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The Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

- Anonymous

Events for November and December

November 23, Tuesday: General Meeting with Silent Auction and Election of Officers for 2022

- See page 3 for details on the silent auction.
- See page 4 to sign up for a job in 2022.

Board Meeting immediately following the General Meeting

December 7, Tuesday: Installation Dinner,

- Fill out the form on page 5 to sign up for the dinner.

December 23, Thursday: Board Meeting

Candidates for 2022 Offices

President: Michele Smith
Vice President:
Secretary: Rick Kennedy
Treasurer:
Editor: Jo Borucki
Federation Director: Karen Welder
Alternate Federation Director:
Paul Kidman
Board Members at Large
Jim Fox
Missy Fox
Alan Achor
Cal Hansen
Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

You may nominate yourself or someone else to run for **any of the above offices**. In particular, **we have vacancies for vice president, treasurer, and for one member at large**. Please think about running for an office. It's a great way to enjoy your club.

President's Message

November 2021

I had been anticipating screaming, groaning and terror all day, but I could not find last year's battery operated skeleton. It rotates in my doorway and does a good job of terrifying the smallest little ghouls and goblins. The last two years it was seated in a chair at the entrance to the court I live in. Since COVID, the few neighbors who give out goodies sit there and have an early dinner, with goodies piled on a table near us. For COVID we were trying to have the few trick or treaters come to our court and have a little less distance to walk. AND they don't try to pick up my good rock border and take them home.

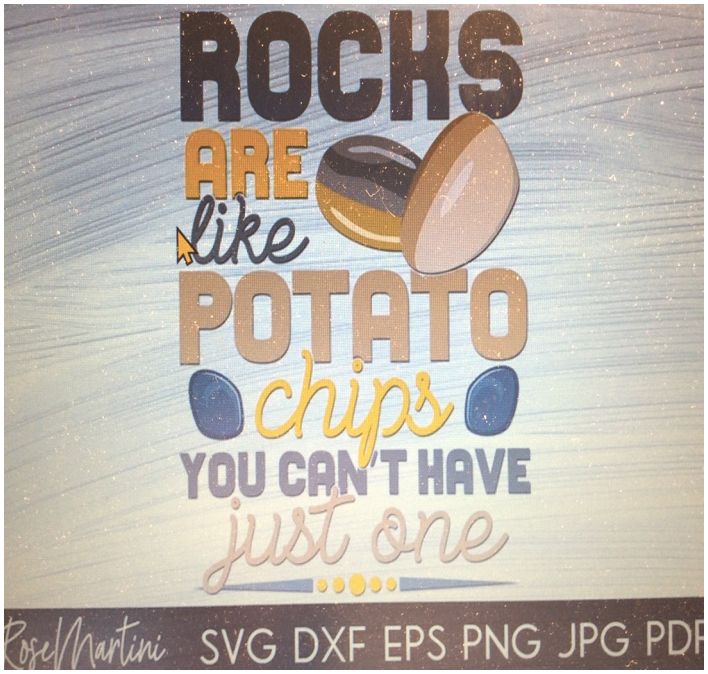
I have often thought that I could give out rocks as treats, but couldn't give away any that I was willing to part with. I also worried that some kids would think it was rock candy and others would lick the rocks (first rule of rock gathering: don't lick the rocks).

The weather was beautifully clear, the air was crisp, and plans for where to put the Donation Receiving Committee rocks are coming together. And I enjoyed sitting with good friends, eating hot dogs and salad and drinking a perfect margarita (on the rocks, with salt).

I hope your Halloween was low on the tricks and that you could give way all your treats. I hope your little kids had great costumes and big smiles. I hope that the big kids were eager and fun and safe and polite. I hope that you had a great All Hallows Eve and I will see you at the Silent Auction.

Madame President,

Michele Smith



Silent Auction

November 23, 2021

In addition to everything rock and mineral such as gems, minerals, books, and examples of our members' skills, we welcome other items. For example we have auctioned off homemade candies, homemade cookies, plants, pottery, tools, and thingamajigs.

Bring your items, find an empty spot on a table, fill out the sheets that will be with your items, and get ready to have fun by checking out the things that others have brought and writing down your bids for items that you are interested in.

There will be three bidding time periods. You can bid during each bidding time period. Your club president will announce each break for time to bid on the items. The president will announce when the bidding time period is closed. Bidders cannot even start to write their name!

At the end of each time period, one of the three tables will be closed, signifying that the last name on any bid sheet wins the item.

Example: The table with the yellow cat sign is closed. This is the signal that you can go see if you won anything on that table. If so, pick it up and take it to the bankers in the back by the kitchen. Pay for your items, and you get your winnings.

Remember that your items are a donation to the club and that all money collected goes to help the club. We thank you in advance! Payment: Cash or personal check. All proceeds go to the club treasury.

Suggestions:

Come early to add your item to the fun, and to see what other people have brought that you might like.
Bring a tote bag for your goodies.
Bring cash or checks.

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

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).

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

Installation Dinner 2021

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Dinner is at 7:00 PM
Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos
Deadline for reservations: November 26, 2021
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, 5360 Colony Park Circle, San Jose, CA 95123
Sign up early, there is only room for 50 attendees.

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

Entrees: Rotisserie Chicken
Mushroom Penne Pesto
Fettucini Chicken Tequila
Salad:Romaine Gorgonzola Salad
Vegetable:Sauteed Almond Broccoli
Side:Homemade honey wheat bread and butter
Dessert:Caramel apple bread pudding

Installation Dinner Registration

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, 5360 Colony Park Circle, San Jose, CA 95123

2021 Field Trips

November 6-7; Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Rd
Hours: 10-5 Daily Contact: Michael Hopkins
Email: mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net

November 6-7; Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest CA 93555
Hours: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM
Contact: John De Rosa 760-375-7905 fjrocks@dslextreme.com
Fieldtrip November 7th at 9 AM

November 13; Saturday-Tailgate Rock Swap and Sale
2549 Meacham Ranch Road, Angeles Camp, Off Highway 49
CalaverasGemAndMineral.net

November 13-14; Yuba City, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society, 29th Festival of Gems and Minerals
Yuba –Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Franklin Hall
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: Karen Horita, 916-677-6696 Email: horita@comcast.net Website: http://sutterbuttesgemmi

November 20-21; Lakeside, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society Annual Rock and Gem Roundup
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds 12584 Mapleview St.
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Contact: Palmer Taskerud 619-729-7904
Email: ecvgms@gmail.com Website: http://ecvgms@gmail.com

November 20-21; Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
1900 17 Ave th
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Michael F Cox, 408-644-7848
Email: scruzmgs@gmail.com
Website: http://scrockngem.org

December 5; Lake Elsinore, CA
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society Rock 'n Craft Festival
32097 Corydon Road Hours: 10-4
Contact: John Frey 909-208-6956
Email: berylman50@aol.com 202

Members' Displays

October General Meeting

Joan Schramm brought some Myricite and Jasper that she found in her backyard. **Bruce White** brought a very nice piece of polished Sodalite and a specimen of Variscite**. Kyle Van Woerkom** brought a specimen that appears to be either Hematite, Limonite or Goethite. He also brought a piece that could be Magnetite or possible slag. **Stephen May** brought some Dugway geodes**. Jose Sul** brought two Australian Opals that he had cut. **Jose Sul** brought two Australian Opals that he had cut. **Charlie Tucker** brought several silver-smithing pieces that he made at Camp Paradise where two of the highlights were an Amethyst set in a silver heart, and a beautiful pendant with Larimar and Lapis Lazuli stones. **Ken Rogers** (guest) showed off a thunderegg with a ghostly pattern inside and a cut and polished piece of Coprolite that looks like a gypsy dancing girl inside!

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.

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

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 being available to help whenever help is needed.

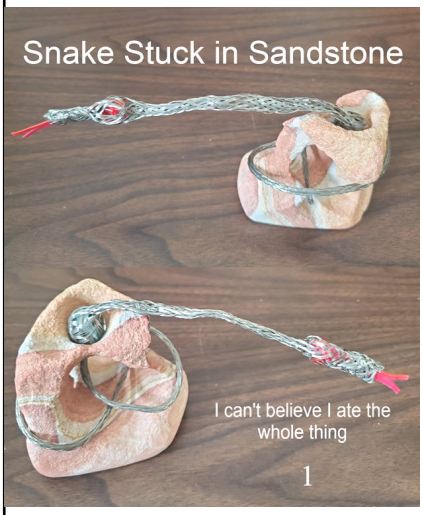
Santa's Rockhounds for December

Cartoon from the internet

Bragging Rights for October

The theme for the **October contest was items beginning with the letter S.** Three people submitted items, and **Lynn Toschi** won with his 8 1/2 inch tall Spodumene Crystal from Afghanistan. The other entries were submitted by Deb Runyan with her wonderfully imaginative creation titled "Snake Stuck in Sandstone" and Ana Papadopoulos with her silver wire from the Silver Hongda Mine, Lingqiu County, Shanxi, China. They are displayed below:

Spodumene Crystal
from Afghanistan
Lynn Toschi



Snake Stuck in Sandstone
Deb Runyan

Silver Wire from the Silver
Hongda Mine, Lingqiu
County, Shanxi, China.
Ana Papadopoulos

There are no Bragging Rights contests in November or December. The **January theme is a mineral or fossil from California.**

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

Sunshine

There are no people currently needing sunshine, but if you know of anyone who does, please email **Margo Mosher at margomosher@yahoo.com**

General meeting minutes

October 26th, 2021

The October meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:35 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, October 28th.

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.

The nominating committee will be contacting people about Board positions for 2022. The November meeting will be an election and silent auction.

New Members: No new members. If you want to join the club, you 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.

Installation Dinner: Will be at the Cabana Club on December 7th at 7:00. Please bring at least one unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. **Joan Schramm** brought some Myricite and Jasper that she found in her backyard. **Bruce White** brought a very nice piece of polished Sodalite and a specimen of Variscite**.** **Kyle Van Woerkom** brought a specimen that appears to be either Hematite, Limonite, or Goethite. He also brought a piece that could be Magnetite or possible slag. **Stephen May** brought some Dugway geodes**.** **Jose Sul** brought two Australian Opals that he had cut. **Charlie Tucker** brought several silversmithing pieces that he made at Camp Paradise where two of the highlights were an Amethyst set in a silver heart, and a beautiful pendant with Larimar and Lapis Lazuli stones. **Ken Rogers** (guest) showed off a thunderegg with a ghostly pattern inside and a cut and polished piece of Coprolite that looks like a gypsy dancing girl inside!

Bragging Rights: There were three entries: a snake in sandstone, a Spodumene crystal, variety Kunzite; and a specimen of Native Silver. There will be no Bragging Rights next month since we have the auction.

Rockhound of the Month: Not awarded this month.

Fi**eld Trips:** Stephen May announced that the digging season is basically over for the winter.

Study Groups:

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

Hospitality: 33 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

ALAA: Nothing new.

DRC: The rocks will be stored in Michele Smith's yard beginning sometime in January.

Federation Report: Stephen May announced the Mariposa Show, The Contra Costa Show and the Calaveras Tailgate. Be sure to check the Breccia or the CFMS website for the most up to date information about shows.

Correspondence: No report.

Sunshine No Report.

Program: Dr. Krista Sawchuk (One of our former scholarship winners) gave a presentation titled "A Geologic Journey to the Center of the Earth" It was very informative and well presented. Some fascinating study as to the changes that can happen to certain minerals that end up in the mantle through the subduction process.

November Meeting: November 23rd at 7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:36. All were present except Jim Fox, Missy Fox, and Rick Kennedy.
Reading of the Minutes from September 30th board meeting was postponed to the next meeting.
Correspondence: New bank statement; New Dodge and Cox; down $3,120.61. Charlie Tucker, already a member, during 2021, Paid. New Members are Lisa LaRocca and Gene Westerberg.
Treasurers Report: Jim Sugiyama-Member dues received: $55.00. Remind Rick to send notices. If people haven't paid by December, we may drop them.
Committee Reports:
Federation – Karen Welder-The November meeting is in Visalia.
Field Trips – Stephen May MSP, (FM, JB, passed) will be paid mileage for Co-Op trip. CFMS to pay Karen. Several trips have been scheduled around Thanksgiving time frame.
Old Business:
2022 Festival in 3rd or 4th quarter? – status of fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are not available until 2nd half of 2022. SCVGMS will not have a 2022 festival, but will have a presence at the Santa Clara County Fair and will advertise our show for 2023. MSP (FM, JB, Passed). MSP to have a presence at the 2022 County Fair, MSP (SM, FM, passed). Discuss adding up to 5 vendors for the 3-days in which we would be at the show. Frank to investigate. Dean to investigate available vendors. Decisions pending, based on results of investigation.
SCVGMS steps to join the Co-op – Stephen May submitted application and SCVGMS was accepted!
Discussion of DRC future – will be moved to the yard of Michele Smith in mid-January. We will solicit help as it nears.
October ice cream Social did not go well. A break is required midway in the meeting where participants can get some ice cream.
November Meeting: Silent Auction and election of officers for 2022. The board meeting will follow immediately after the general meeting.
December General Meeting on December 7 is our Installation Dinner with food from the Willow Street Café. It will be followed by a short board meeting.
December Board Meeting is a two meetings with 2021 business and then 2022 business.
General Membership Meeting Times may change. This will be discussed at the November General Membership Meeting.
New business: Discussion of SCVGMS duties for Co-op membership. A SCVGMS lead fields trip date will be determined by the Co-op. Stephen May will attend the November meeting.
Idea for Collecting Dues in 2022. Michele suggested sending envelopes to members to make it easy for them to send their dues.
Santa Clara County Fair Participation; Considering different kids activities for fair and festival.
October 26th Program: Krista Sawchuck gave a great presentation! Many of us had to stretch but it was worth it. The illustrations were very clear, and Krista had no trouble fielding questions and the members had no trouble asking them. We probably could have gone on for a couple more hours,
November Board Meeting: We may not be able to discuss the Dodge and Cox investment strategy, and it is suggested that we table it until January, but include it in the December agenda to read through it to prepare us to discuss it during the January Board Meeting.
Meeting adjourned: 8:41 pm
Respectfully submitted by Stephen May and Michele Smith substituting for Rick Kennedy

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SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Michele Smith	(408)374-1897
Vice President: Frank Mullaney	(408)691-2656
Secretary: Rick Kennedy	(408)529-9690
Treasurer: Jim Sugiyama	(408)234-1413
Editor: Jo Borucki	(408)245-2881
Federation Director: Karen Welder	(408)353-2675
Alternate Federation Director: Paul Kidman	(408)356-4995
Board Members at Large	
Jim Fox	(408)356-7711
Missy Fox	(408)356-7711
Sonia Dyer	(408)629-5735
Alan Achor	(408)749-0771
Cal Hansen	(408)688-7143
Parliamentarian: Dean Welder	(408)353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chairs: Michele Smith and Jim Sugiyama
Festival Chairpersons 2021: Jim and Missy Fox
Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May
Founder's Day Picnic Chairman: Stephen May
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 November 23 at 7:00 at the Cabana Club,** and the **Board Meeting is scheduled immediately following the General Meeting. Both will also be available 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.

Study Group Leaders

For information, please contact the leader listed below.

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Cabbers: We need a leader. Can it be you?
Rock Tumbling Study Group: David Mosher