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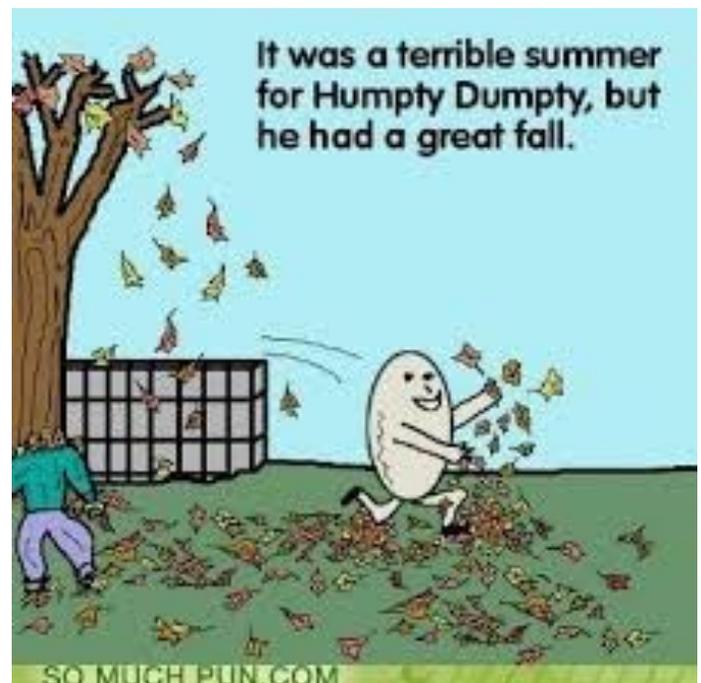
General Information

General Meetings

October 26-Ice Cream Social with Program to be determined

November 23-Silent Auction and Election

December 7-Installlation Dinner



President's Message

October 2021

When I think of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS), I almost always get a smile on my face. There is always something to look forward to with this group of people. Someone is working on rock polishing, or rock tumbling, or making jewelry, or smithing, or slicing rocks, or . . . There are always interesting things to do and the most interesting is to spend time talking to the members. Usually you will find the members talking about rocks, field trips, where to buy rock saws, tumblers, or polishers – and rocks. That should put a smile on your face, too.

In the summer months, we usually have a meeting where we serve ice cream with all the trimmings. This includes ice cream that is scooped, several types of toppings, such as peanuts, whipped cream, sprinkles, caramel, and chocolate. Instead, this fall month we will serve individually wrapped ice cream treats. We are just trying to be careful as we work our way through the pandemic, but the deliciousness will still be there, with plenty to satisfy your tummy.

In November we will have another Silent Auction. It will be inside since the weather is getting colder. Start gathering your items to be auctioned off. This can include honey, jewelry, tools, rocks, tumbled rocks, rock masks, cookies, and . . . If any items remain, then you take your item/s back home. Usually there is nothing left. We get there a little early to set up and conduct the club business around the silent auction.

In December we have an end of year end Installation Dinner, where we enjoy the end of the SCVGMS year and install our next year's officers. We celebrate with a catered dinner from the Willow Street Wood-Pizza restaurant. This is a time to visit and enjoy the decorated and festive room.

Of course, all this activity comes from the volunteers who help do the background and foreground work. Every year we ask for volunteers to become officers and board members and to be in charge of smaller jobs like setting up the Silent Auction, or the picnic, or the monthly snacks, or the Installation Dinner, etc. Will you help us out next year? Check out the Sign Up For a Job paper and send it to me.

Ask not what the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society can do for you,
Ask what you can do for the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society.

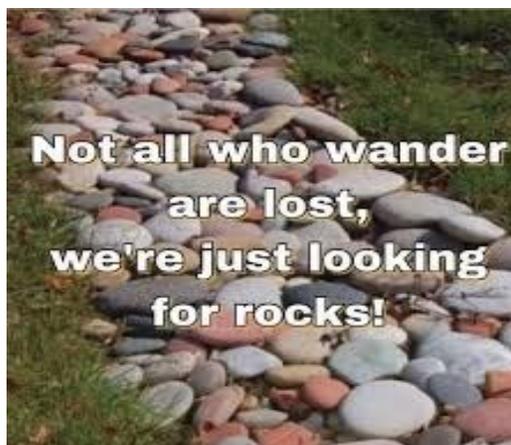
Can't wait to see you again,

Madame President, Michele Smith

Sign Up for a Job!

It's fun and a great way to get acquainted and make new friends with your fellow rockhounds.

Please see the next page for details.



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS)

Sign Up for a Job - 2022

SCVGMS was begun in 1954, almost 68 years ago. It is organized, maintained, and operated solely by volunteers. Help keep this great organization strong! Choose offices and/or committees where you would like to work and check your choices from the options below.

Mail or email this completed form to: **Michele Smith** at 801 Virginia Court, Campbell, CA 95008 or email: Michelesmith801@comcast.net

Name _____

Phone Number _____ **Email:** _____

Board of Directors (elected by the membership)

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Editor
- Federation Director
- Alternate Fed. Director
- Board Member (need 5)
- Parliamentarian (non-voting)
- Historian (non-voting)

Other ways to contribute:

- Put on a program.
- Submit articles for the Breccia.
- Lead a study group.
- Start a new study group.
- Work at the festival (set up, tear down, sell tickets, security overnight, demonstrate skills).
- Start up a junior group again.
- Support the Santa Clara County Fair with SCVGMS displays.

Positions

- Bragging Rights
- Cabbers (study group)
- Smithies (study group)
- Rock Tumbling (study group)
- Other Study Group _____

Positions Continued

- Donation Receiving Committee (DRC)
- Festival Committee Chair (2022)
- Field Trips
- Financial Advisory Committee
- Founder's Day Picnic Committee (Summer)
- Founder's Day Picnic Food
- Founder's Day Picnic BBQ
- Founder's Day Picnic Tri-Tip
- Founder's Day Picnic Raffle
- Founder's Day Picnic Bingo
- Hospitality
- Installation Dinner Committee (December)
- Installation Dinner Set Up
- Installation Dinner Food
- Installation Dinner Clean Up
- Librarian
- Member Displays
- Nominating Committee
- Public Lands Access (PLAC)
- Refreshments (by yourself or create a committee)
- Silent Auction
- Meet and Greet at Meetings
- Sunshine
- Trailer Custodian
- Trophies

Members' Displays

All members are asked to display at least one time per year, but you may display as many times as you like. There are no displays in meetings when Silent Auctions are scheduled. Usually, there are no displays in December because there is the installation dinner in lieu of our regular meeting, but for the other months, email a photo of your display item to **Michele Smith** by the Sunday before the general meeting, so that she can display it on line and if you are coming to the Cabana Club, bring your item with you so that you can display it and talk about it to those in attendance. Michele will send out an email with details before our meeting.

Two members who were participating using Zoom had items to show. Our guest, **Samuel Levya**, brought some Peridot that he collected on the San Carlos Native American reservation recently. **Ana Papadopoulos** showed a couple of rocks from her yard near the Lone Hill Quarry. Possibly they are Jasper, but they were difficult to identify just seeing them on Zoom.

Don't know what to display? Any type of rock, mineral, or fossil (identified or not), your latest project, information on a field trip, ideas for a display case, or anything to do with rocks is appreciated. Sharing items helps to educate all who attend the meeting. Show off what you love, so that we can enjoy it with you.

Rick Kennedy– Chairperson

Website Links

Your Window to the World of Important Websites
Click on the blue area of whatever site you want to visit!

Link to Our SCVGMS Website: <http://www.scvgms.org/>

Note: After you click on the above link, if you want to see the Breccia and other news items, scroll down and click on "Download", shown under the Newsletter option.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies: <http://www.amfed.org>

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

To access the news from the **American Lands Access Association:** www.amlands.org

Rockhound of the Month

June: Jim Sugiyama for his work as treasurer and on DRC.

July: Paul Kidman for being available to help whenever help is needed.

August: Pat Speece for beginning the DRC effort and for all the years that she supported it by having the rocks, minerals, and equipment at her home and for chairing the DRC efforts.

September: Missy Fox for all her work behind the scenes with our festival, Camp Paradise/Zzyzx and for the many other things that she steps forward to do when something needs doing.

Letter from Clayton Phipps

I sent a copy of the September Breccia, highlighting the article, “**The Hell Creek Adventure and the Dueling Dinosaurs**” to **Clayton Phipps**. Clayton is the person whose great efforts to bring the Dueling Dinosaurs to all of us are described in that article. I was delighted to receive a reply from him, and I am sharing it with you as follows:

“Dear Josephine,

Thank you so much for sharing the story you wrote. I do remember you, Bill, and Gene. I had a wonderful time with you all as well all those years ago.

Did Bill ever get that equipment invented so I can see a fossil underground. Ha. Ha. I sure hope so!

Thank you for adding the links to our story and the fossil digs my brother Jason is offering.

Yes, the Dueling Dinosaurs of Montana finally got the happy ending they deserve. I am so looking forward to seeing them again. Hopefully soon at the grand opening of the exhibit. I can’t wait to see what else is discovered about them. I am a firm believer in Nanotyrannus being a valid species and not a baby Rex. We will see if the researchers agree. I hope they use cowboy logic!”

Sincerely, Clayton Phipps”

I hope you enjoy this short letter as much as I have. Clayton’s a good man who has worked hard to bring the Dueling Dinosaurs into a situation where the public can enjoy them. I’m glad for his success.

Jo Borucki



DRC News

Once upon a time (about 2006-2007), it was determined that donations to the club needed a lot more structure. Donations were given to the club for the members, but the distribution of the donations was erratic and undefined.

And so it was decided that we needed an official donation group that would pick up the donations and prepare them for sale to club members and the entire world, and then turn all the money over to the club treasurer.

The Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) was born and since then Pat Speece has graciously hosted it at her home, with George and Jane Yamashita as the first DRC leaders. After 15 years, Pat has decided that her time of hosting the rock collection is over and the DRC started looking for another yard and another DRC leader.

Pat's backyard is rather big, being pie-shaped at the end of a cul-de-sac. Pat and Daymond handled the rock collection by setting up about eight tables behind the shed, so they couldn't see the setup from the house or other part of the yard. Members have donated tables and a big umbrella. Rocks are put in busboy bins to show during the sale. The DRC committee has had a good time separating the rocks into various piles by quality (extra-fine, good, and free), and they have learned a lot. They have a separate category for mineral specimens.

For every rock sale, it takes about 2-3 work days to sort and price everything we had room for and everything goes smoothly. It was a pleasure, with cold water to drink and homemade cookies to eat every time we took breaks, and sat around and chatted.

The DRC gives rocks to the club picnic, the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS) silent auctions, and drawings at the club meetings. We give rocks to teachers for their classes.

The DRC learned that rain will make the rocks slimy, so they need to cover them during the rainy season. While many donors delivered their rocks right to Pat's home, other times, DRC members drove many miles to pick up rocks. They met many nice people, and it was good to see them at just about every sale.

During the pandemic, they had to spread out, so had to use the entire breadth of the yard, and relegate the free rocks to the driveway — this turned out to be a good thing and whetted the appetite of many.

The Darn Right Crew (DRC) is a pleasure to work with and are a hard working group with a love for rocks, field trips, and geology. Soon they will be moving everything to the new DRC location where Michele Smith will keep the rock donations at her back yard.

Since its birth, the DRC has donated about \$10,000 to the club treasury, an amount that the club would not have otherwise. It was fun, enjoyable, and the crew of about 17 helpers contributed to the enjoyment.

As the DRC continues, it will be as enjoyable as it has ever been, including being located at the end of a cul-de-sac with a large pie shaped yard.

Thanks to the many, many years of DRC leadership by Pat Speece and the DRC members who have lugged, sorted, cleaned, educated and shared a love of rocks and minerals to all the customers at the rock sales. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Pat and Michele have discussed how the DRC runs as well as ideas that could help the collection of rocks and set up before the sales. Any future changes made will be for the benefit of the DRC and the SCVGMS members. A smooth transition is anticipated.

By Pat Speece and Michele Smith

October General Meeting Program

The presentation for our meeting was on “**Rockhounding during Covid**”, presented by **Stephen May**. Because of the Covid and the need for social distancing, there were no trips for groups of people. Stephen talked about some of the trips he had been on in the last 18 months while the country was dealing with the pandemic. His trips were mainly to Clear Creek and Virgin Valley. He enjoyed looking for opal, but he also brought a spectacular Septarian Nodule that he found at a location west of Orderville, Utah.



Septarian Nodule

Rick Kennedy added some color in the form of the many Virgin Valley Opals he had collected in the last year or so. Of particular interest was an opal that he had an expert stabilize for him. The Virgin Valley opals are found in wet clay and normally must be kept in water to prevent them from drying out, cracking, even disintegrating, and losing their color. His stabilized opal does not need to be kept in water. It is a beautiful specimen as are many of his others still kept in water. He is considering getting others of them stabilized.



← Stabilized Opal from Virgin Valley



Opals, Opals, and More Opals!



Bragging Rights

The theme for the **September contest** was **Your Favorite Thing**. Two people submitted items, and **Jim Fox** won with his **Rhodonite** sample where he polished an area in his sample so that the beauty of the Rhodonite was enhanced. He wrote an explanation for the September Breccia and it is partially repeated here: "Rhodonite gets its pink color from the element manganese. Often it can be found associated with manganese oxide minerals which form black patches or sometimes tree-like "dendrites" in the pink silicate. It is a relatively tough material with a Mohs hardness of 5.5 - 6.5. Rhodonite is a silicate The manganese is often partly replaced by iron, magnesium, calcium, and sometimes zinc which may sometimes be present in considerable amounts."



Rhodonite

The other entry was **Stephen May's** very beautiful and colorful **Plasma Agate from Clear Creek**.

The theme for our **October** meeting is an item relating to rockhounding and **beginning with the letter "S"**.

Please email a photo of your entry to Alan Achor at kayakbb7@gmail.com

Alan Achor-Bragging Rights Chairman



Plasma Agate

Field Trips

October 9, 2021 10:00AM to 4:00PM

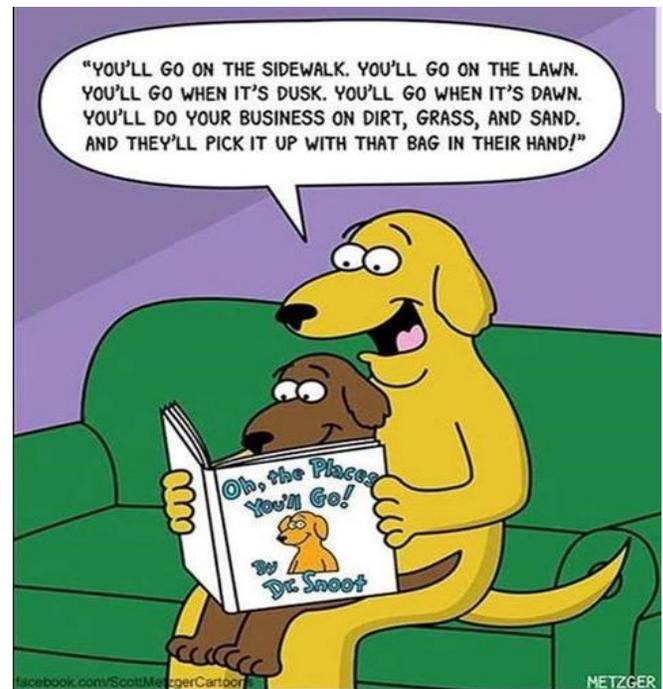
Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse
425 Fulton Shipyard Road, Antioch, CA

October 16 & 17, 2021

Saturday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
(Opposite Santa Rosa Fairgrounds
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

October 30 & 31, 2021

Saturday 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM to 4:00PM
Mariposa Fairgrounds
Hwy 49 2 miles south of Mariposa



Rockhound Story Time

A Report on Camp Paradise

By Charlie Tucker



A few words about Camp Paradise in the Plumas National Forest (a rustic church camp located near Clipper Mills, CA). If you have never been to this camp, you have been missing out on a creative experience. There are two one-week sessions in late August and early September each year. This year we had smoke issues from the fires for two days and most of the second week we had blue skies in this pine forest location.

Whether your interest is in silver smithing, lapidary, glass bead making, beading, faceting, precious metal clay, ming trees, lost wax metal casting, soft stone carving, dichroic glass fusion, enameling, chain making or wire wrap art, you will learn from the best teachers in their field. In fact, based on your current level of expertise you may contribute your own skills and knowledge to others in the class.

From beginning to advanced projects, you will be amazed as to what you can accomplish during the week. You will have instructors who bring the latest techniques in your preferred disciplines or new experiences resulting in beautiful artwork that you have designed and created.

The cost is \$405.00 per week for room and board. There will be some minimal charges for materials that the instructors provide. The meals this year were exceptional, nutritious and filling. The club members who have wanted to gain skills in some of the various disciplines should seriously consider going to the camp. It would be nice to see a strong representation from the bay area next fall.

The photos are representative of various art projects.



The Silver Work shown in the first photo was done by Charlie Tucker. The wire wrapping in the center photo and the enameling on copper in the third photo were projects from other participants at Camp Paradise.

The new University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum at the Historic Pima County Courthouse, is Now Open!

By Steve Kaminski, Mineralogical Society of Arizona

A new gem, and mineral museum has opened in Tucson, Arizona. The University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum (UAANGMM) is located within the historic Pima County Courthouse, an iconic and historic building of magnificent Spanish Revival architecture in the heart of Tucson. Following the completion of a \$13.5 Million renovation and buildout project, UAANGMM is dedicated to providing public education, the curation of minerals, gems, fossils and meteorites while also serving the research needs of professionals, students and collectors. The collection is literally universal in scope, but with specific emphasis on minerals from Arizona and Mexico. Eric Fritz is the museum's Director. Previously housed in the basement of the UofA's Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, the UArizona mineral collection has a new home with 12,000 square feet exhibit space. The Flandrau will continue with new exhibits featuring specimens on loan from UAANGMM. UAANGMM adds an exciting element to the Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase which occurs in late January and early February. Of course, the museum will attract attention year-round. The museum space will not only be exhibiting world-class minerals, gems and jewelry, but also provide immersive activities, graphics and videos as well as interactive experiences. The visitor experience will be enhanced by the integrated exhibits highlighting research from the Arizona gem science and mineralogy programs.

UAANGMM will have four major exhibit areas; each will change on a regular basis. The four primary areas are: a **Mineral Evolution Gallery**, an **Arizona-Mexico Gallery**; a **crystal interactive lab**; and a **Gem Gallery**. In addition to the public museum space, an additional 9,000 square feet on the lower level of the courthouse will be dedicated to a reference library, research lab, and community classroom.

UAANGMM's first gallery, the Mineral Evolution Gallery will explore and expand on the developing theories around the story of our planet's mineral evolution. The exhibit will chronologically explore how the solar system formed and minerals have co-evolved on earth alongside life over time. This scientific theory is supported by NASA space research, Rendering of the Planetary Evolution Hall inside of the University of Arizona, and Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum, Courtesy of the University of Arizona. Similar to other rocky planets in our solar system and meteorites, Earth started with around 60 minerals. Earth is now home to over 5,600 minerals and the count continues. The museum will tell the story of how this happened. The expression of this story will touch on many topics, including, the interaction of life and oxygen and changes that followed the emergence of the new minerals.

The Arizona and Mexico gallery, will feature the unique mineralogy of the region, highlighting Arizona's mining roots. One section of the exhibit will be modeled after a recreated stope within the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee which will showcase some of the minerals that were mined during the early workings. The stope design was based on the contributions of Dick Graeme III (the expert Bisbee mineral collector, historian and miner) and his family.

A rendering of Bisbee-Azurite stope inside the University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum. Courtesy of the University of Arizona "We're telling the story of mining and how the copper mined

in Bisbee basically set up the United States for the Industrial Revolution,” Fritz said. “Without that, we wouldn’t have had power and telecommunications.” Copper was mined here before Arizona before became a state. “...copper helped make this the last contiguous state in the U.S.”

In the Crystal Lab, visitors will have a chance to alter the crystal structure to cause a change in color in quartz, sapphire, or diamond. “For example, if you start with a clear quartz and add a little bit of iron, you’ll end up with amethyst,” Fritz said. “So, they’ll actually learn while doing something pretty cool.”

The final exhibit, the Gemstone Gallery and Treasury, will showcase minerals that have been manipulated by humans and turned into jewelry, carvings and works of art, demonstrating human-kind’s innate appreciation for natural beauty. The Treasury resides in the center of the gallery and displays a collection of minerals, jewelry and gemstones from all over the world. The majority of displays showcased in the treasury are on loan from the Somewhere in the Rainbow, a gem and jewelry private collection from Phoenix. The UArizona Department of Geosciences is offering a new track as the result of an endowed chair in gem science, funded by The RealReal. The gem science track is preparing students for careers in the gem trade. The University begins teaching classes in the program this Fall 2021. Eric Fritz and museum Assistant Curator Susan Leib will co-instruct the first undergraduate course. The upgraded mineral museum will contribute to the new gem sciences track, providing opportunities for students to study in the museum’s labs and classrooms. According to Fritz, “The hope is that the classroom in the lower level will become the gem science classroom for students.” Museum leaders are also hoping to make these areas available to school groups and local organizations to increase interest in gem sciences and mineralogy throughout the community.

IT’S OPEN!

The University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum is now open with Summer Hours. Visit Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm (summer hours). Last Tickets sold at 1pm. The museum will open from Monday through Friday 10am-4pm starting on August 23th. Purchase tickets in-person at 115 N Church Ave, Tucson, AZ, 85701. Information can be found at: <https://gemandmineralmuseum.arizona.edu/>

Thanks to Eric Fritz, Selena Gabriella Valencia and W. Lesley Presmyk for their review and comments.

References: UA's planned new gem and mineral museum downtown aims to enrich Tucson community; Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum; <https://gemandmineralmuseum.arizona.edu/news/2019/11/uas-planned-new-gemandmineral-museum-downtown>.

UArizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum is One Step Closer to Opening; Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum, Feb. 17, 2021; <https://news.arizona.edu/story/uarizona-alfie-norville-gem-mineral-museum-onestepcloser-opening>.

Photos provided by University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum Media contact: Selena Valencia, Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum, 520-621-7320, selena.valencia@arizona.edu



Sunshine



Cal Hansen took a nasty fall and got 11 stitches. We hope that you are healing well, Cal. If you know of anyone needing sunshine, please email **Margo Mosher** at margomosher@yahoo.com

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General Meeting Minutes

September 28th, 2021

The September meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:40 pm at the Cabana Club and on Zoom, so that our members could enjoy the meeting in the way they felt the most safe and comfortable.

Announcements: The SCVGMS Board meeting will be held on Zoom at 7:30pm on Thursday, September 30th. Dues are due, please send your payment to our PO Box: SCVGMS, P.O. Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054 or give them to Jim Sugiyama at the meeting. Michele Smith has volunteered to be the new hub for the DRC, she will store rocks at her house and have sales there!

New Members: No new members. If you want to join the club, one must attend at least two club meetings and have two sponsors from the club, it is easy to do!!

Board Meeting: Will be at on Zoom at 7:30.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Guest Samuel Levya brought some Peridot that he collected on the San Carlos Native American reservation recently. Ana Papadopoulos showed a couple of rocks from her yard near the Lone Hill Quarry, possibly some Jasper there.

Bragging Rights: The winner was Jim Fox with a very large Rhodonite sample. Next month's theme is something that starts with the letter "S".

Rockhound of the Month: Missy Fox won for all her work behind the scenes with our festival, Camp Paradise/Zzyzx, and many other things. Jim Fox accepted the award for Missy.

Field Trips: Stephen May announced that the first trip we can go to as part of the Field Trip Co-Op is September 30th – October 3rd to Utah for Dugway geodes and Topaz Mountain Topaz, Red Beryl and more.

Study Groups:

The Smithies are not meeting right now in accordance with the stay-at-home order.

Hospitality: 22 members and 5 guests were in attendance.

ALAA: Nothing new.

DRC: See the above announcement about Michele Smith hosting the DRC rocks.

Federation Report: Karen Welder reported that there is no new news.

Correspondence: Jim Sugiyama reported that he had received information about shows in Antioch (October 9th) and Santa Rosa (October 16-17).

Sunshine Michelle Powers and Frank Mullaney reported that Cal Hansen took a nasty fall and got 11 stitches.

Program: Rockhounding during Covid. Presented by Stephen May. Stephen talked about some of the trips he has been on in the last 18 months as the country has been dealing with the pandemic. Rick Kennedy added some color... in the form of many Virgin Valley Opals he had collected in the last year or so.

October Meeting: October 26th at 7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM via the Zoom application so that the Board would comply with the governor's stay at home order.

Roll Call: All board members were present except for Sonia Dyer, Stephen May and Jo Borucki.

Reading of the minutes from the August 26thth Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (F. Mullaney, D. Welder).

New Members: MSP To accept the applications of Bruce Poehlman, and David and Ella (daughter) Persselin (R. Kennedy, D. Welder). M/S/P to accept the applications of five other people who have paid dues within the last year during Covid (F. Mullaney, K. Welder).

Correspondence: Chase Statement and a bill from McDaniel's Insurance.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Sugiyama presented the club with a treasurer's report. M/S/P to pay \$275.00 for our director and officer's insurance (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

There was discussion about our Dodge and Cox Fund. Jim Sugiyama and Paul Kidman have spent time going over other options Dodge and Cox could offer the club. They presented those options and the Board will think on them and make decisions at the next Board meeting.

Dues: Jim also presented an up-to-date accounting of who has and has not paid dues. The Secretary will send out letters to those who have not yet paid.

Committee Reports:

Federation: Karen Welder reported at the General Meeting that there was no new news, nothing has changed since then.

Field Trips: No report, Stephen is on his way to the first Co-Op trip.

Old Business:

2022 Festival: The Fairgrounds has announced that they will not be hosting any events for the first half of 2022. Frank Mullaney will meet with representatives of the Fairgrounds and see what our options are. We are looking at the possibility of a fall, 2022 festival.

CFMS Field Trip Co-op: We have been accepted!

New Business:

Discussion of DRC Future: Michele Smith has volunteered to house the rocks and hold the sales at her home, material will be moved there in mid January.

Nominating Committee: Michele Smith and Stephen May have volunteered.

Valley Med: Michele Smith brought up the idea of feeding the staff at Valley Medical Center like we did last year. The Board authorized Michele to proceed and it will be voted on once we have all the details.

Program Schedule:

October: Ice Cream Social, program to be determined.

November: Silent Auction and election.

December: Installation dinner to be held on December 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
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Founder's Day Raffle: TBD
Founder's Day Bingo: TBD
Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy, Jim and Missy Fox
Member Displays: Rick Kennedy
Refreshments: Michele Smith
Silent Auction: TBD
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Librarian: Deb Runyan
Webmaster: TBD

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

An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of every month with meet and greet time beginning at 7:15 followed by the meeting at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (the Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

The next **General Meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 7:30 at the Cabana Club and also on Zoom**, and the **Board Meeting is scheduled for October 28 at 7:30 using Zoom**.

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). **Our Newsletter**, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. **The deadline for all articles is the Sunday after the general meeting.** The Breccia editor is Jo Borucki who may be contacted by email at joborucki@yahoo.com or by phone at (408)245-2881. The Breccia is proofread by Pat Speece. Exchange bulletins may be sent to Jo Borucki, 1196 Sesame Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

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

Rock Tumbling Study Group: David Mosher