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Frankly Speaking

by SCVGMS President, Frank Mullaney

At the meeting this month we will be electing a new slate officers and directors. Even when the elections are complete it is not the end of the process. The new president has the responsibility of filling many volunteer positions.

Those additional positions are:

Bragging Rights
Donation Receiving Committee
Field Trips
Founder's Day Picnic
Hospitality
Juniors
Installation Dinner
Librarian
Member Displays
Programs
Public Lands Access (PLAC)
Refreshments
Sergeant-at-Arms
Show Chairman (2015)
Silent Auction
Social Activities
Sunshine
Trophy Chair
Vice Custodian (Trailers)

If you can help the club and your fellow rock-hounds please let the new president know what you would like to do. A small group of people alone cannot keep the society running. It takes many rockhounds to run a society.

If you don't know what the position does ask one of the older club members. It is OK not to know everything about the position and if it doesn't go the way you want it to that's OK, no one is going to get upset, if they do just say (Don't yell at me, I'm a volunteer). Then tell them they can have the position if they don't like what you are doing.

Silent Auction!
November general meeting
November 26, 2013

Bring something or some things to donate to the Silent Auction.

There was a detailed article in the October Breccia with more information.

Cash or check only.
<u>No debit or credit cards accepted.</u>

Next show meeting

November 20 at 7:30 PM at Randy Harris' home

Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas.

This is the current Show Committee. As you can see there are plenty of holes. What can you do to help???

Show Chairman: Frank Mullaney—408-691-2656

Dealer Chairman: Randy Harris 831-438-5150

Hospitality: ***OPEN***

Ticket sales: Jacquelyn Calderon

Demonstrators: Bill Simpson

Kids Area: June Harris 831-438-5150

Scholarship booth: Michael Paone

Door Prizes: ***OPEN***

Show building layout: Randy Harris

Set-up/Teardown chairman: ***OPEN***

Trailer logistics: Herb Vogel

Sign design and construction: Frank Mullaney

Mementos: Frank Mullaney

Advertising Chairman: **OPEN**

Advertising assistant: **OPEN**

Breakroom/Lunch: Joan Schramm

Security: Matt Wood

Paper program: ***OPEN***

Show Name Tags: David Marshall

Exhibits: David Lowe

Sign Placement: ***OPEN***

Trailer Management-Teardown

1. **Case Trailer:** ***OPEN***
2. **General Trailer:** ***OPEN***

Fluorescent Mineral Exhibit: ***OPEN***

Special speakers/exhibitors: Frank Mullaney

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“Show and Tell” Member Displays

by David Marshall

We had 3 very different and special "show and tell" presentations at our October meeting. The first one was a box with something hairy hanging out. It turns out it was one of his favorite hairy head pieces (semi-camouflaging the treasures inside). Rick showed off 5 pieces he purchased 15-17 years ago that came from the Sweet Home Mine, beautiful Rhodocrosite, Fluorite on Needle Quartz, a couple "Thumbnail" specimens of Rhodocrosite. We were thinking about how much the value of the specimens had gone up since his initial purchases.

Jian Zheng brought in several of her faceted stones (Quartz and Garnet), a couple of them on dopping sticks to show off part of the process. Jian commented that she was demonstrating "good" and "bad" faceting techniques with her examples. it seems she had extra time off during the government shutdown. Jian is currently looking for assistance/input/guidance from anyone with knowledge of the "Ember Cut".

And closing out our presentations, Siegfried and Rosmarie Vogel brought in a collection of Quartz. There were natural Quartz clusters, faceted Quartz, Quartz points, sphere, obelisk, and some enhanced by humans. Very nice. These also were purchased years ago, and would certainly cost more if purchased today. See...collecting rocks can be part of your retirement plan, and might even do better than the stock market.

There will be no "Show and Tell" the next two months, so I want to extend, on behalf of our attending members, a big "Thank You" to each of you who brought in some great (and sometimes funny) items to share. Our next "Show and Tell" will be in January where we return to the beginning of the alphabet, and members with your last name that begin with A, B, or C are requested to bring in something interesting to share.

Recent New Members

Jennifer Hendricks– She is interested in collecting, silversmithing, and minerals.

Let’s make her feel welcome. Sounds like there could be a study group meeting in her future.

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.

2014 Proposed Slate of SCVGMS Officers and Directors

President: Frank Mullaney

Vice President: David Marshall

Secretary: Rick Kennedy

Treasurer: Chuck Boblenz

Editor: June Harris

Federation Director: Randy Harris

Alternate Federation Director: Michael Paone

Directors:
Lisa LaRocca
Bill Simpson
Joan Schramm
Matt Wood
Phillip Tomac

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDY GROUPS ARE DO-

Smithies

2013 Schedule
by Pat Speece

What do smithies do? We make jewelry using metals, mini-butane torches, jeweler's saws, drill press, polishers and a lot of other tools/ toys. There is usually a rock/cab involved. We have the necessary equipment and some cabs. However, you are welcome to bring your own.

In addition to meeting in the evenings of the regular second Monday, and the Tuesday of the following week of every month, we are adding another workshop during the day: every Friday from 3pm to 6pm.

November 11 and 19
December 9 and 17

Here is the Friday schedule: every Friday from 3pm to 6pm. If I need to cancel any day, I will email you. Let me know if you want on that email list. If you would like to be on our Smithies email list, please let me know. Email: pat.speece@comcast.net
Beginners are always welcome.

Cutaways

by Randy Harris

The next meeting for the Cut-aways is December 14th at my home. Please call to con-firm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Every-one is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. $5.00 shop fee.

Rockhound of the Month for the month of September was

Joan Schramm
for her enthusiasm & eagerness to contribute to the society. Congratulations!

No Bragging Rights contest until January meeting. Theme will be the color red.

Thank you to Rita Jarrett for stepping up to take over this position.

SCVGMS Name Badges

Let's get in the habit of wearing our name badges. At the show, you will need to present your SCVGMS name badge, and have your name checked off the list, to participate in the show worker free lunch program.

2013 SCVGMS Calendar

November 9th Cutaways meeting cancelled due to CFMS fall meeting.

November 15th Smithies Workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 22nd Smithies Workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

November 29th Smithies Workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

December 3rd Installation dinner at 7 PM. RSVP required, use the form in the Breccia to sign up and send in your fees. It is on page 7 .

December 5th Combined Board meeting (2013 and 2014)at 7:30 PM at Randy Harris' home.

December 6th Smithies Workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

December 14th Cutaways meeting from 9AM to noon at Randy Harris' home.

December 9th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

December 13th Smithies Workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

December 17th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

January 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

BIG Rock and Lapidary Materials & Equipment Sale

Saturday, November 16, 2013.

This sale includes materials from six different collections, including a lot of machinery.

For further information, email Dean Welder at: <wdeanwelder@yahoo.com>.

Field Trip Schedule

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

November 28th – December 1st Thanksgiving trip to Wiley Wells to collect petrified bay Laurel,-Ironwood, Fire Agate, Chalcedony, geodes, and nodules.

July 31– August 4, 2014 AFMS Multi Federation Field trip to Terry, Montana for Montana Agate, Jasper, Petrified wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, and numerous other oddities.

SCVGMS DRC ROCK SALE

Saturday, November 23, 2013
9am till noon

2357 Loma Park Ct, San Jose
in the backyard

Easy pickings. Everything is up on tables except the largest rocks. Most items are 50 cents per pound, with a 50 cent minimum charge. Some items are individually marked.

Free rocks and other items are under the pergola.

Cash or personal checks accepted.

We have a lot of new material. We suggest you bring a bucket.

This sale is hosted by the club's Donation Receiving Committee (DRC). All income goes to the club.

Questions? Call Pat at 408-266-4327
Or email donations@scvgms.org

Let's visit a show
CFMS Club Show Calendar

November 16 - 17: OXNARD, CA, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 164 Seaspray Way, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Brett Johnson, (805) 822-3836,
Email: show_info@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.oxnardgem.com

November 23 - 24: LIVERMORE, CA, Livermore Valley Lithophiles, The Lithorama, 3131 Pacific Avenue, off So. Livermore Ave, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Lee Davisson, (925) 371-0699
Email: linfo@lithophiles.com
Website: www.lithophiles.com

December 13 - 15: SAN BERNARDINO, CA, Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, Western Regional Little League Ball Park, 6707 Little League Drive, Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily, Contact: Ken, (909) 381-0089 ,
Email: kengard@roadrunner.com
Website: http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com

January 18 - 19: EXETER, CA, Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia, Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, Highway 65, 324 N Kaweah Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Pepper Okada, (559) 733-5842
Email: Pepperok@clearwire.net
Website: www.tulegem.org

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA, San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Banning, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 46350 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 - 10 daily, Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674, (951) 288-9025 cell, Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 21 - 23: NEWARK, CA, Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, Newark Pavilion , 6430 Thornton Ave. Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Cathy Miller, Email: info@mgscv.org, Website: www.mgscv.org

March 1 - 2: ARCADIA, CA, Monrovia Rockhounds, Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 Baldwin Avenue, Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily, Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624,
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com,
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 1 - 2: VENTURA, CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725, Email: abaris2007@gmail.com, Website: www.vgms.org

March 8 - 9: 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 8 - 9: SPRECKELS, CA, Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Spreckel's Veterans Hall, 5th & Llano Streets, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233, Email: k1.salomon72@yahoo.com
Website: www.salinasrockandgem.com

March 8 - 9: TURLOCK, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494, (209) 484-4416 cell,
Email: terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 15 - 16: LEMOORE, CA, Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society, Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street,
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Chris Wertenberger (559) 309-3433 Email: georgersilva@sbcglobal.net,

March 22 - 23: 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 22- 23: ROSEVILLE, CA, Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114,
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com,
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 12 - 13: PARADISE, CA, Paradise Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324,
Email: paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com
Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 12 - 13: SAN JOSE, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 266-1791; (408) 691-2656 (cell) Email: info@scvgms.org, Website: www.scvgms.org

April 19 - 20: MARIPOSA, CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Drive (Hwy 49 South - 1.8 miles south of Mariposa, Hours: 10 - 6 daily, Contact: Martin Foden, (209) 742-4036, Email: martin@safarigold.com,
Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 26 - 27: THOUSAND OAKS, CA, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734 , Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net, Website: www.cgamc.org

May 3 - 4: PASO ROBLES, CA, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park & Museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603,
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: www.slrockhounds.org

SCVGMS FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS NEED YOUR HELP!

YOU CAN BE THEIR HERO!

Sharon Updyke, our fearless Junior leader, has had to resign from leading the Junior Group. Your help is needed to keep this group going.

The Juniors are an energetic group. Several of their members have received awards for the articles they have written for the Breccia. Also, they are in the middle of several badges.

The group can be led by one adult or a group of adults. Don't think you know enough to do this? There is a manual with everything you need to make this group work. You can visit the AFMS website and look under the Kids Corner section. The manual is an attachment at the bottom left side of the page. It is a 223 page book with lots of detailed ideas and projects for each badge. We also have some very kid friendly people who can help with some of the badges.

Interested, contact Frank Mullaney, 408-691-

A Great BIG Kids Area

Thank You to:

Michael Paone, Chuck Boblenz, Victor Gassmann, and David Lowe for their help with getting and breaking up slate for the Kids Area rock bags.

AND

Lisa LaRocca for putting quartz points into individual bags for the Cub Scout program, and making memory wire bracelet kits for the Girl Scouts program.

All of you make my job so much easier. Thanks, June.

Congratulations to

Annie Borders

for winning 4th place in the AFMS Article contest with her article,

"The State Rock of Arkansas: Bauxite".

Way to go, and keep on writing.
What is the topic of your next article going to be?

Installation Dinner 2013
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Dinner is at 7:00 PM
Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos
Deadline for reservations: November 26, 2013
Cost: $10.00 per adult, $5.00 per child under 12
Please bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.
Return your reservation form to:
Rick Kennedy, 65 Washington St. #264,
Santa Clara, CA 95050
Sign up early, there is only room for 60 attendees.

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

Entrees:	**Rotisserie Chicken**
	Mushroom Pesto Penne
	Artichoke Chicken Fusilli
Salad:	**Romaine Gorgonzola Salad**
Vegetable:	**Mixed Grilled Vegetables**
Side:	**Homemade honey wheat bread and butter**
Dessert:	**Caramel apple bread pudding**

Reservation Form for Installation Dinner

Name: _____ Phone # :_____

Number of adults ____ X $10.00 =_____
Number of children under 12 ____ X $ 5.00 =_____

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

Mail this form and your payment to:
Rick Kennedy, 65 Washington St.#264, Santa Clara, CA 95050

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

via CFMS newsletter November,2013

This month I was asked a very thought provoking question to answer. Let me explain. My daughter was married on September 22nd and at the reception we met our new son-in-law's God Parents who had flown here from another state for the wedding. They knew that Terry and I are rockhounds and wanted to know if we knew anybody that might like a "museum quality" rock collection. She had a step-dad that was a rockhound all his life. His home was filled with rocks, they were everywhere. He began collecting at about 8 years old and passed away when he was in his early 80's, and they still have his rock collection in storage. 50 boxes of rocks have been in storage for almost two decades. They tried to dispose of the collection by calling all the rock clubs they could find within 200 miles of the three places they lived over the last 20 years. All her step-dad asked was that whoever got his rocks agreed to display the really good ones so the public could enjoy them.

They have been unable to find anybody willing to take the collection. So many excuses: we do not have our own facility, it sounds like too much work, we would have to build shelves, it would cost too much to come and get them and we do not have enough members to do that. Everybody told them to bring the collection by and they would take a look. Even the Smithsonian told them to deliver it and they would take a look. Their question to me was "Why are rock clubs so complacent that they do not want to make the effort to reap the benefits of obtaining a "museum quality" rock collection?"

I thought that was a wonderful question and something that I have been thinking about for the last week. Why do our societies drop a member or two a year until the society "grays out" and folds up or they run out of money to support their society? Why do societies not actively attempt torecruit new members? Why do societies not have a Junior Rockhound program, and I do not mean having a couple Junior's at their membership meeting, but having a meeting and a program for Junior's only. Why do societies not have field trips geared for Junior's? Why do societies not have a Rock & Gem Show, striving, every year, to have something new and fresh? Why do societies not have a children's area at their existing show?

I had a wonderful experience on the 28th and 29th of September because I got to witness a society take the first step in changing their direction. I have been helping the society in Stockton, CA with their show for a number of years. When I can, I help with show set up but have only missed a couple years Helping them tear down the show and put everything away. This year the Stockton Society had a new show chairman, Jerry Kyle. This society, of approximately 60 members, decided to do something different with their show. Their old venue was too dark inside, too small, too expensive and management was difficult to deal with. How many societies have these same problems? This year they decided to move their show to a new venue, 13 miles away in Lodi, CA, at the new Fairgrounds. Their new venue is bigger, less expensive, on a main road, extremely well lit, has room to expand if needed and management was very easy to deal with. Stockton had a wonderful show this year and I look forward to what they will accomplish in the years to come.

How did Stockton do? I am writing this on September 30th, for the November newsletter, so they do not have exact figures yet. Their attendance was up over last year, the number of children increased from 33 last year to 144 this year and the dealers and members were happy. How many of our Societies depend on the revenue from their annual show to meet the expenses of running their society? Maybe changes are in order? Always move forward and NEVER MOVE BACK!

I asked a lot of questions this month. If you want to evaluate your society and where it is headed, I suggest you do an All American Book. If you look at the societies that have won first place in our CFMS competition, you will see dynamic, healthy and growing societies. Start your own All American Book, with the intent of doing as well as you are able, and you too will see your society become a dynamic and healthy society. Thank you for all that you do for Your Federation.

Bud McMillin, CFMS President

SCVGMS Continuing Education Application

Filling out this application and returning it to the SCVGMS Board enters you into the Continuing Education drawing. The winner receives tickets for two people to attend a week-long stay at one of the CFMS Earth Sciences' camps:

- Zzyzx (March/April time frame) One 1-week camp
- Camp Paradise (End of August, first week in September) two 1-week camps

The SCVGMS Board welcomes you to fill out this application if you have met the eligibility criteria:

- Attended three or more SCVGMS club meetings a year
- Volunteered eight or more hours at the annual SCVGMS show or in preparation for the show
- Have not been a winner and attended either camp within the last three years.

Name: _____

What's the best way to contact you? Phone:_____Email:_____

Please tell us what interests you about this opportunity. We like to hear what inspires people in this hobby. If you are a winner, we'd like to share your words with the club members via the Breccia newsletter. Don't worry, we'll edit for spelling and punctuation.

Why would you like to attend Camp Paradise or Zzyzx this coming season?_____

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What is your favorite part of being in our hobby, and why?_____

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Things you need to know:

- The drawing will be at a club meeting, the date of which will be communicated at upcoming club meetings and the Breccia. You do not have to be present to win.
- Five names will be drawn. If for any reason the winner is unable to attend the camp, the second person will be contacted and offered the tickets and so forth.
- The winner is responsible for their transportation to/from the camp and any additional materials fees for special classes. The tickets include accommodations and meals.
- To assure your **accommodations** and **attendance** in one of the camps, you must contact Marion Roberts, CFMS head of the Earth Sciences camps, to make arrangements by October 1 for Zzyzx or July 1 for Camp Paradise **(phone number or email address)**
- The winner will share their camp experience with the club by taking some photos, doing a show and tell at a meeting, and writing a short article for the Breccia.

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES CAMP OFFERS MORE THAN CLASSES

BY GENE STIRM, KERN COUNTY MINERAL SOCIETY
via CFMS newsletter, November 2013

There just may be a Fountain of Youth tucked it the north woods of California, at the CFMS Earth Science Studies' Camp Paradise, above Marysville and in the spring Camp Zzyzx, in the Mojave Desert near Baker. The weeklong programs of classes in lapidary and related jewelry making arts draws rockhounds with a common interest from as far as Washington, Hawaii and farther. Eager campers and instructors alike, scurry about the grounds, recapturing the excitement of long past summer camps of our youth. Everyone was bright eyes, happy, with smiles on their faces and motivated to learn something new.

Among the many talented instructors, Betty Egger is typical; retired from nursing and now in her mid-eighties she teaches jewelry art with such gusto that her eyes sparkle with each new discovery her students make. I spend a day in her class on torch fired copper enameling. I had done copper enameling fifty years ago and not since, but wanted to add it to some of my metal smithing. Betty brought me up to date with new and safer techniques quickly, and then added a spectacular bead making session using copper tubing. The finished bead resembles the trendy European beads that are so popular. At another station, I got a new twist on wire wrapping from Tak Iwata. I had learned wire wrapping years ago, but had long abandoned the art because it was too formal and frilly for my taste. Tak introduced a clean, freeform style, using new silver and gold plated copper wires and half-dozen small hand-tools so one could sit in front of the TV and turn out works of art.

CAN WE BOTTLE THE MAGIC?

On our 400-mile trip home my wife Patricia, who was reluctant at first to attend Camp Paradise, decided she wanted to go to Zzyzx in the spring. That got me thinking. There are only 65 or so slots open in each of the three sessions, less than 200 openings total, and many attend more than one session. I know that a week at camp may not be feasible for a lot of rockhounds, jobs, family, pets, being away from home, travel and costs are all factors. But what if we could somehow bottle the magic of ESS Camp and bring it back to our local societies in the form of day-camps or weekend camps teaching or demonstrating three or four disciplines. With many societies seeing dwindling membership, it might be a shot in the arm to generate new enthusiasm and increase membership. Nearby clubs could share or exchange instructors. Do a Saturday camp at a nominal fee, open to members and the public. Participants could brown bag it for lunch and club could put on a barbeque or spaghetti feed for dinner with a silent auction and/or sell-a-rama after, even present certificates, pin or patches. There are endless possibilities. We are creative people, societies need to offer more than meetings and video lectures, we need to offer new, creative, challenging and fun ways of coming together and share our interest and craft. I get excited just thinking about the possibilities.

"Code of Ethics" via AFMS website

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

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American Lands Access Association

Protecting the Public Lands for the Public

Please enroll me as a member of the ALAA! Annual membership fee is $25.00
Annual membership fee for clubs is $50.00

_____New _____Renewal Date _____/_____/_____

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you wish to receive the ALAA Newsletter by e-mail _____ or snail mail_____?

Make checks payable to American Lands Access Association (ALAA) and mail to:

American Lands Access Association
%Membership Chairman
P O BOX 54398
San Jose, CA 95154

The A.L.A.A. is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of the amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Contributions to the A.L.A.A. are not deductible as a charitable contributions for Federal Tax Purposes.

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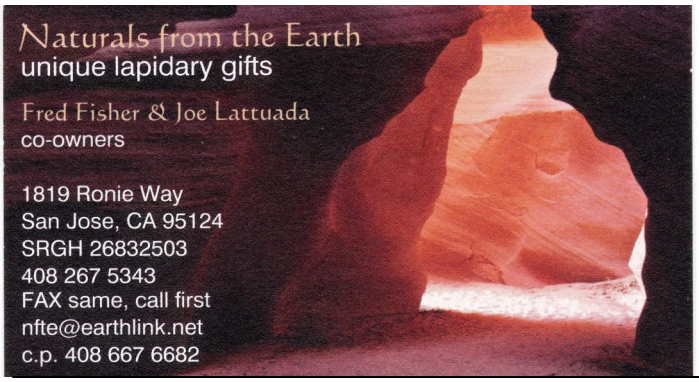
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.



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SCVGMS General Meeting - *Oct 21, 2013*

The meeting was called to order at *7:43pm at the Cabana Club.*
Meeting was concluded at *9:07pm .*
Minutes from the Sept 24, 2013 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 upcoming Board Meeting at David Lowe's home.

San Jose State Geology Club - Robert Neusel, Pres and Nick Sylva, VP; geology students from SJSU; informed our club of the upcoming annual bakesale fundraiser for their SJSU Geology Club, Nov 5th 8am-4pm. Also had a request for donations of eye catching rock & mineral specimens to inspire beginners.

Nomination Committee (David Lowe, June Harris, Michael Paone) presented the slate of nominations for the following club positions: President, Frank Mullaney; Vice President, David Marshall; Secretary, Rick Kennedy; Treasurer, Chuck Boblenz; Editor, June Harris; Fed Dir, Randy Harris; Alt Fed Dir, Michael Paone; Directors, Bill Simpson, Matt Wood, Joan Schramm, Phillip Tomac, Lisa LaRocca; Historian, Michael Paone; Parliamentarian , Dean Welder.

New Members: Rita Jarrett (her packet will be given next month)

Awards: *Rockhound of the Month for October was awarded to Joan Schramm. Braggin' Rights contest winner for September was Matt Wood. Rita Jarrett will be taking over the Braggin' Rights contest.*

Field Trips (Dean Welder via June Harris): nothing new pending. Check website calendar.

Member Displays: See David Marshall's report in the *Breccia.*

Program for the evening: Video on the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado - source of the Alma King, the world's largest Rhodochrosite crystal.

Correspondence : Sent out two *Donation Thank You & receipt letters to Ellen Gohmann and Rita Jarrett. Received the Dodge & Cox quarterly statement, discount passes to the Livermore G&MS and Sacramento G&MS shows, and a thank you not from the Nancy Boring family and donation receipt from the American Cancer Society.*

Sunshine: (Please let Margo Mosher of any member news and special events) no news.

Study Groups:

Cutaways and Carvers (Randy Harris): no meeting in November.
Stringers (looking for a leader):
Smithies (Pat Speece): Every Friday afternoon and on some Mondays. Call Pat for details.
Faceters (looking for a leader):
Mineraleers (looking for a leader):
Juniors (looking for a leader):

2014 Show (Frank Mullaney, Randy Harris): Show meeting Nov 20 at the Harris home, still looking for volunteers. Unless you are scheduled to work 4 or more hours at the show you will be charged admission to the show.

DRC (Pat Speece): The last sale brought in $372 and another sale will likely be in November.

Hospitality (Lou Schuesler): 40 Members and 7 Guests were in attendance.

Socials (Jaquelyn Calderon): The night's roasted chicken potluck was very successful.

Installation Dinner (Rick Kennedy): The deadline is next month's general meeting. See the Breccia or website for the installation form.

PLAC (Bill Spence): Holister BLM anticipate permits will be available in November via their website.

Federation Report (Randy Harris via June Harris): Federation show is coming up next month. Have raffle tickets for a Geni 1 - $5, 5 = $20.

SCVGMS Board Meeting - *October 24, 2013*

The meeting was called to order at *7:37pm at the home of David Lowe. Meeting was concluded at 8:24pm .*
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, Alt.Fed.Dir. Randy Harris, Directors Lisa LaRocca, David Lowe, David Marshall, Michael Paone, Bill Simpson.

The following were absent: Parl. Dean Welder.

Prior Board Minutes: Read and approved the minutes from the Sept 26, 2013 board meeting (Randy H,Bill S).
New Members: Jennifer Hendricks (Rick K, Randy H, P)
Correspondence: no new correspondence since the general meeting.
Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. Motion to pay the bills as presented (RKO, Randy H,P).

Committee Reports:

Show 2014: meeting Nov 20 at the Harris home. Several dealers have sent their contracts, others will be contacted.
Installation Dinner: Looking for someone to handle decorations.

Old Business:

1. Trailer insurance - still in process (see B20130725 OB#1).
2. Junior program - nothing new (see B20130829 OB #4).
3. Scholarship letters are to go out (see B20130829 NB# 5).
4. *Mindat.org - further discussion (see B20130926 NB#2).*
5. Computer for composing the newsletter - nothing new (see B20130926 NB#4).
6. Discussed the SCVGMS Continuing Education program and the dates for certain actions to be performed (see B20130829 OB#6).

New Business:

1. Club directory - discussed printing options.
2. Motion to continue advertising in the Breccia (Randy H, David M, P)
3. Motion to have the club reserve the Cabana club for 2014 (Rick K, David M, P).
4. Motion to purchase a set of DVDs for $70 as proposed by David M (Michael P, Randy H, P).
5. There are some outdated books in the club library - David M & Rick K have volunteered to look at what can be culled out.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report
October 24, 2013

Beginning Balance		$19241.79
Receipts:		
2014 Show dealer receipts	$2735.00	
DRC Receipts	272.88	
Installation dinner receipts	130.00	
2014 Kids Area deposit	68.00	
Dues	40.00	
Initiation	10.00	
Total receipts	$3255.88	
Expenditures		
2014 Show Kids Are rock bags	$652.50	
October meeting refreshments	67.29	
2014 Show Scholarship pendants	52.80	
ALAA Dues	50.00	
Officers Pen and Bars	46.00	
October Breccia printing	34.88	
Dues Refund	20.00	
Total Expenditures	$923.47	
Ending Balance		$21574.20

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Michael Paone (408) 340-3258
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Parliamentarian: Dean Welder
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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Dean Welder and Randy Harris
Founder's Day Picnic Food:
Michael Paone
Founder's Day Raffle: OPEN
Founder's Day Bingo: Randy Harris
Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy
Librarian: Jiang Zheng
Meeting Setup: Brian and Jill Borders
Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy
Member Displays: David Marshall
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee):
Bill Spence
Program: David Lowe
Refreshments: Jacquelyn Calderon
Show 2013: Frank Mullaney,
and Randy Harris
Show 2014: Frank Mullaney
Silent Auction: Pat Speece
Social: Jacquelyn Calderon
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trailer Custodian: Herb Vogel
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Webmaster: RK Owen

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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 November 26, 2013, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.
Our next board meeting will be on November 26, 2013, immediately following the general meeting
December joint board (2013 and 2014) meeting on December 5, 2013 at the home of Randy Harris' 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. 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

Cutaways	**Randy Harris**	**(831) 438-5150**
Juniors	**Needs a new leader. Check the mirror, is it you?**	
Smithies	**Pat Speece**	**(408) 266-4327**