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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 Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Our next general meeting will be on January 22, 2012, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM. Our next board meeting will be on January 24, 2012 at Ruth Bailey's home, hosted by Frank Mullaney 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 \$20.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. Ruth Bailey handles 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.

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Stringers	Sundari Naidu	(408) 265-6912

Frankly Speaking

By Frank Mullaney, SCVGMS 2013 President

This is not the first time I have been President of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society, but it is the first time in recent years. I have been a member of this society for nearly forty years and things have changed a bit in that time. As president I will be writing an article each month for the Breccia. This month's article is about volunteerism.

When I was president the first time for this organization, it was not difficult to find people to volunteer for all of the various positions in club. People were eager to be a part of a larger group. They understood that taking on a job within this organization came with a certain amount of pride in contributing to a larger goal. In the past few years, I have watched our club's presidents struggle with finding people to contribute to our society by taking on the various small and larger jobs that make this organization run well. I'm not sure what happened to the pride that used to follow making a contribution of time and effort, but our society needs everyone to contribute in some small way in the very least.

Taking on a job at our general meetings, providing help with study groups, or helping at our annual show, every job is important. It is a small commitment of your time to make a better organization for everyone. There are a wide variety of jobs that are available. More than likely there is a job that would be a perfect fit for any member. Mentoring through the first year is available for anyone who would like to try on a job.

Let's try to bring back the pride of volunteerism, and lighten the load for everyone involved. If you would like to know more about the various jobs that need YOUR attention. Contact me and we can talk about what your special skills are and where you will fit well.

2012 President's message by Randy Harris

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to lead the club for the last year. I would also like to thank everyone that helped with the many things we did this year. Please continue to help with the many things you do as Frank takes the reins next year.

The Installation Dinner was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the evening. There were many toys donated to the Marines for Toys for Tots. The food was very good. Many thanks to those of you that came early and helped set up the tables and chairs and decorate the room. It was nice to see all of you!

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Show and Tell Members' Display Schedule for Meetings this Year

All members are asked to display at least one time per year. This list is alphabetical, and members who live far away are not included; they may display at any time. If you cannot display in your designated month, that's OK; just display when you can. You can display as many times as you like. There are no displays in March and November because of the Silent Auctions. There are no displays in December because there is the installation dinner in lieu of our regular meeting. The displays are a much-enjoyed feature of our monthly meetings.

Don't know what to display? Any type of rock (identified or not), your latest project, information on a field trip to take, ideas for a display case, anything to do with rocks!!!

January -Members with the last name that starts with A, B, or C.

February- Members with the last name that starts with D, E, or F

March Silent Auction—No member sharing

April Members with the last name that starts with G or H

May Members with the last name that starts with I, J, or K.

June Members with the last name that starts with L or M.

July Members with the last name that starts with N, O, or P

August Members with the last name that starts with R or S

September Members with the last name that starts with T, U and V.

October Members with the last name that starts with W, Y, and Z.

November Silent Auction—No member sharing

Sunshine

If you know of a society member who has been or is ill, had a death in the family, or has had a great event happen in their life, please contact Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at margomosher@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

January
Columbian Emeralds

February
Etching and Preparation of Benitoite

Congratulations to the new 2013 SCVGMS board and directors

President: Frank Mullaney

Vice President: Rick Kennedy

Secretary: RK Owen

Treasurer: Chuck Boblenz

Editor: June Harris

Federation Director: Ruth Bailey

Alternate Fed Director:

Randy Harris

Board of Directors:

Lisa LaRocca

David Lowe

David Marshall

Michael Paone

Bill Simpson

Historian: Michael Paone

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

Smithies Schedule 2012 by Pat Speece



Here is the schedule for 2013.

We meet the second Monday of each month, 7 to 10pm as usual. If there is interest, we meet the Tuesday of the following week also. Here 'tis:

January 14 and 22,	February 11 and 19
March 11 and 19	April 8 and 16
May 13 and 21	June 10 and 18
July 8 and 16	August 12 and 20
September 9 and 17	October 14 and 22
November 11 and 19	December 9 and 17

I'm looking forward to trying new things and our workshops.

If we need to cancel a date, we will send out an email as soon as possible. If you would like to be on our Smithies email list, please let me know.

Email: pat.speece@comcast.net

Though we have equipment and materials for your use, you are welcome to bring your own.

Happy New Year!

Changes to SCVGMS Dues Structure

Late last year there was a decision by the board to change the structure of SCVGMS dues. I think that most people will agree that it will be more beneficial to our members. We have added a new category of membership, the Household membership. The Household membership will be \$30.00 per year and include all members within one household. Of course if there is another SCVGMS membership type that is less expensive, we will accept it.

So in February, the new dues form will be available, please complete the form and return it to our treasurer, Chuck Boblenz. We hope that this change will make your SCVGMS membership more affordable.

**Rockhound of the Month
for the month of November
was
Annie Borders for giving two
presentations and earning
her fossils badge.
Congratulations !**



Faceters

To learn the art of faceting, please call Max Casey to make an appointment. Max's phone number is (408) 227-0526. He can answer your questions and give you more information about this

Stringers

by Sundari Naidu



There was no meeting in November. The group will skip the December meeting and resume in January. For information about the next meeting or the current project, please contact Sundari at (408) 265-6912 or Email: thisun@netapp.com

Cutaways

by Randy Harris



The next meeting for the Cutaways is January 12th at my home. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee.

2012 SCVGMS Calendar



January 12th Cutaway's meeting from 9– noon at Randy Harris' home.

January 14th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

January 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

January 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM hosted by Frank Mullaney at Ruth Bailey's home.

January 28th Stringers meeting

February 9th Cutaway's meeting from 9– noon at Randy Harris' home.

February 11th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

February 19th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

February 25th Stringers meeting

February 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

February 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM hosted by David Marshall at Ruth Bailey's home.

March 9th Cutaway's meeting from 9– noon at Randy Harris' home.

March 11th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 19th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

March 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy Harris's home.

April 8th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

April 13th NBFT meeting in Los Altos.

April 16th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

April 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

April 25th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Rick Kennedy's home.

May 13th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 21st Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

Field Trip Schedule

For more information about field trips, please contact Dean Welder at fieldtrips@scvgms.org

New Member

Paul Richards is our newest member. He is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, fossils, faceting, carving, stringing beads, geology, minerals, field trips, meteorites, and shark teeth. Paul appears to be interested in just about anything rock-, gem- and mineral-related.

Attention Junior SCVGMS Members

I am offering you a chance to complete several of your badge requirements by writing for the Breccia. Most of the badges in the Future Rockhounds of America program have a component for you to complete a requirement by writing a report or an article for the Newsletter. Also, I know that our board of director welcomes your verbal reports at our meetings.

So, who wants to pick a subject for a written and/or verbal report. The AFMS Future Rockhounds of America handbook is online at www.amfed.org. Look under the "Kids Corner" section, then look under Merit Badge section. The handbook can be downloaded.

There are 20 badges. If you earn 6 badges you will receive an additional "Rockhound Badge". If you earn all 20 badges you receive a special pin.

At the November meeting we instituted special badge reward program for those who complete a badge. So hurry up and complete a badge, I think you will like this new program. It really ROCKS!

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 46-530 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 - 10 daily, Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674,

Email: bert67@verizon.net

March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA, Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue, Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 305-4196, Email: Cdmiller59@gmail.com, Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: ARCADIA, CA, Monrovia Rockhounds, The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 Baldwin Avenue (Ayers Hall), Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily, Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624,

Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com,

Website: www.Moroks.com

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 320-1094, Email: abaris2007@gmail.com, Website: www.vgms.org

March 9 - 10: SPRECKELS, CA, Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Spreckel's Veteran's Hall, 5th & Llano Streets, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233, Email: kcbakes272@yahoo.com, Website: www.salinasrockandgem.com

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA, Mother Lode Mineral Society, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494,

Email: bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com

Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 9 - 10: SAN MARINO, CA, Pasadena Lapidary Society, San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Drive, Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239, Email: joenmar1@verizon.net,

March 16 - 17: VALLEJO, CA, Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 745-1816, cell (707) 334-2950, Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net

March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA, Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 101 Frogtown Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277,

Email: amy95247@yahoo.com,

Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org,

March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA, Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact:

Gloria Marie, (530) 367-2262,

Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com,

Website: www.rockrollers.com

March 23 - 24: TORRANCE, CA, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851, Email: Sudduth3@msn.com

Website: www.palosverdes.com/sblap

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Hwy 49 South (1.8 miles south of Mariposa), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Chel, (209) 742-7625, Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 20 - 21: SAN JOSE, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Frank Mulaney, (408) 265-1422, Email: info@scvgms.org

Website: www.scvgms.org

May 3 - 5: BISHOP, CA, Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society, Bishop Fairgrounds, Sierra Street & Fair Drive, Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun 9:30-3, Contact: Steve Mobley, (760) 793-6025, Email:

steve@littlebearsteve.com,

May 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA, Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30, Contact: John Walker, (503) 703-9465, Email:

john_walker@juno.com,

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 11 - 12: RENO, NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center, 1350 N. Wells Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322, cell (775) 560-4782, Email:

snorm11@hotmail.com, Website:

www.renorockhounds.com

May 31 - June 2: Ventura, CA California Federation of Mineralogical Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd.,

Ventura Contact Rob Sankovich, Show Chair: Rob Sankovich, Show Chair, (805) 494-7734

Email: show_info@cfms2013.com,

Website: www.show2013.com.

June 8 - 9: LA HABRA, CA, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Loretta Ogden, (909) 598-2456, Email: donogden@aol.com, fbriktr1@aol.com, Website:

www.nocgms.com

SCVGMS Bus trip to Mariposa Show

Date: April 14, 2013

Cost: \$25.00/ adult, \$15.00/ junior

Actual cost is over \$55.00 per attendee, SCVGMS is covering the difference.



Leaving San Jose at 8 AM (location to be determined)

Arriving in Mariposa at approximately 11 AM

Leaving Mariposa at 3 PM

Arriving in San Jose at approximately 6 PM

You will responsible for your show and museum entry fees and food.

Gratuity: You will be expected to pay a \$5.00 gratuity before leaving for Mariposa. Please come prepared. Dean Welder will be collecting the gratuity before you board the bus.

Deadline for sign up and payment: March 1, 2013.

Cancellation policy: You will get a full refund only if SCVGMS has to cancel the trip. But if you should have to cancel your participation, you will have to find someone to fill your spot and they can pay you directly. Otherwise no refunds. Please inform Dean Welder of any changes to the list of attendees.

Sign up form for Mariposa Show bus trip.

Please send form and check (**made payable to SCVGMS**) to:
Dean Welder, 22682 Summit Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95033

Name of attendees: _____

Number of Adults (over 17 years of age) _____ **X \$25.00** _____

Number of Juniors (under 18 years of age) _____ **X \$15.00** _____

Total payment enclosed _____

Reservations are not complete without total payment.

Deadline for reservations: March 1, 2013

2013 SCVGMS Annual Show Update

Support the show, Support the club

Car Signs

Get them placed on your car. Call Julaine Mullaney to make an appointment.

Poster and business card distribution.

Contact Frank Mullaney if you can help.

Next show meeting

Date: January 7th
Place: Ruth Bailey's home
Time: 7:30 PM.
Everyone is welcome!!

All Hands on Deck!!

Workers needed for the following dates:
April 18 & 19 Show Set-up
April 20 & 21 Annual Show
Mark your 2013 calendars to plan to help for a minimum of 8 hours.

2013 Show Chairpersons needed for:

Member Break Area Attendant
Security coordinator
Show signs placement & teardown
Tear down coordinator
See article in Nov. Newsletter on page 12 for more details, or contact one of the show chairs.

Display case entry form for competitive and noncompetitive cases is available on page 10 of this newsletter. For help with entering a competitive display case, contact Ruth Bailey, Frank Mullaney, or Chuck Boblenz.



Bragging Rights Results and Next Month's Theme.

For the month of January, the contest theme is the color "red" So your entry must be primarily red in color.

Adults can enter in one of two categories, either judged or people's choice. The judged category is for items or specimens that you have found/purchased and done something to "improve". People's choice is for specimens or items you have purchased. Both categories have prizes that will be awarded at the next meeting.

Juniors can enter in just the Junior's people's choice category. The Juniors entries will be on a different table and voting will be need to be done by the beginning of the meeting.

October Winners:

No adult winners this month because no one entered. What up with that???

Aiden Mosher was the winner of the Junior Bragging Rights contest.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Member and guest display case entry form

Annual Show Date: April 20 & 21, 2013

Case setup on April 19th after noon, and case tear-down on April 21st at 5PM

Deadline to enter a case: March 27th SCVGMS meeting

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I will furnish my own display case Yes, No Case Depth _____ Case Width _____

I will need to borrow a display case Yes, No

Exhibit description: _____

Are you entering this case in our Case Competition? Yes, No

Competitive Case information (cases to be judged by AFMS Uniform Rules)

Ruth Bailey, Chuck Boblenz, or Frank Mullaney can help you complete this section, if you need help.

Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

Entry Level: Master, Advanced, Novice, Junior, Society

Please return the completed form to:

Member Display chairman, David Lowe, 992-8 Belmont Terrace, Sunnyvale, 94086 OR

You can give the form to him personally at an upcoming meeting. Deadline: March 27, 2013

POSTAGE STAMPS

Chuck Boblenz, 2012 Federation Director

'Tis the season for us to receive postage stamped mail from friends and relatives and also some from businesses throughout the year.

Do you collect stamps? If not, then let me introduce you to the CFMS Stamp program.

The Fossils For Fun club in Sacramento collects used postage stamps on behalf of the CFMS and donate them to the Easter Seal organization.

These donated stamps are sorted by denomination and age and the more valued, or exotic, ones are sold to various dealers and general public at stamps shows to gain revenue for their operation. The more common stamps are recycled to recover the inks for future stamp production.

The monies gained from this effort provide revenue to support the Easter Seal operation.

At the meeting at Visalia I gave the Fossils For Fun representative, Debbie Bunn, a small package of stamps and our club received a written thank you note for having done so.

I would like to challenge each member and/or family to start collecting stamps to be given to the CFMS effort with Fossils For Fun and help support this worthy organization.

The way you can help is to save all the envelopes having postage stamps on them and, after accumulating a group, take scissors and cut around the stamp leaving a 1/4 to 3/8" border around the stamp. Put them into a sandwich bag or other container and give them to our Federation Director, Ruth Bailey, at the next meeting. She will make sure that they get to the correct persons hands and help out the effort of Easter Seals.

By the way, you can rest assured that if you correspond with folks outside the US and were to have stamps from these other countries; these will create much interest in each of the steps taken to get these to the Easter Seal organization.

Let us see if we can fill Ruth's brief case with stamps when she goes to the next Federation meeting.

I promise to be in line with you to give her my stamps and see if we can measure the volume she has to care for.

MIDWEST FEDERATION YOUTH POSTER CONTEST: FOSSILS OF THE WORLD

by Jim Brace-Thompson
via CFMS Newsletter, 12/2012

For the past few years, the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio has been sponsoring a poster contest for kids in conjunction with their annual show and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies convention. The contest is open to any kids within an AFMS affiliated club, especially those who already may be involved in the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America program. David Rich has emailed to let me know the tradition continues, and this year, the contest is focused around a theme of "Fossils of the World." Kids wishing to enter the contest should prepare a poster illustrating one or more fossils that interest them, from anywhere in the world.

The contest is open to kids in grades 1 through 8. Each grade level will have a winner. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place, and 1st place winners will also receive a prize. Rules are as follows:

- all entries must be presented on 12x18- inch paper;
- artwork can be pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint, or any other artist's medium, but no three-dimensional posters accepted;
- include name, address, age and school grade of participant on *back* of entry;
- the title maybe on front or back;
- list of names of the fossils and *why* you chose them; and
- all entries become the property of Summit Lapidary Club and the Midwest Federation.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Originality & Art Work—30 points;

Design—25 points;

Title— 25 points;

Listing of Fossils and Reason You Chose Them—20 points.

Entries must be postmarked by **March 2, 2013**, and should be mailed to: **Jennifer Fike, P.O. Box 26276, Akron, Ohio 44319**. Winners to be announced April 6, 2013, at the MWF convention. Further contest info may be found at

<http://Lapidaryclubofohio.org>, and if you have questions, email Poster Judge Jennifer Fike at: SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com.

A Show check list.

How you can help with the show!

Have you...



- Sent in your Display Case entry form? Deadline 3/26
- Made your appointment to have your show car signs installed on your vehicle(s)? Call Julaine at (408) 266-1791 for appt.
- Put up a show poster or two (or ten) at a local businesses?
- Handed out at least 20 show business cards?
- Entered a competition piece and/or display case? Deadline 3/26
- Signed up to help with show setup April 18 and 19?
- Signed up to help with show tear down on April 21 at 5 PM?
- Signed up to work at the show? April 20th and 21st
 - Hospitality Booth
 - Scholarship Booth
 - Kids Area
 - Security
 - Demonstrations
 - Ticket sales
 - Daily lunch run
 - Overnight security
- Signed up to oversee one of these positions??
 - Hospitality Booth
 - Manage the case storage trailer
 - Manage the other storage trailer
 - Setup and teardown
 - Security
 - Member break area attendant

Rick Kennedy SCVGMS's CFMS Scholarship nominee

September 27, 2012,

To the CFMS Scholarship nominating committee,

It is with great pleasure that the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society would like nominate Rick Kennedy to be a CFMS Scholarship honoree. He is a great man with a true love of rocks and minerals. He makes himself available to not only our club members, but anyone, to help identify rocks and minerals and generally expand their knowledge of all things rock-, gemstone-, and mineral-related.

Rick regularly presents excellent meeting programs on various areas throughout California. Rick is one of the members of the CFMS Speakers group. He does presentations throughout the state. He is a well-spoken presenter and avails himself to his audience to answer their questions. Rick's patience and expertise in minerals uniquely qualifies him to answer questions for many new rockhounds. Regaling members at meetings about his latest collecting adventure or a past adventure is a favorite past time of his.

Sharing his love for rocks and minerals, Rick travels throughout the Silicon Valley to elementary schools. Many times when Rick gives a presentation, he also gives each student a small specimen. He has talked about how some of the students would like to know how valuable their particular specimen is and would he consider buying it back from them. He generally laughs a bit about that. Little do they know that Rick has probably another 100 of same specimens at home from one of his collecting trips he regularly does for his gem and mineral business.

It was a lucky day for SCVGMS when Rick joined our society. He has been a contributing member of our society for the last ten years. He immediately started giving meeting programs and then in 2007 was elected to serve on our society's board of directors. He started as a Director and has also been Vice President and Secretary of SCVGMS. He currently is serving as our Vice President. He has worked on our show committee as well as various other committees over the years. He has a real knack for evaluating situations and defusing them when necessary. Rick's humor and sensible nature serve him and any group he belongs to well.

Again, it is our society's great pleasure to nominate Mr. Rick Kennedy as a CFMS Scholarship honoree.

Thank you ,
Frank Mullaney and June Harris

Dean and Karen Welder SCMGS's CFMS Scholarship nominee

October 11, 2012

To the CFMS Scholarship Honoree committee,

In my opinion, I cannot think of two people in the Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society who deserve the honor of being the 2013 CFMS Scholarship honorees more than Dean and Karen Welder. This husband and wife team is our "Dynamic Duo". Like Batman and Robin worked tirelessly on crime in Gotham City, Dean and Karen give themselves freely to SCMGS business. Whether it is day to day club business, bylaw questions, SCMGS show questions, or just lending a helping hand; Dean and Karen are there to help. If you have questions about this club, talk to them. Chances are good they know the answers to your questions. They have been members of SCMGS for seventeen years, and between the two of them, they have held most of the key positions within the club. They are our "GO TO" people.

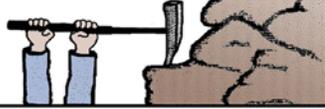
Dean and Karen work fulltime jobs, own a business or two, and still find time to go on regular rockhounding trips throughout the western US states. They work diligently to promote the rockhounding hobby by supporting club field trips, the North Bay Field Trip organization, and staying abreast of what is happening on local and state issues around taking field trips. They are also club's CFMS representatives. We count on them to bring us news from the CFMS meetings and to be our group's voice at the CFMS meetings. Our faith and trust is not misplaced with Dean and Karen.

The Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society is so lucky to have these two people as club members. We are blessed with their enthusiasm and strong work ethic, and would not be the club we are today without their tireless dedication to the rockhounds in our area and throughout the state. I am proud to nominate Dean and Karen Welder for the 2013 CFMS Scholarship Honoree from the Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society.

Thank you,
June Harris
SCMGS member and CFMS Junior Activities Committee Member

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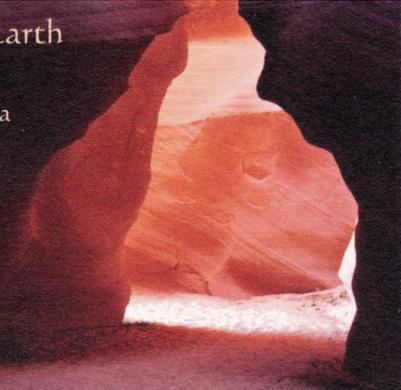
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Safety Note: Don't Hold Your Cat During an Electrical Storm

by Owen Martin, Safety Chair, via AFMS Newsletter, 9/2012

OK, hopefully that headline caught your attention. I'm somewhat hardheaded and have unfortunately learned this lesson the hard way - twice!!!

Nothing like a lightning strike will turn a cat into all claws going vertical at mach 1. In the worst case I ended up with my hand being used as the launch pad and was cut to the bone on one of my knuckles. Needless to say, not a lesson that I want to learn a third time.

The point of my note is simply to encourage you to pay attention to what is going on around you. Look both ways before you cross the road, never look a dog in the eye from close range, don't pick up that stick with the rattle on the end (snake), etc. Common sense points, but we can take them a little farther.

There should not have been anything inherently dangerous about holding a cat in your lap, but add lightning to the mix and bad things happened. Recently a hiker was killed when a dead tree fell on her. Lesson learned, don't walk under dead trees. Hiking alone was not that dangerous.

Driving down the road in front of my neighborhood there is a spot that collects water when it rains. That spot is easy to navigate around however when a car adjacent to me failed to slow down I hit the brakes. That car hydroplaned into my lane, but missed me and had road space to avoid completely losing control. Lesson learned: pay attention to those around you who might not be familiar with the hazards you are familiar with. Driving there should not have been dangerous.

A friend of mine pulled up at an outcrop. A pit bull came running up to his car. My friend stayed put and the owner showed up a minute later. Ends up the dog was well adjusted and liked my friend (my friend is now called "bacon"). Lesson learned: staying in the car kept him from entering a situation where he was not in control. That dog wasn't dangerous, but he didn't know for sure.

The same friend had an incident where he was walking his dogs on an outcrop and an adjacent landowner accosted him while armed with a shotgun and told him that he would shoot his dogs if they came on the property. My friend promptly left. Lesson learned: discretion is the better part of valor, or in this case live to hunt fossils on another day. Walking your dogs is not typically a time where you get threatened by a guy with a shotgun!

Yesterday, two men were killed near where I live by a lightning strike. They were sheltering under a tree. Lesson learned: we've been told this since we were children and it is true. These gentlemen could just as easily have sheltered in a car. A very sad thing for their friends and families.

In summary, keep an eye and ear out to your surroundings. It will help you identify hazards and allow you to minimize your risks associated with those hazards.

Please do so and stay safe the rest of this summer and fall.

SCVGMS General Meeting - November 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:46pm at the Cabana Club.

Meeting was concluded at 9:00pm .

Minutes from the [Oct 23, 2012](#) meeting were approved as printed in the *Breccia*.

General meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

Announcements: Members and guests were welcomed.

Reminder of Board Meeting to follow after this meeting.

Call for auditing Committee (3 members) - Chairman Ed Orekar, and Chuck Boblenz, and R.K. Owen

New Members: No new members

Awards: *Rockhound of the Month for November* was awarded to Annie Borders for receiving her *Future Rockhounds of America* badge. Chuck Boblenz and Isabella Updyke-Welch received AFMS Certificates of Appreciation for participating in the 2012 AFMS bulletin contest for the articles they wrote. Theme for January's Braggin' Rights contest is "Red". Rick Kennedy is the CFMS Scholarship honoree. He will be selecting a school to receive a two year student scholarship from the CFMS in his name. The award will be given at an upcoming CFMS conference dinner.

Field Trips (Dean Welder): Mentioned the possible field trip he is organising (See [B20120126](#) & [B20120329](#)).

Program for the evening: Silent Auction, first round closed tables 1 & 6, second round closed 4 & 8, third round closed 5 & 7, lastly 2 & 3.

Election of club officers: President - Frank Mullaney; Vice President - Rick Kennedy; Secretary - R.K. Owen; Treasurer - Chuck Boblenz; Editor - June Harris; Fed. Dir - Ruth Bailey; Alt. Fed. Dir - Randy Harris; Board of Directors (5) - David Lowe, David Marshall, Bill Simpson, Lisa LaRocca, Michael Paone; Parliamentarian - Dean Welder, Historian - Michael Paone. Motion to accept the "white ballet" (David Marshall, Rick Kennedy, passed not unanimously).

Correspondence : Certificates of Liability Insurance from McDaniels Insurance Co. for the club, and the Cabana Club owners. C&C Security Patrol services sales brochure. "Thank You" letter from the AFMS scholarship foundation for the \$50 contribution as a memorial for Ray & Florence Meisenheimer. CA Franchise Tax Board notice of delinquent filing of the 199N for 2011.

Sunshine: (Please let Ernestine Smith of any member news and special events) no report.

Study Groups:

Cutaways and Carvers (Randy Harris): Dec 8 9:00am - 1:00pm. \$5 shop fee.

Stringers (Sundari Naidu): Jan 28, 4th Monday of the month.

Smithies (Pat Speece): Dec 10.

Faceters (Max Casey): call Max

Mineraleers (looking for a new leader):

Juniors (Sharon Updyke): next meeting in January prior to general meeting

2013 Show (Frank Mullaney, Randy Harris): Get show business cards and car signs. Sign up for show committee, see Breccia for openings. Next meeting in early January.

DRC (Pat Speece): no recent donations.

Hospitality (Julaine Mullaney): 40 Members and 4 Guests were in attendance.

PLAC: Discussion about Clear Creek BLM claims.

Federation Report (Chuck Boblenz): The SCVGMS club was recognized for donating cancelled stamps to a CFMS fund raising activity, June Harris was selected as the CFMS Bulletin Aids chairman.

Historian (Michael Paone): If you have pictures or videos from club activities through the year please let him know, so he can include them in the yearly historical review to be posted online through Facebook and the website.

SCVGMS Board Meeting - November 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:02pm at the Cabana Club following the General Meeting.

Meeting was concluded at 9:04pm .

Board meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present: Pres. Randy Harris, VP Rick Kennedy, Secr. R.K. Owen, Treas. Frank Mullaney, Editor June Harris, Fed.Dir. Chuck Boblenz, Alt.Fed.Dir. Ruth Bailey, Directors Sharon Updyke, David Lowe, David Marshall, Bill Simpson, Victor Gassmann, Hist. Michael Paone, Parl. Dean Welder

The following were absent: none

Prior Board Minutes: Motion to postpone reading the previous board meeting minutes

(Frank M, June H, P)

New Members: No new members were considered.

Correspondence: no new correspondence since the general meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Frank Mullaney. Motion to pay the bills as presented (Rick K., June H,P).

Old Business: Installation Dinner (See B20121025 OB#3) June H will bring drinks.

New Business: none

SCVGMS Board Meeting - December 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm at the home of Ruth Bailey,

hosted by Ruth Bailey . Meeting was concluded at 8:26pm .

Board meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present: Pres. Randy Harris, VP Rick Kennedy, Secr. R.K. Owen, Treas. Frank

Mullaney, Editor June Harris, Fed.Dir. Chuck Boblenz, Alt.Fed.Dir. Ruth Bailey, Directors Sharon Updyke, David Lowe, David Marshall, Bill Simpson, Victor Gassmann, Parl. Dean Welder

The following were absent: Hist. Michael Paone,

Visitors: Lisa LaRocca

Prior Board Minutes: Read and approved the minutes from the October 25, 2012 (Frank M, David M) and November 27, 2012 (David M, Chuck B) board meetings.

New Members: Paul Richards was reinstated (Rick K, Bill S, P)

Correspondence: Received a 1969 [Rockhound's Map of Oregon](#), sent by Chuck Heger of Saratoga, CA.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Frank Mullaney. All bills for payment were already presented.

Committee Reports:

Show 2013: Show meeting at Ruth Bailey's on January 7th at 7:30 PM.

University of Scouting: Jan 26th – Hand out fliers for Kids Area.

Field Trips: (Dean W) Motion to investigate a trip to the Mariposa show (Frank M, David M, P). Rick K - There is likely no *Hallelujah Junction field trip this year or onward.*

Old Business:

1. Installation Dinner: Michael Paone (see B20121025 OB#3) The dinner was excellent.

2. Scholarship Recipient Info Update: R.K. Owen sent letters to 4 institutions on 10/21/2012, no response yet. Will call or email the respective Depts for a follow-up.

3. Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Day: June H (B20121025 OB#1) was discussed.

4. Ambassador for Geology program: June H (B20121025 OB#2) was discussed. Motion to accept the program as presented (see Breccia for details) (Frank M, Chuck B, P).

5. Directory Printing: June H (see B20120726 NB#3) Motion to print 100 copies (Frank M, Dean W, P).

SCVGMS Board Meeting - December 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:26pm at the home of Ruth Bailey,

hosted by Ruth Bailey. Meeting was concluded at 9:12pm.

Board meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present: Pres. Frank Mullaney, VP Rick Kennedy, Secr. R.K. Owen, Treas.

Chuck Boblenz, Editor June Harris, Fed.Dir. Ruth Bailey, Alt.Fed.Dir. Randy Harris, Directors Lisa LaRocca, David Lowe, David Marshall, Michael Paone, Bill Simpson, Parl. Dean Welder

The following were absent: Hist. Michael Paone

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: no new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Frank Mullaney. Motion to pay the bills as presented (Randy H, Rick K, P). A motion for the record that the President Frank Mullaney, Vice President Rick Kennedy, Secretary R.K. Owen, and Treasurer Chuck Boblenz will be signatures for the club checking account (RKO, Ruth B, P). A motion for the record that the President Frank Mullaney and Treasurer Chuck Boblenz will be the signatures for the club safe deposit box at the Almaden Expressway & Blossom Hill Road Chase branch (RKO, David M, P). Motion to pay the trailer storage fees that will come due early in 2013 (RKO, Randy H, P). Motion to spend no more than \$25/month for a data plan for a chromebook for Secretary R.K. Owen for use in his secretarial duties (RKO, Randy H, P).

New Business:

1. **Approve meeting dates and reservations** - Motion to Authorize June H to contact the Cabana Club (RKO, David M, P).

2. **Set the calendar for Social Events** - including Founders Day (to be set later) and Installation Dinner (Dec 3, 2013).

3. **Swingers for board, committees, rockhounds of the month, etc.** - *Motion to approve badge swingers for board, etc. for this coming year (Randy H, Rick K, P)*

4. **Program Schedule** - David Lowe - nothing schedule beyond January, which is Columbian Emeralds. Appreciation was expressed for David Lowe and the programs arranged for this past year.

5. **Bars and pins for 2013 officers** - motion to purchase (Randy H, Chuck H, P)

6. **CFMS Newsletter Recipients** (and AFMS newsletter) Motion to have Board Directors Lisa LaRocca, Bill Simpson, and VP Rick K. receive the CFMS newsletter (Ruth B, David M, P). Federation Director Ruth B. will take care of this.

7. **Discussed replacement cost insurance for the show trailers and contents for approximately \$100,000.** Motion to have Frank M will look into this further. (Randy H, Chuck B, P).

8. **Discussion of nomination for Education Through Sharing program.**

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
November Treasurer's Reports

Beginning Balance		\$17,006.06
Receipts		
Silent Auction proceeds	\$298.00	
Dues and initiation fees	20.00	
Interest	.14	
Checkbook correction	<u>.88</u>	
Total Receipts	\$319.02	
Disbursements		
November Breccia copying	\$ 41.71	
Breccia postage	52.00	
Boy scout fliers copied	86.90	
2013 show Kids Area advertising expense	31.17	
Installation dinner	24.84	
2013 show dealer expense	52.77	
Boy Scout Merit badge day	152.10	
Meeting refreshments	22.92	
2013 show dealer reimbursement	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$653.89	
Ending balance		\$16,671.19

December Treasurer's report

Beginning Balance		\$16,671.19
Receipts		
Installation dinner	\$ 315.00	
2013 show dealer deposits	4,600.00	
2013 show Kids Area deposit	429.00	
Dues	<u>40.00</u>	
Total receipts	\$5,384.00	
Disbursements		
Willow Street Pizza– Installation dinner	\$ 600.67	
Installation dinner supplies	<u>30.58</u>	
Total disbursements	\$ 631.25	
Ending balance		\$21,423.94