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President's report

by Frank Mullaney

The show is over. This year's show and the many months leading up to it were filled with many trials and tribulations. Thankfully, they are over, too. That being acknowledged, I feel we had a very successful show. It was successful because our members stepped up to help.

Thanks to many people showing up at zero dark thirty on Friday morning to get the place ready for the dealers and guests to start moving in at noon. This went so smoothly that many were able to move in before noon. Our show setup committee deserves a big thank you.

I want to thank the many people that worked prior to the show getting things ready. Creating items for the Scholarship booth, helping with "Play Days", cutting the table skirting down to width and then cutting it to length so it would easily fit on the tables.

Thank you to the show committee chairs for all their months of planning and overseeing.

Their hard work made the show look good and feel well put together. The feedback we received for the dealers was that they were pleased with the show, and the guests had fun. We can not ask for more.

If you have any suggestions for the show, please contact Frank Mullaney at rockyfiv@aol.com, or Randy Harris, randysparky234@netscape.net. In order for our show to grow and continue to be successful, we need your input. Our 2014 show wrap up meeting will be May 15 at 7:30 PM at Frank Mullaney's home. Show committee members, please come prepared with a report for the area you organized. We would like to start a binder for the show.

If you want to volunteer for next year's show, please come to the wrap up meeting. We will start planning for the 2015 show at the May 15 meeting.

Again, **THANK YOU** for all your help in making the show a great success. Without all of you, there would not be a show.

SCVGMS Continuing Education award

by David Marshall

At our April meeting, we had our first Continuing Education winner. Last fall, the SCVGMS Board initiated an ongoing education program for our club attendees. We offer two free spaces to each of the CFMS Earth Science Studies, Zzyzx in the spring and Camp Paradise in the fall. This includes one week at either camp, meals and lodging (it does not include transportation to and from the camp, or additional material fees for special classes).

To qualify, one needed to attend three or more SCVGMS meetings in a year, and volunteered eight or more hours at our annual SCVGMS show, including preparation, setup, and teardown. The Board nominated twelve individuals for the first drawing. They were Jackie Calderon, JT Fuller, David Lowe, June Harris, Randy Harris, Rita Jarrett, Lisa LaRocca, Ed Orekar, Michael Paone, Pat Speece, Phillip Tomac, and Matt Wood. Congratulations on your nomination by the Board, and thank you for all your contributions to our club.

Out of these six said they would be able to attend. **The winner for one week at Camp Paradise in 2014 is Jackie Calderon.** Congratulations!!! The first runner-up is Rita Jarrett, and the second runner-up is June Harris. Should Jackie be unable to attend the camp for some reason, then Rita is her backup. Should Rita be unable to attend in this case, then June is her backup.

Camp Paradise will have classes on beginning faceting, ming trees, lapidary, soft stone carving, silversmithing, lost wax casting, beginning through advanced wire art, copper enameling, lampwork beadmaking, bead weaving, PMC3 clay, an dichroic glass. This is going to be one power packed week.

DRC Rock Sale

May 31st, from 9 AM—noon

2357 Loma Park Court, San Jose in the back yard

Cash or personal checks accepted.

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**

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Member Sharing by David Marshall Sunshine

Starting off our April Member Displays was Bob Ingold who had worked some stone and attached a pen holder, he obtained from Frank Mulanney. These two pen holders would make an attractive addition to any executive's desk.

Rick Kennedy brought in a flat of wonderful specimens: things he bought from another dealer at our show (a rare occasion, since he is so busy handling his customers), as well as from a friend he helped move. Nice things can come from helping others.

In support of the night's topic, photographing rocks and minerals, Bill Spence brought in photographs, including original Van Pelt photos, as well as several recent catalogs from Heritage Auction House containing hundreds of mineral specimens beautifully shown off by their photographs, from various photographers.

Pat Speece launched the club's Secret Auction. At our meeting were displayed a Laguna Agate and a Coyomito Agate. Each had a number, and all attending could bid on the agates. All you had to do was fill out your Name, the Item Number, and your Bid on a piece of paper provided by Pat. The winners (the ones with the highest bid on each of the agates) were to be notified at the end of our meeting. I understand that we will be having more of these Secret Auctions at future meetings.

And finishing our our displays was Rita Jarrett with the results of her week at Zzyzzx (in the Mojave Desert near Baker, California), one of two CFMS camps offering classes and workshops on various lapidary topics. Rita must have been very busy, because she brought in several examples of cabochons, wire wrapping, broom casting, and more.

Thank you Bob, Rick, Bill, Pat, and Rita. Members with your last name beginning with J, K, or L are requested to bring in something interesting to share. What have you been working on?

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.

New SCVGMS members

Sinead and Bryan Ochinero— They are interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, fossils, craving, geology, minerals, and field trips.

Donna and Herb "Tiny" Garland— They are interested in cutting and polishing, silver smithing, geology, and stringing beads.

Rockhound Estate Sale/Auction

June 14, 2014

Gates open 10:30a,
1st lots close ~noon
Minerals, Fossils, Rocks

You have probably been here before. If you haven't, you missed out! We have two medium and 3 small collections to get through (over **100** 5-gallon buckets, to be divvied up into box lots)!

Hallelujah Junction Quartz, Benitoite, Obsidian, Brecciated Jaspers, Slabs, Fossils, Crystals, Petrified Wood, Mystery Rocks, Geodes, Minerals, Agates; many "small items" and the list goes ON!

To 'register' and get more details send an email to wdeanwelder@yahoo.com, or phone [\(408\) 353 2675](tel:4083532675)

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDY GROUPS ARE DOING.

Smithies

2014 Schedule
by Pat Speece



What do Smithies do? We fabricate jewelry using sterling, copper, and brass. We set cabs into bezels, add embellishments and necessities and get to play with lots of tools. This is an informal workshop where we have the necessary tools and equipment. You are also welcome to bring your own. Beginners are always welcome.

Basically, we meet every Friday from 3-6pm; the second Monday of each month, and the Tuesday of the following week from 7-10pm.

Sometimes, our Tuesday falls on the fourth Tuesday which is club meeting night. Smithies will not meet then.

MAY: 12-16-20-23-30

JUNE: 6-9-13-17-20-27

JULY: 11-14-18--25

AUGUST: 1-8-11-15-19-22-29

SEPTEMBER: 5-8-12-16-19-26

OCTOBER: 3-10-13-17-21-24-31

NOVEMBER: 7-10-14-18-21-

DECEMBER: 5-8-12-16-19

The above schedule is subject to change.

If you are on the Smithie email list, you will be notified via email of any cancellations as soon as possible.

Questions? email me at
pat.speece@comcast.net

Happy New Year! Pat

Cutaways

by Randy Harris

The next meeting for the Cutaways is June 7th at my home. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee.



Photography Group

by Matt Wood

The photography group meets every other month and, otherwise, shares information online. The goal of the group is to help each other to be better photographers of jewelry, rocks, minerals, gems, and fossils. These things we love can be surprisingly difficult to photograph as they reflect and refract, turn partly invisible, and sometimes even glare at you! But, you can take good photographs, even with inexpensive equipment. Everyone is welcome, whether you want to photograph jewelry for your business, document your collection, or share images as art.

Bragging Rights Results from April meeting

April Winners:

Adult category: Louis Latronica

Junior Category: Chase Tomac

The contest theme for the May meeting is the color "red"

Rita Jarrett is taking over the monthly Bragging Rights Contest. She had an article in the January Breccia requesting help. Let's step up to help her.

2014 SCVGMS Calendar



May 12th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 16th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 20th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 23rd Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM. Board meeting immediately following the general meeting.

May 30th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

May 31st DRC rock sale from 9AM to noon at Pat Speece's home.

June 6th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

June 7th Cutaway's meeting from 9-noon at Randy Harris' home

June 9th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

June 13th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

June 17th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

June 20th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

June 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

June 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Lisa La-Rocca's home.

June 27th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 11th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 12th Cutaway's meeting from 9-noon at Randy Harris' home

July 14th Smithies meeting from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

July 18th Smithies meeting from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

Field Trip Schedule

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

May 17, 2014 Clear Creek Management Area for various materials. Individual use permits required.

May 17, 2014 Boulder Hill, NV for fluorite.

May 24-26, 2014 Delta UT for Trilobites, stromatolites, and brachiopods.

May 31- June 1, 2014 Tonopah NV for variscite.

June 7 - 8, 2014 Virgin Valley, NV for Opals and opalized/petrified wood; Plush, OR for Sunstones.

June 14-15, 2014 Star City NV, Fossil Hill, Table Mtn for silver, nickel, tin, zinc minerals, & ammonites.

July 19-20, 2014 Davis Creek, CA for obsidian

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.

If you have an ideas or contacts for local field trips, contact Dean. Also, if you would like to lead a field trip, please contact Dean. His email address is above.

The America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass By Bill Spence

I just acquired a federal Senior Pass when I recently drove through Joshua Tree National Park. The Senior Pass is available to those of us who are 62 1/2 years old for a one-time, lifetime fee of \$10. It entitles one to avoid entrance and use fees at National Parks, Monuments and other federal recreation lands --including the \$5 entrance fee at CCMA. A person on the phone at Hollister says that the procedure is to record your card number (it's on the lower right front of the Senior Pass card) on the envelope at the iron gate in lieu of the \$5 deposit. Given that the \$10 purchase price covers you for the rest of your life, it's well worth the investment.

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



May 10 - 11: RENO, NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave
Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322, cell (775) 560-4782, snorm11@hotmail.com
Website: www.renorockhounds.com

May 10 - 11: LANCASTER, CA, Antelope Gem & Mineral Society, Lancaster High School, 44701 - 32nd Street West, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092, , Email: cjq_62@yahoo.com Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

May 30- June 1 2014 CFMS Show and Convention at the Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave POMONA, CA to be hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society Show Website:
www.cfms2014show.com

May 31 - June 1: ESCONDIDO, CA, Palomar Gem & Mineral Club, California Center for the Arts, 1340 N. Escondido Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Michael Bagstad, (760) 489-1897, Email: gemshow@palomargem.org, Website: www.palomargem.org

June 6 - 8: LA HABRA, CA North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, Sonora High School, 401 S. Palm Street, Hours: Fri 4 - 8:30; Sat 8 - 8; Sun 9 - 6, Contact: Nancy Bird, (562) 697-0636, Email: nancy-jbird@verizon.net , Website: www.nocgms.com

June 7 - 8: GLENDORA, CA, Glendora Gems & Mineral Society, Goddard Middle School, 859 East Sierra Madre, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638, Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com, Website: [Facebook Page](#)

June 14 - 15: CAYUCOS, CA San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club, Cayucos Vets Hall at the Pier, 10 Cayucos Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603, Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com, Website: www.slogem.org

June 27 - 29: RIALTO, CA, Orange Belt Gem & Mineral Society, "Tailgate" across street from Rialto City Hall, 105 S. Palm Ave. (corner 1st & Palm Ave.), Hours: Fri & Sat 9 - 6; Sun. 9 - 3, Contacts: Ken or Jessica Gard, (909) 624-1782, (909) 887-5507, Email: kengard@roadrunner.com Website: obmsrocks.yolasite.com

June 28 - 29: CULVER CITY, CA, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Janice Metz, Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com, Website: www.culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm

August 23 - 24: SAN FRANCISCO, CA, San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, S. F. County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Ellen Nott, Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com, Website: www.sfgemshow.org

September 20 - 21: CHICO, CA, Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, John Scott, (530) 343-3491, Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.featherriverrocks.org,

September 27 - 28: MONTEREY, CA, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311, Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.cvgms.org

September 27 - 28: SANTA ROSA, CA, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center for the Art, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Jolene, (707) 528-7615, Email: Jolene@srmgs.org, Website: www.srmgs.org

September 27 - 28: LODI, CA, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 East Lockford Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411, Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com, Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

October 1 - 5: JOSHUA TREE, CA, Hi-Desert Rockhounds of Moronga Valley, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst Street, Hours: 9 - 6 daily, Contact: Judy & Roger Thompson, (760) 902-5340, Email: HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com, Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gemshow.htm

October 10 - 12: RENO, NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Craft Show, Reno Town Hall, Corner of Peckham & So. Virginia Street, Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3, Contact: Theresa Langhans, (775) 475-0842, Email: theresalanhans@yahoo.com, Website: www.renorockhounds.com

October 11 - 12: ANDERSON, CA, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta County Fairgrounds, Briggs Street, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Steve Puderbaugh, (530) 604-2951, Email: steve@applyaline.com, Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, Gem & Mineral Building, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356, Email: slgms@iwvisp.com, Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

It is Time to Renew Your Membership

For those of you who wish to be ahead of the game, you may remit your 2014-2015 dues now. Please use the form below when you pay your dues. We hope that this form will help catch changes in your address or email.

Dues are due by May 31, 2014. They are past due on June 1st, 2014.

Membership renewal form

Please provide the following information along with your dues payment.

Please print clearly"

Name(s): _____

My address and email address is correct in the 2014 directory ___Yes ___No

Street Address or P.O. Box # _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s):(_____)_____ (_____)_____

Email Address(es): _____

Type of membership: Choose which every membership is least expensive for your personal or family situation.

___#Adult @ \$20.00 ___#Junior @ \$5.00 (8-17) ___ 1 Household @ \$30.00

Dues renewal fee	\$_____
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Total remitted	\$_____
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Checks must be made out to: SCVGMS

Please turn in or mail this form and your payment to:

SCVGMS Treasurer, C/O Chuck Boblenz, 655 Santa Coleta Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Safety Matters – Talk Time

by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair
via AFMS Newsletter – April, 2014

You've read about it, heard about it, and talked about it. There are laws governing it, and it has a lot of people thinking about it. In our busy traveling hobby we need to be aware of it because we travel to meetings, travel to club outings, travel to digs and field trips, we travel to shows and rock shops –and back. All that traveling should give us cause to think a great deal about it. Perhaps you have surmised the nature of the "it" mentioned here. The "it" is mobile phone, cell phone use while driving.

We are a traveling society and a traveling hobby. After all, the rocks don't often come to us - we go to them. It is a natural desire to use our travel time to good advantage keeping in touch with our busy lives. As soon as we divert some of our attention from driving to communication, we officially enter multi-tasking land.

There are a good many folks who feel they are able to multi-task along with the best of them. Well, I've read survey after survey, study after study and it seems as though, even under the best of circumstances, perhaps as many as 2% of drivers exhibit a small bit of multi-tasking ability. In general, even though some may have some small modicum of ability to multi-task, even the best of us are not good enough at it to do so while driving!

Let's mention some modern distractions as we attempt to multi-task while driving:

1. Some of us interact with devices during text to speech, and speech to text interfaces – this is a distraction.
2. Talking on a hand's free device, whether in the phone or built into the car, is a distraction.
3. Talking on a hand held device is a distraction.
4. Texting while driving is a distraction.
5. Listening to an audio book while driving is a distraction.
6. Simply listening to a radio program is a distraction, although not quite on par with the other five distractions listed above.
7. Knitting, reading the newspaper, reading a book, shaving, doing ones nails, cleaning ones eye glasses (and yes, I personally have witnessed

folks doing all of these as they have passed me on the highway) are all, yes, you guessed it – distractions.

Any effort at multi-tasking adds another task onto the already complicated task of driving. Driving is not just a visual activity. Driving also involves how the seat feels as it presses on our body. Driving involves sensing movement cues – pedestrians, moose, vehicles, bikes, and birds, etc. Driving means sensing how the vehicle is handling. Driving keeps us aware of vehicle noises and surrounding noises such as those from emergency vehicles. Driving requires monitoring optical effects – glare and reflections. Our brains are already full of driving needs when we are behind the wheel. Driving with additional distractions is just something we don't do well. As we add distractions such as taking our eyes off the road while texting or pressing a speed dial number, or focusing on an important conversation, or fumbling with a seat adjustor, or fussing with the A/C unit buttons simply adds too much for our brains to handle well.

There are accidents we sometimes see ahead of time – and thus offers us time to process. Seriously – sometimes we will monitor a fast car coming up behind us zipping from lane to lane as it races to save a few seconds time on the commute home. Sometime ahead of us we will see a car not--all-that-far-enough pulled into the emergency lane with cars swerving around it – at high speed. Sometimes we will see a line of brake lights ahead of us as we approach a lane (or two or three) of road bottleneck. All these things give us a few moments of precious time to react.

It is often the case however, when the time we have to react is a 1/2 second, or maybe even a full one and 1/2 seconds. What if, however, that 1/2 second occurs when we have our eyes down or side cast while texting, or fumbling with a seat adjustor button? Sometimes that 1/2 second contains a life saving or life risking decision and it would be nice to think our brains were clearly focused on the driving tasks during the precious small amount of reaction time wouldn't it.

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Another serious consideration to texting and other distractions is that there are altogether too many of such distracted folks on the road, and so we, as good rockhounds and drivers, need to be ever vigilant and on the watch for such drivers. Certainly you would not want to pay the price for someone else's distraction.

Because we have a traveling hobby yet we still need to be safe and stay in contact we might ask – what is a person to do and still stay in touch? Some possible solutions – share the driving so that there is a passenger who can be responsible for some of the communicating. Pull over where it can be done legally and safely to stop and talk. Let the phone do what it was designed to do and take messages – they are very good at that. If you have a field trip caravan, have a designated communicator in each vehicle. You can do this; you can be safe.

By all means make an effort to be aware of your state's laws on using cell and mobile phones. Know not just your own state's laws, but the laws of the states through which you will be passing. Even if your area permits some cell and mobile phone use while driving, please do so safely and avoid becoming distracted – it's just not worth the horrific price some people have paid for the talking time.

Please be safe – it's an interesting (yet distracting) world out there!

Clear Creek Reopening

by Kim Campbell Erb

via CFMS newsletter, May, 2014

After a "temporary closure" of 6 years, the Clear Creek Management Area reopened March 15 under a new Resource management Plan. Under this new plan, the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") is allowing limited day-use access to individuals in licensed vehicles on specified routes into the area most prized by rockhounds, which are within what is being called the "Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern" (or "serpentine ACEC") for an annual total of 5 days

per year. It could be 5 separate trips, 5 consecutive days, or some combination not exceeding 5 days per year. Each individual (including children) is required to obtain a permit in advance for entry into that area, but there is no fee involved. Currently, each person needs to complete and submit a permit application with the Hollister field office of the BLM, either in person or via email, at least 48 hours in advance, taking into consideration that the BLM office is only open to process applications during business hours Monday through Friday. More Information and a link to the form can be found at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/recreation/clear_creek_recreation.html. That area will be for day-use only, so camping would need to be outside of the ACEC. They are enlarging their camping areas outside the ACEC area. If you request clear instructions regarding entry and exit routes within the ACEC area are limited use and may be blocked to those without permits. No organized group event are allowed at this time, so don't plan a club trip yet!

Something else you will need is Clear Creek Management Area Vehicle Access Pass, which will require payment of a \$5 vehicle fee. This pass is valid for one week and should be available on-site from "iron ranger" (cash or check only) or from the Hollister Field Office from 7:30 AM to 4 :00 PM Monday though Friday.

For more information, including maps, please contact Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023. Phone: (831) 630-5000.

All rockhounds who treasure the ability to collect minerals found in the Clear Creek area owe a debt of gratitude to William Spence, who has championed our cause during the BLM's public process to develop the new management plan. Bill—we salute you!

A word of caution: The new management plan incorporates an "adaptive management" approach. In visiting and collecting in the Clear Creek area, we need to know and follow the rules, and respect the local environment. If we do not, we run the risk that the area could be closed to us once again. Perhaps this is something we should consider whenever we collect!

SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic July 19, 2014



Who: All members and their guests
 When: Lunch served at Noon
 Where: The Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos 95032
 What: Lunch, Bingo, Raffle and Swimming if you'd like

Please Bring Lawn Chairs & Serving Utensils for the Potluck Dish You Bring to Share

To Attend the Event
YOU MUST

Fill out the form below and mail it by July 5, 2014

To: **SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic**
 471 Nolden Ave., San Jose, CA 95117

SCVGMS Founder's Day Picnic Sign Up Form

Name:	
Address:	
Number of Adults attending:	
Number of Juniors attending:	
Number of Chicken meals:	
Number of Tri-tip meals:	
Number of Hot Dogs-children:	
Will you be swimming?	Yes or No
Dish you will bring to share?	Salad or Dessert (for 10-12 people)

Looking Forward to Seeing Everyone There !!!

Conservation and Legislation

by Mike Nelson, Chair

via AFMS newsletter, April 2014

Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), part of the Department of the Interior, are concentrated in the western states, essentially the mountain west from New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota to the Pacific Ocean. The United States Forest Service (USFS) is part of the Department of Agriculture and manages lands spread across most of the U.S. Both agencies manage lands for multiple uses; however, there are major agency differences that were explained in last month's column. As I noted, the confusion about collecting rocks and minerals is that the agency has no authorities for the disposal of minerals and rocks off of USNF land other than under the Mining Laws and 228 other mining regulations (this is my opinion as I read federal regs). Therefore, each federal forest is sort of left to itself to develop appropriate collecting guidelines; unfortunately, they often differ among forests, even among forests adjacent to each other. My advice to prospective collectors is always to: 1) check the USFS district websites; 2) stop in for a friendly visit with the district office; and 3) participate in ongoing activities that allow public comments (such as travel management plans, or plans calling for establishment of Wilderness Areas).

The first point noted above seems the most simple—just search the web for USFS rock and mineral collecting. Well, that phrase is easy enough to process; however, the results are far from being adequate. There are many personal opinions that show up, some horror stories, and different forests advertising their rules; however, anything close to official "national" policy seems readily unavailable. The closest that I could come to anything resembling policy was written by John Nichols, Forest Geologist, Ouachita National Forest, in 1997: Rockhounding, Mineral Collecting, and Our National Forests "unofficial" advice and observation for the mineral enthusiast looking at National Forest land." <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ouachita/learning/nature-science/?cid=fsm9_039812>.

Mr. Nichols noted that many developed and undeveloped opportunities exist on USFS lands to collect rock and mineral specimens. As examples, the Beaverhead National Forest in Montana, the St. Joe in Idaho, and the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas and Oklahoma, all have developed public mineral collecting locations. Many National Forests provide information on general specimen locations within the Forest and on Forest policy and rules for the rockhoulder and mineral collector. For example, the Chugach National Forest in Alaska, the Wallowa-Whitman in Oregon, and the Prescott in Arizona are Forests with histories of placer gold mining and as such these Forests offer informative materials on panning for gold.

Some rockhoulders collecting on USFS lands may intend to sell the specimens they remove, or to significantly disturb the ground surface.. If so, these collectors and rockhoulders must become cognizant and aware of the many mining laws and regulations governing these activities. As I understand the Federal regs (and sometimes that is a stretch), a rockhoulder becomes a miner when there is significant surface disturbance, or when they sell the minerals collected. This is certainly a gray area (think of Colorado amazonite collected by rockhounds and listed for sale at all the rock shows) and surfaced within the last year as Colorado mineral collectors were featured on the TV show The Prospectors. Are these Prospectors rockhounds or are they miners (Joe Dorris is certainly a miner and has appropriate permits)? I am uncertain about results of ongoing/completed law suits or penalties.

The mining laws are designed primarily for commercial type exploration and production operations, and require the operator to submit mining plans for reviews and approvals. Under mining laws the minerals must be removed with the least impact to other resources, and the disturbed lands must be reclaimed (including re-seeding and/or replanting) by the operator when mining is completed. However, mining laws may offer certain advantages and rights to rock and mineral clubs and individual collectors

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that are willing to take the risk and work of claiming and reclamation. As noted, this is a very fuzzy area.

So, where do USFS officials get their "authority" to manage rockhounding activities? Among the easiest to understand are: 1) The Organic Act of 1897; and 2) The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). The former provides authority to "...make such rules and regulations and establish such service as will... regulate their occupancy and use and to preserve the forests thereon from destruction." Accessing federal minerals, including rockhounding, seems an important "use" of USFS lands.

FLPMA provides that "...the public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archeological values; that where appropriate will preserve and protect certain public lands in their natural condition; that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestic animals; and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use." FLPMA calls for a balance among all uses to "manage", "protect", "preserve" and "provide", as do other laws such as the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976.

Mr. Nichols also noted that, in most cases, surface collecting of minerals (essentially picking up minerals and rocks) does not "significantly" impact (disturb) other Forest resources. But, he does advise contacting the District Ranger and explaining what is planned if a rock and mineral club is collecting on USFS lands. Is this contact necessary? I really don't know and will leave this chore up to the discretion of collectors. I do know that unprofessional rockhounds in the Colorado Springs area have caused much trouble by digging (with only shovels) large holes and then failing to fill such excavations upon leaving the field. And, if I were collecting minerals, even surface collecting or pounding on rocks, and planned to sell such minerals, I would contact the local District Ranger and ask questions about policy.

My other comment is visit the District office prepared with whatever published collecting rules and regulations you can locate (even some from adjacent Forests), be courteous and "nice", and ask to see a ranger if the person behind the front desk seems uncertain about existing regs and rules.

Till next month, Mike

Having Fun: Junior Activities

by Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Junior Activities Chair via AFMS Newsletter – April, 2014

Midwest Federation Youth Poster Contest: Birthstones

As they've been doing the past few years, the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF) is sponsoring a poster contest open to kids throughout the U.S. The deadline for entries is June 1, and winners will be announced at the MWF Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 18, 2014. I encourage you to spread the news via regional federation newsletters, local newsletters, and at society meetings. This year's theme is "Birthstones," and here are the details:

Sponsor: The Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (Illinois)

Theme: "Birthstones" – a poster illustrating one or more Birthstones that interest you.

Eligibility: Children in 1st through 8th grade.

Contest Rules: All entries must be presented on paper 12 inches by 18 inches.

- Include name, address, age, and school grade of the participant on the back of the entry.
- No three-dimensional posters accepted.
- The title may be on the front or back of the artwork.
- List the Birthstone/s and why you chose the one/s you did.

All entries become property of MWF and the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society.

- Artwork on posters can be pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint, or any other medium that is not three-dimensional.

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Scale of Points:

Originality and Art Work – 30 points.

Design – 25 points.

Title – 25 points.

Listing of Birthstone/s and the reason you chose the one/s you did – 20 points.

Awards: Each grade level will have winners. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will also receive a prize.

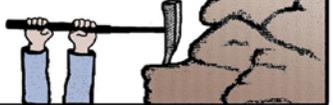
Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2014.

Send to: Carole Harp, 9611 Breckenridge Road, Rochester, IL 62563.

Questions? Contact Carole Harp at the address noted above, or send an email (with "Poster Contest" in the subject line) to the <quirkyquiller@gmail.com>. Further information may be found on the Midwest Federation website: www.amfed.org/mwf

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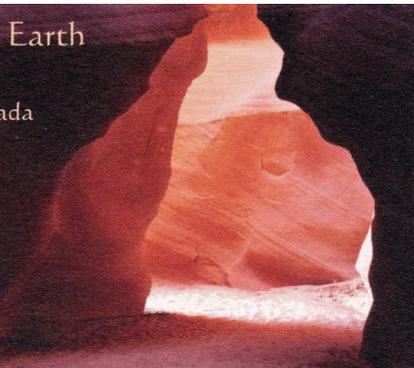


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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
April 22nd, 2014

The April meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:43 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The April board meeting will be at Rick Kennedy's home and will be hosted by Rick.

New Members: Calvin Hansen received his new member packet and was welcomed into the society. Wei Wang and Nelson Mu received their badges at the show and will receive the rest of their packets at the next meeting they attend.

Awards: Rick Kennedy received a certificate for his 2013 CFMS "Education through Sharing Award". Lou Latronica, Jesus Ruiz and David Marshall received awards for their individual competition entries at our show. Jim and Missy Fox received an award for their competition case at our show. June Harris received a special award for going above and beyond the call this year and Frank Mullaney was given a very tasty award for his great work during a most difficult year.

Bragging Rights: The April theme was "Blue" and there were plenty of entries, both for juniors and adult members. Results will be published in the Breccia. As will the May theme!

2014 Show: Is over!!!! President Frank thanked all of the volunteers for the fantastic job that was done this year. We had a number of complications beyond the club's control and the club did a great job getting the show set up and running a successful show. While they are fresh in our minds, Frank asked for any suggestions as to how we might improve the show in any aspect.

2014 Show Wrap up meeting and 2015 start: May 15th at Frank Mullaney's house at 7:30.

Field Trips: Dean Welder announced a number of upcoming trips:

May 17th – Clear Creek

May 17th – Gardnerville, Nevada

May 24th – 26th - Delta, Utah

June 7th – 8th – Rainbow Ridge (Opals) and Plush (Sunstone)

June 14th – 15th – Table Mountain, Nevada

June 19th – 20th – Davis Creek, Oregon

July 30th – August 4th – Montana

Details can be found in the Breccia.

Member Displays: Presented by David Marshall.

Secret Auction: Is back!! Two fine agates were offered this month, look for more great things to be offered in the coming months.

Continuing Education: David Marshall announced the people who had been nominated for Camp Paradise, then had one of our young guests draw the winner, and the first and second runners up. Congratulations to Jacquelyn Calderon (winner), Rita Jarrett (first runner up) and June Harris (second runner up)!

Program: Mineral and Gemstone Photography videos. Presented by Matt Wood. These videos were of the leading mineral and gemstone photographer Jeff Scovil. The first video showed some of his more famous photos. The second was a demonstration of what he goes through in order to get the perfect shot. Both were quite interesting and informative. If this subject interests you, be sure to check out Matt's photography study group.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy brought the Dodge and Cox statement; a poster about a museum display (Replicas of famous Diamonds) in Ventura; a thank you letter from the CA Mineral and Mining Museum; information about the June 14 – 15 Gold Show put on by the Underground gold Miner's Museum; Lastly, a number of coupons from Pro-Flowers.

Sunshine: Margo reported that she has received no news, good or bad!

Study Groups:

Cutaways: Randy indicated that there will be no April meeting, but there is tentatively one on June 7th at his house. Call before attending to confirm. There is a shop fee of \$5.00

Smithies: Pat indicated that the Smithies meet every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 and two other nights a month. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Photography group: Matt Wood has started a new study group for photography of rocks and minerals. The first meeting was February 12th and was quite a success. The next meeting will be June 14th. Details will be given in the next general meeting and will be published in the Breccia.

Website update: New password for member's only section: Rk Owen and Rick Kennedy have password available for members.

Hospitality: 46 members and 4 guests were in attendance.

Founder's Day Picnic: David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca are coordinating. The picnic will be Saturday, July 19th.

Socials: There are still two more socials that need a volunteer to run. If you are interested, please contact Jackie.

PLAC: Bill Spence reported that Clear Creek has been open for about a month now and that the permitting process is going relatively smoothly.

California Mineral and Mining Museum: Rick Kennedy reported on the Board meeting he attended for the California Mineral and Mining Museum and spoke to the club about future plans the museum is considering.

Federation Report: Randy announced that Camp Paradise is accepting applications. The CFMS Show is in Pomona on May 31st – June 2nd. Randy also reminded us of our sister club's show in Santa Cruz April 26 – 27.

DRC Sale: Pat Speece announced that the DRC will be having a sale on May 31st at Pat's house from 9:00 – 12:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting

April 24th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM at the home of Rick Kennedy.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Matt Wood, Dean Welder, Joan Schramm, Bill Simpson and Michael Paone.

Reading of the minutes from the March 27th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, D. Marshall).

New Members: M/S/P (R. Harris, R. Kennedy) to accept the applications of Donna and Herb (Tiny) Garland and to conditionally accept the applications of Sinead and Brian Ochineo subject to the payment of fees.

Correspondence: No new correspondence since the general meeting

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. M/S/P (R. Kennedy, D. Marshall) to pay the bills. Chuck also handed out a preliminary financial report on our 2014 show.

Committee Reports:

Show:

Chairs: We need to plan to have more chairs for the public.

Fluorescent tent: The missing black side has been delivered.

Fire Marshall: Has given us permission to replace the white panel with a black one in the fluorescent tent for next year

Camping: People who will be camping will deal directly with the Fairgrounds and not

with the club next year.

Fairgrounds: Contract is signed and the Fairgrounds are reserved for our 2015 show.

Down payment has been made.

Speaker and Flint Knapper: M/S/P (J. Harris, R. Kennedy) to bring back Richard Wade and Donna Kelly for the 2015 show.

Security: It is likely that the club will have to pay for outside overnight security from Midnight until 6:00AM Saturday and Sunday next year.

Show Secretary: Rita Jarrett has volunteered to serve as Show Secretary and will be posting task lists on the club calendar.

Show Meeting: 2014 Wrap up and 2015 jump start meeting is May 15th at Frank Mullaney's house. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Field Trips: At the General Meeting, Dean Welder announced a number of upcoming trips:

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Founder's Day: David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca announced that the Founder's Day picnic will be July 19th. They need someone to run the Bingo game.

Old Business:

Trailer Insurance: Nothing new

Junior Program: Frank has been speaking to a couple of members in hopes of rekindling the Junior program.

Computer: Nothing new

Mindat Donation: M/S/P (R. Harris, J. Harris) to make a donation to the organization MinDat in the amount of \$600.00. Included in that donation, the club will get to sponsor six different locality pages for a year. The club has chosen Lone Hill, The New Almaden Mine, The Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper locality and Jade Cove. The club will also sponsor the general locality pages for Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

Continuing Education: Our Camp Paradise winner will need to choose which session she will attend by July 1st, the Zzyzx timeline is to have nominations in by July and have the drawing at the August meeting.

Club Cell Phone: Has been renewed, must renew every three months.

Programs: The May program will be on collecting at Hallelujah Junction. It will be presented by Rick Kennedy. There was discussion about June, July and August. Decisions about those months will be made at the next Board Meeting.

New Business:

ETS: There was discussion about the 2014 Education Through Sharing award.

Kid's Area Patches: M/S/P (J. Harris, R. Kennedy) to authorize June Harris to purchase 1000 Kid's Area patches and 1000 Girl Scout patches. Price is not to exceed \$1500.00.

Kid's Area: M/S/P (R. Harris, D. Marshall) to authorize June Harris to spend up to \$3000.00 on supplies for the Kid's Area.

Projector screen: Frank Mullaney is donating a projector screen to the club

Lamp Display: M/S/P (R. Kennedy, R. Harris) to accept the donation from Lynn Toschi of his display of gemstone lamps.

Trailers: There was discussion about the need to rebuild the interior of one of our trailers

Display Cases: M/S/P (R. Harris, D. Marshall) to offer up to 20 of our display cases to sale for the

amount of \$75.00 each.

Fluorescent Display: M/S/P (D. Marshall, C. Boblenz) to purchase one more 10' X 10' tent for the Fluorescent display.

Diamond Jubilee: M/S/P (J. Harris, R. Harris) to purchase two Diamond rings (price not to exceed \$1100.00) to have as special door prizes for our 60th Annual Show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Treasurer's report April 24, 2014

Beginning balance		\$17,384.53
Income		
Dues	\$ 115.00	
2014 Show Dealer Fees	\$ 3,850.00	
2014 Show Gate Receipts	\$ 8,592.00	
2014 Show Kids Area Receipts	\$ 1,915.50	
2014 Show Quarter Coinage Loan	\$ 60.00	
2014 Show Scholarship Booth Receipts	\$ 2,573.74	
Total Income	\$17,111.24	
Expenses		
2014 Show Camping fees	\$ 300.00	
2014 Show Dealer Refund	\$ 370.00	
2014 Show Drawing prizes	\$ 150.00	
2014 Show Hourly Door prize mailings	\$ 129.75	
2014 Show Earth Science fliers	\$ 54.50	
2014 Show Fluorescent Tent expenses	\$ 1,215.11	
2014 Show Kids Area/awards	\$ 17.62	
2014 Show paper program	\$ 109.00	
2014 Show parking fees	\$ 28.00	
2014 Show quarter coinage loan	\$ 60.00	
2014 Show set up expenses	\$ 287.34	
2014 Show skirting expenses	\$ 849.64	
2014 Show speaker fees and expenses	\$ 2,167.60	
2014 Show trailer moving gas	\$ 150.00	
2014 Show trailer moving truck expense	\$ 200.00	
2015 Show business cards	\$ 120.64	
2015 Show Cub Scout Fliers	\$ 109.00	
2015 Show Fairgrounds Down Payment	\$ 2,267.00	
April Breccia expenses	\$ 61.64	
April meeting refreshments	\$ 83.18	
Franchise Tax Board	\$ 10.00	
Phone Service for 3 months	\$ 30.00	
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$13,770.02	
Ending Balance		\$20,725.75

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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Dean Welder

Founder's Day Picnic Food:
David Marshall and Lisa LaRocca

Founder's Day Raffle: OPEN

Founder's Day Bingo: OPEN

Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy

Librarian: OPEN

Meeting Setup: OPEN

Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy

Member Displays: David Marshall

PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee):
Bill Spence

Program: OPEN

Refreshments: Jacquelyn Calderon

Show 2014: Frank Mullaney

Show 2015: OPEN

Silent Auction: Pat Speece

Social: Jacquelyn Calderon

Sunshine: Margo Mosher

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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 May 27, 2014, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.
Our next board meeting will be on May 27, 2014, immediately following the general meeting.

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,
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