New book for the library:** Pat Speece requested that the club purchase a new book for the library. The title is The Complete Metalsmith by Tim McCreight. Dean and Karen Welder have the book in their inventory and have offered a deep discount to the club. MSP (R. Bailey, M. Mullaney) to purchase the book for \$21.00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



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**Fossileers** Gail Matthews (650) 962-9960

**Librarian** Jennifer House

**Stringers** Pat Speece (408) 266-4327 Group makes jewelry with beads, knotting, jumprings...

**Smithies** Kelly Van Vleck and Pat Speece. Group makes jewelry using torch, saw .... Kelly (408) 262-8187, Pat (408) 266-4327

**Mineraleers** Chuck Boblenz (408) 734-2473 Group studies and handles specimens.

**Jewelers** Marc Mullaney 408-691-1584

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**Membership requirements:** Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. Dues are \$10.00 per year. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (The Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032 ---just south of Blossom Hill between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

**Society purpose:** The purpose of the society is to foster an interest and appreciation for rocks and minerals by furthering knowledge of the earth sciences in our members and our community.

**Breccia crew:** Editor: Pat Speece; Proofreader: Daymond Speece; Paper Edition Mailer: Ruth Bailey

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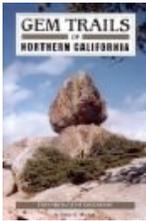
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