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Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

Thanks for selecting me to lead the club again in 2015. Frank Mullaney has done an admirable job as President the last two years and I thank him for his commitment to the club and our continued success. I would also like to thank everyone who served on the Board of Directors and all of the committee chairs this past year and the newly elected board members.

As we enter another year, I appreciate all of you that have stepped up to take on one or many of the club duties. I still have some committee positions to fill. I am looking for people to chair (or co-chair) the following positions: Juniors, Programs, PLAC (Public Lands Access Committee), Socials, Trailer Custodian, and 2016 Festival. Most of these jobs are very simple and don't require a lot of time. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions about any of them. Many hands make light work.

If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see the club do this year, please

let me or one of the other board members know. This is your club! We want to do fun things. I will be working with Dean to see if we can set up some field trips or share in other club trips through the North Bay Field Trips or Co-op groups this year. The last several years, participation in field trips has dwindled to a few people going on private trips, or Dean and I going with a few others. Let us know where you are going or would like to go. It is a lot of fun to go out collecting, the more, the merrier!

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

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

Randy Harris, 2015 SCVGMS President

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

Show Chairman: Frank Mullaney—408-691-2656

Dealer Chairman: Randy Harris 831-438-5150

Hospitality: **OPEN**

Ticket sales: **OPEN**

Demonstrators: Bill Simpson

Kids Area: June Harris 831-438-5150

Scholarship booth: Michael Paone

Door Prizes: Howard Young and Bonnie LeMat

Show building layout: Randy Harris

Set-up chairman: **OPEN**

Trailer logistics: Calvin Hanson

Sign design and construction: Frank Mullaney

Mementos: Frank Mullaney

Advertising Chairman: **OPEN**

Advertising assistant: **OPEN**

Security: Matt Wood

Paper program: Chuck Boblenz

Show Name Tags: David Marshall

Exhibits: Frank Mullaney

Sign Placement: **OPEN**

Trailer Management-Teardown

1. Case Trailer: **OPEN**

2. General Trailer: **OPEN**

Fluorescent Mineral Exhibit: Rick Kennedy

Special speakers/exhibitors: Frank Mullaney

Teardown Chairman: **OPEN**

Diamond Jubilee Raffle:

Before show: **Steven Rodrigues**

During show: **Jim and Missy Fox**

Dealer Lunch Courier: Joan Schramm

People's Choice: June Harris

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Show and Tell

Members' Display Schedule for Meetings this Year

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

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

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

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

March Silent Auction—No member sharing

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

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

June

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

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

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

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

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

November Silent Auction—No member sharing

Sunshine

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

Welcome to new members,

Stephen and Alan May - Stephen and Alan, father and son, are interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, and field trips. Alan is also interested in minerals.

Laura Johnston - Laura is interested in cutting and polishing, silversmithing, carving, geology, field trips, and minerals.

Bragging Rights Theme

The theme for January is the color
"Yellow".

Who will be the first winner for 2015?

Will it be you?

What are you bringing to enter?

January Meeting Program

Debris Flow Hazards of
Yosemite Valley

by Evan Enriquez

Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

Smithies 2015 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 from 7-10pm. Dates are below. Any changes to the schedule will be emailed to those on the Smithie email list.

January 2, 9, 12, 16, 23, 30
February 6, 9, 20, 27
March 6, 9, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 13, 17, 24
May 1, 8, 11, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 8, 12, 19, 26
July 2, 10, 13, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 10, 14, 21, 28
September 4, 11, 14, 18, 24
October 2, 9, 12, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 9, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 14, 18

Cutaways

by Randy Harris



The Cutaway's study group generally meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9AM to noon with a few exceptions. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee. Learn how to cut a Cabochon or to cut and polish a rock.

Upcoming meeting dates are February 14, March 21, April 11, and May 16th.

Photography Group by Matt Wood



No report. If you are interested in this group, contact Matt Wood to help find a time that would be a good meeting day and time. Matt can be contacted at matthew_wood@comcast.net.

2014 Slate of Elected SCVGMS Officers and Directors

President: Randy Harris

Vice President: Frank Mullaney

Secretary: Rick Kennedy

Treasurer: Rita Jarrett

Editor: June Harris

Federation Director:
Jacquelyn Calderon

Alternate Federation Director:
Michael Paone

Directors:

Chuck Boblenz
Lisa LaRocca
Stephen Rodrigues
Joan Schramm
Phillip Tomac

Historian: Michael Paone
Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

2015 SCVGMSCalendar



January 12th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

January 16 Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home

January 23rd Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

January 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

January 29th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Dean Welder.

January 30th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

February 6th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

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

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

February 14th Cutaway's workshop from 9AM—noon at Randy Harris home.

February 20th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

February 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM. Potluck Social before the meeting at 6:30. Society will provide drinks, flatware, and paper goods. Each attendee is asked to bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

February 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Frank Mullaney.

February 27th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 6th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

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

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

March 20th Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 21st Cutaway's workshop from 9AM—noon at Randy Harris home.

Field Trip Schedule

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

January 27-31, 2015, Wiley Wells CA for geodes, agate, nodules, crystal lined amygdules, petrified wood, and fossils.

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.

New Membership Directories will be available at the January meeting. Be sure to pick up yours.

Please note that our meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month, not the last Tuesday. We have several months this year that have 5 Tuesdays in them. Make sure you mark you calendar so you don't miss any of our great upcoming

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



January 17 - 18: EXETER, CA, Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia, Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 N Kaweah Avenue, Hwy 65, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Bill Bingaman, (559) 741-6381, Email: bandgbing@aol.com, Website: www.tulegem.org

February 13 - 22: INDIO, CA, San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Cabazon, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 82-503 Highway 11, Hours: 10 - 10 daily, Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674, Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 27 - March 8, IMPERIAL, CA, Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Imperial Valley Expo, 200 East 2nd Street, Hours: Weekends noon - 10 pm; Weekdays 4 pm - 10 pm, John Pyle, Jr. (760) 562-3453, Email: icwus@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.IVGMS.org

February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA, Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds, Mc Cormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 daily, Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950, Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.vjgems.org

March 6 - 8: NEWARK, CA, Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue, Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007, Website: www.mgscv.org,

March 7 - 8: ARCADIA, CA, Monrovia Rockhounds, Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 Baldwin Avenue, Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily, Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624, Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com, Website: www.Moroks.com

March 7 - 8: VENTURA, CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725, Email: info@VGMS.org, Website: www.vgms.org

March 14 - 15: SAN MARINO, CA, Pasadena Lapidary Society, San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Drive, Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239, Email: joenmar1@verizon.net, Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 14 - 15: TURLOCK, CA, Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494, cell (209) 484-4416, Email: terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com, Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 21 - 22: LEMOORE, CA, Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society, Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Keith Olivas (559) 622-9440, Email: georgersilva@sbcglobal.net

March 28 - 29: ROSEVILLE, CA, Roseville Rock Rollers,

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

March 28 - 29: ANGELS CAMP, CA, Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 101 Frogtown Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277, Email: amy95247@yahoo.com, Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

April 4 - 5: CHICO, CA, Paradise Gem & Mineral Society, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2337 Fair Street, Hours: 10 - 4 daily, Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324, Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 10 - 12: VISTA, CA, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Ray Pearce (760) 535-5524 & Simon King (619) 991-2226, Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com, Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 11 - 12: MARIPOSA, CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy49), Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Randy Bolt, (209) 742-7625, Email: rockmuseum@sti.net, Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 18 - 19: SAN JOSE, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 265-1422, Email: info@scvgms.org, Website: www.scvgms.org

April 18 - 19: THOUSAND OAKS, CA, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734, Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com, Website: www.cgamc.org

April 25 - 26: SANTA CRUZ, CA, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Church Street & Center Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Dean Welder (408) 353-2675, Website: www.scmgs.org

May 1 - 3: LA HABRA, CA, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., Hours: Fri 4 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5,, Contact: Don Warthen, (562) 330-8974, Email: odwarthen@verizon.net, Website: www.nocgms.com

2015 SCVGMS Annual Festival Update

Support the Festival, Support the club

Car Signs

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

Poster and business card distribution.

Contact Frank Mullaney if you can help.

Next Festival meeting

Date: February 17
Place: Frank Mullaney's home
Time: 7:30 PM.
Everyone is welcome!!

All Hands on Deck!!

Workers needed for the following dates:

April 17 Festival Set-up
April 18 & 19
Annual Festival

Mark your 2015 calendars to plan to help for a minimum of 8 hours.

2015 Festival Chairpersons needed for:

Hospitality, Exhibitors, & Ticket booth

Both of these jobs could be shared by two people or couples. Both are easy to do and require a small amount of time besides the time actually at the festival.



Display case entry form for competitive and noncompetitive cases is available on page 9 of this newsletter. For help with entering a competitive display case, contact Frank Mullaney, or Chuck Boblenz.

SCVGMS Board of Directors Wants Your Input

We currently do not have a meeting program chairman, so the job has fallen to the board of directors. They want your input and help for meeting program ideas and suggestions about who you know that might be able to conduct a program or possibly a workshop.

What type of meeting programs are you interested in having at the monthly meetings?

Type of presentation: check those that apply

- ☐ Live presentation
 - ☐ Video presentation
 - ☐ Interactive presentation
 - ☐ Your suggestion
-

Presentation subject matter: check those that apply

- ☐ Geology based
 - Suggested topics _____
 - ☐ Field Trip/ localities stories
 - Suggested topics _____
 - ☐ Graduate student thesis presentation
 - ☐ Hobby Techniques
 - ☐ Silversmithing
 - ☐ Cutting and polishing
 - ☐ Minerals
 - ☐ Photography
 - ☐ Faceting
 - ☐ Wirewrapping
 - ☐ Carving
 - ☐ Fossil
 - ☐ Your suggestions
-

Are you interested in having evening or weekend workshops? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, what type? Check those that apply:

- ☐ Wirewrapping
 - ☐ Carving
 - ☐ Flintknapping
 - ☐ Mineral Identification
 - ☐ Dichroic Glass
 - ☐ Lost Wax casting
 - ☐ Your Suggestions
-
-

Are you able to provide a meeting program or workshop on a particular topic? If so, what? _____

Do you know anyone who might be able to present a program at a society meeting or provide a workshop for us? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Who (include contact info) and subject matter: _____

☐ Workshop? ☐ Meeting program?

Are you able to be a contact person for the program or workshop? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I wish to remain anonymous ☐

Your Name _____

Phone Number: _____

You Email Address: _____

Please send to June Harris, 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 or email it to: juneconeyharris@yahoo.com

SCVGMS Member and Guest Display Case Entry Form

Annual Festival Date: April 18 & 19, 2015

Case setup on April 17th after noon, and case tear-down on April 19th at 5PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

I will need to borrow a display case ___ Yes, ___ No

Exhibit description: _____

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

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

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

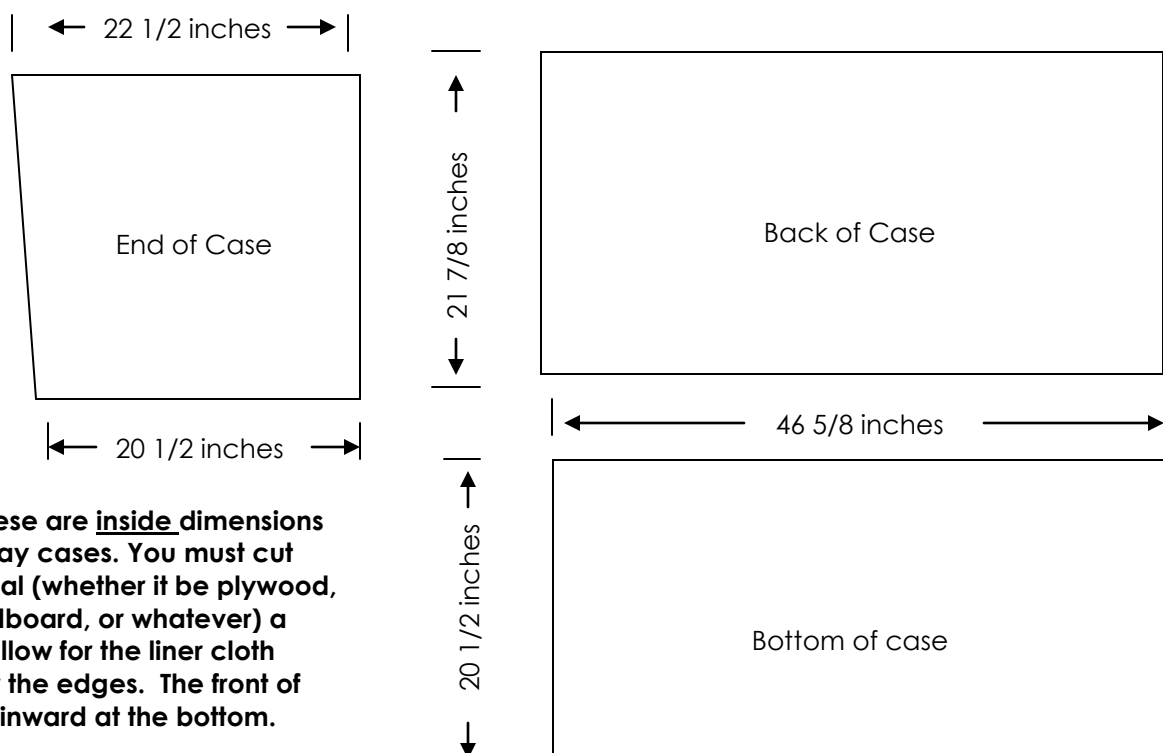
Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

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

Please return the completed form to:

Show Chairman: Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Drive, San Jose, CA 95124 by March 24, 2015

SCVGMS Display Case Dimensions All dimensions are inside dimensions



Please note—these are inside dimensions of our club display cases. You must cut your liner material (whether it be plywood, cardboard, hardboard, or whatever) a little smaller to allow for the liner cloth which folds over the edges. The front of the case slopes inward at the bottom.

Wash Your Hands, Young Man!

by Mark Nelson, Safety committee Chairman
via CFMS newsletter, December 2014

I used to hear that daily from my mother, a Colorado coal miner's daughter and homemaker... I remember thinking that this was another chore that she was using to delay my afterschool recreation. Earlier this year, as part of my EMT refresher course, the first aid instructor stressed the importance of hand cleanliness to avoid spreading germs and bacteria. He mentioned to the class that the importance of hand washing as a health practice began during the U.S. Civil War. I started to think that maybe my mother had tried to teach me something!

I recently had the opportunity to go on a tour of the Banning House and the barracks at Fort Drum. The Banning House, also known as the General Phineas Banning Residence Museum, is a historic Victorian home built in the Greek Revival style and located in the Wilmington section of Los Angeles, California at 401 E. "M" Street in Wilmington. The three-story mansion is filled with furniture and furnishings used by the family from 1862 to 1927. The docents give free tours daily and our docent, Tricia, was particularly knowledgeable. I learned that Phineas Banning built his home in 1862 and is known as the Father of Los Angeles Harbor. I also learned that his first wife and two of his children died during, or shortly after childbirth - and that this was not uncommon during those times!

Our tour took us down the street to the remains of Fort Drum, built on land owned by Phineas Banning and which was an important military installation during the U.S. Civil War. The garrison at Fort Drum is credited for preserving the state of California for the Union during this conflict. The officers quarters is still standing and is known as the Drum Bar-

racks. This is a remarkable historic structure. Each room has one or more docents, in period costume, who talk about the fort, and the men who served there and about the Civil War. One fact that I was particularly struck by is that, during the Civil War, more than twice as many soldiers died from infection than from direct battle injuries. Now I thought that I should have asked our first aid instructor to elaborate - but I did some research.

Prior to the Civil War hand washing was not practiced. Doctors even considered it an insult to suggest that they wash their hands before performing a procedure. Disease such as malaria and typhoid were even thought to be transmitted through contact with water. In 1844, Ignaz Semmelweis was hired to work as an assistant in the maternity section of Vienna General Hospital. Semmelweis, a Jew educated in Catholic schools in Budapest, became aware that the mortality rate in the obstetrics ward was over 13% and was primarily due to puerperal fever. He was the first to suggest that the infections and fever could be caused by microbes which were transferred from patients to patients, medical staff to patients and vice versa. He showed that by the use of a chlorinated lime solution for hand washing the deaths in his ward dropped to 2% and, in some months, none. This was the beginning of an antiseptic era. For this simple but successful procedure he is known as the *Savior of Mothers*.

Semmelweis' methods were met with scorn by his fellow physicians and he lost his job at the hospital. In 1850 he published his findings as the "Origin of Puerperal Fever". However, his findings were slow to get out to the local communities and teaching

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hospitals. During the Civil War, neither the Union nor confederate army doctors or surgeons had any knowledge of sanitary procedures. They did not understand infection, and did little to prevent it. It was thought that pus infections spread in the air like dust pecks. Still, the doctors did not wash their hands before probing a wound to remove the bullet. Surgical knives and saws were never cleaned between patients. If a wound needed to be closed, a torn piece of the soldier's shirt was used. A lack of medical facilities meant that patients had to lay on the ground in the sun. While the typical soldier was at very high risk of being shot and killed in combat, he faced an even greater risk of dying from disease. In 1918, a Federal surgeon, who had lived through the horrors of the Civil War, wrote: "We operated in old blood-stained and often pus-stained coats, the veterans of a hundred fights... We used undisinfected instruments from undisinfected plush-lined cases, and still worse, used marine sponges which had been used in prior pus cases and had been only washed in tap water. If a sponge or an instrument fell on the floor it was washed and squeezed in a basin of tap water and used as if it were clean. The silk with which we sewed up all wounds was undisinfected. If there was any difficulty in threading the needle we moistened it with bacteria laden saliva, and rolled it between bacteria-infected fingers. We dressed the wounds with clean but undisinfected sheets, shirts, tablecloths, or other old soft linen rescued from the family rag bag. We had no sterilized gauze dressing, no gauze sponges... We knew nothing about antiseptics and therefore used none.

Then there was an American surgeon named Jonathon Letterman (December 11, 1824 - March 15, 1872) , who as medical director for the Union Army, read some of Ignaz Semmel-

weis' publications on Sanitary practices. He initiated a system for introducing sanitary practices into the battlefields of the Civil War beginning with hand washing and sanitizing. He employed a corps of nurses, including Clara Barton, to provide sanitary supplies to the army medical hospitals. His system enabled thousands of wounded men to be treated and to recover from injuries during the American Civil War. Starting with hand washing, Jonathan Letterman created a well-organized system of care that began with triage close to the source of harm and was followed by rapid transportation to a series of clinics, hospitals, and specialists. Even though technological advances have replaced horse and carriages with helicopters and jets, Letterman's protocol continues to be essential today and he is credited to this day as the "*Father of Battlefield Medicine*."

Now, when I tell my grandson "Wash your hands, Young man!" I remember my mother and recognize how knowledgeable she was and wonder if I can remember what other jewels of wisdom she tried to teach me! I encourage all of our readers to enjoy both the Banning House and Drum Barracks museums which are truly wonderful parts of our Southern California heritage - and , of course **Wash Your Hands!**

References:

www.thebanningmuseum.org
www.drumbarracks.org/
<http://sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civilwar-medicine.htm>
<http://vermontcivilwar.org/medic/medicine3>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Letterman
<http://ehistory.su.edu/uscw/features/medicine/cwsurgeon/amputations.cfm>

Single item competition at the SCVGMS annual festival

We will be sponsoring single item competition again at our festival in April. We hope that more of our members will be able to participate this year. This gives us all a way to show our work and learn how our items compare to others.

The following are general rules for each category: All competitors shall be SCVGMS members. Each competitor shall be limited to one entry for each award offered. Each entry shall have been made within the last two (2) years. All workmanship must be done by the competitor. Each entry must be labeled with the name of the material and, where applicable, the technique(s) used. All items submitted need to have two labels, one with the competitor's name and one without the competitor's name, both with the material information.

All items will be judged by the Uniform Rules of the American Federation and each item will start with 100 points. We are listing below the points which will apply to each group's entries. The points which are listed are the amount which the judges may deduct for problems with a particular part of your display.

Categories

Mineraleers: These are the points for Thumbnail Minerals as listed in the Rules:

Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 70.

Cutaways: These points are the most used in the Lapidary section:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 25; Variety, 10; Workmanship, 45.

Silversmiths: The points apply to the majority of the Jewelry category:

Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 10; Variety, 15; Workmanship, 35; Design, 10.

Fossileers: The points are the most commonly used in the Fossil section:

Labeling, 30; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 30; Rarity, 5; Variety, 20; Reference list, 5.

Facet Cutting: These points apply to Faceted Stones:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Variety, 10.

Carvers:

Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Design, 10.

Stringers:

Labeling, 10; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 55; Design, 15.

The Showmanship category covers the way your piece is set up for display. All of the items will be placed in a case with similar items and you may bring a stand or similar display piece in order to show your piece to its best advantage.

Please get your application in to the Chairman, Frank Mullaney, as soon as possible, and you will need to have an application for each piece you are displaying. If you have question, give Frank a call at (408) 691-2656 and he will be glad to help. Items to be judged must be given to the Chairman on setup day. **No items will be accepted for competition on setup day without a completed application that was turned in by the deadline below.**

Application for Single Item Entry in SCVGMS Festival, April 18 & 19, 2015. **One entry per form, please.**

Name of competitor: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Category you wish to enter: _____ Mineraleers _____ Cutaways

_____ Silversmiths _____ Fossileers _____ Facet Cutting

_____ Carvers _____ Stringers

Type of item: _____

Please return application by March 24, 2015 to Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

The Rockhound Soapbox

by John Martin, CFMS PLAC

plac@antelecom.net

via CFMS newsletter, December 2014

Good-by Rockhounding in what was the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains. Good-by Actinolite, Good-by Rhodonite, Good-by Lapis, Good-by Mica-shchist, Good-by Garnet, Good-by Gold, etc...

As of October 10, 2014 346,177 acres of US Forest land, which has some very good collecting areas, are gone. With the stroke of a pen these areas are now off limits for any kind of collecting. That's right through executive order and by the authority of the Antiquities Act. The San Gabriel National Monument was created and under Title 16 U.S. Code § 3 - Rules and regulations of national parks, reservations, and monuments; timber; lease..

§ 2.1 Preservation of *natural*, cultural and archeological resources.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the following is **prohibited**.

- 1) possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, **removing, digging, or disturbing** from its natural state:
 - (i) Living or dead wildlife or fish, or the parts or products thereof, such as antlers or nests.
 - (ii) Plants or the parts of products thereof.
 - (iii) Nonfossilized and **fossilized paleontological specimens**, cultural or archeological resources, or the parts thereof.
- A mineral resource or cave formation or the parts thereof.

Ref:<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/16/3>

Ref: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/10/10/president-obama-designates-san-gabriel-mountains-national-monument>

This basically means Rock Collecting is no longer allowed. How did this happen? Well

Activists contacted several of their local congressional representatives and convinced them through personal contact and lots of letter writing to use the power of Executive Order to create that which Congress, through legislative action was taking too long to create.

H.R. 4858: San Gabriel National Recreation

Area Act as introduced on June 14, 2014. This legislation if it had been passed would have allowed rockhounding as a recreational activity. **Rock Collecting is not a recognized recreational activity in a National Monument.**

This is just one example of what the Activists (Center for Biological Diversity, The Wilderness Society, California Wild, Wildlands Project and Sierra Club, etc.) with their national fund raising ability, high paid lobbyists and lawyers are attempting to accomplish on many other tracts of Public Lands. These are the only voices that your elected officials and the Land Managers are hearing.

As Rockhounds you need to become vocal and raise your voices so they can be heard by those controlling and attempting to manage your Public Lands. This is the only way to protect your public land collecting sites for future generations of Rockhounds, whether it is BLM or US Forest Lands. You need to make sure that your legislator and Land Managers know that Amateur Rockhounding is an acceptable recreational activity and needs to be included in the management and legislation process. Discuss these opportunities for proactive actions with other rockhounds, at club/society meetings, attend local Land Management public meetings, and contact your elected official's local office with your concerns and suggestions. Visit US Forest Service offices and BLM District offices and let them know you are a Rockhound and you want to help preserve your collecting sites for future generations of rockhounds educational and recreational experience. To Paraphrase Smokey Bear, "Only You Can Prevent Land Closure.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
November 25th, 2014

The November meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:50 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The November board meeting will be held immediately following the General Meeting at the Cabana Club.

New Members: Carissa Harris and Evan Enriquez were given their new membership packets and welcomed into the club.

Bragging Rights: Last month's winners were Jim Fox and Matt Wood, our first tie! Jim showed off his winning piece of Ocean Jasper

Field Trips: Dean Welder announced a new field trip to Wiley Wells in January 27th – 31st. Frank Mullaney provided information about our public lands. As always, details for all trips will be in the Breccia.

Elections: The following represents the elected members of the 2015 Board:

President – Randy Harris

Vice President – Frank Mullaney

Secretary – Rick Kennedy

Treasurer – Rita Jarrett

Editor – June Harris

Federation Director – Jacquelyn Calderon

Alternative Federation Director – Michael Paone

Board Members:

Chuck Boblenz

Phillip Tomac

Joan Schramm

Lisa LaRocca

Stephen Rodrigues

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder

Historian – Michael Paone

Festival Meeting: January 12th at 7:30 at Frank Mullaney's house.

Member Displays: None this month due to the silent auction.

Program: Silent Auction. Thanks to all who donated and all who bid!!

Continuing Education: Nothing new to report. The next scholarships will be for Camp Paradise

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club received discount admissions for the upcoming

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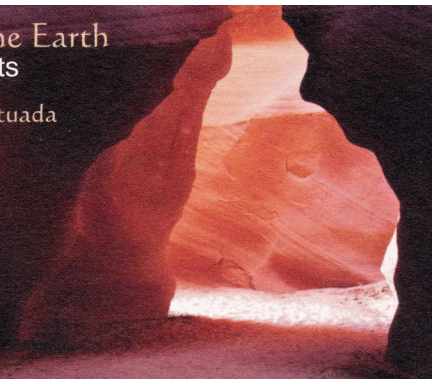
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Gem Faire Show in San Rafael, January 23-25.

Sunshine: Louis Schuesler suffered a minor heart attack the week before the meeting. A stent has been emplaced to improve blood flow and he had recovered enough to make a cameo appearance at the meeting!

Study Groups:

Cutaways:

December 13th at Randy and June Harris' house. Check the Breccia for the confirmed date and time. Call before attending to confirm. There is a shop fee of \$5.00

Smithies:

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

Hospitality: 28 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

January meeting: Evan Enriquez will present a program on mapping the debris flows in Yosemite Valley.

Auditing Committee: Frank requested volunteers to be on the audit committee. Karen Welder will be the chairman and Michael Paone and Michele Smith will round out the committee.

PLAC: No report

Federation Report: Randy announced that ZZYX is full, but still accepting applications. The CFMS Show is June 12 – 14 in Lodi.

Non Board Positions: June Harris reported that the committee working on filling non Board positions has filled many of them and during the meeting filled a couple more. If you would like to participate more fully in the club, please do!

Fairgrounds Meeting: June Harris, Frank Mullaney and Melinda Salinas all discussed the meetings about the Fairgrounds that they attended.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting
November 25th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 PM at the Cabana Club.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Matt Wood and Lisa LaRocca.

Reading of the minutes from the October Board Meeting: M/S/P to postpone the reading of the October minutes (R. Harris, D. Marshall)

New Members: M/S/P (R. Kennedy, D. Marshall) to accept the applications of Laura Johnston, Stephan May and Alan May (Junior)

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. M/S/P (R. Kennedy, D. Marshall) to pay the bills.

Chuck is continuing dialogue about functions covered by CFMS insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting
December 4th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM at the home of June and Randy Harris.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Bill Simpson, Michael Paone, Lisa LaRocca and Matt Wood.

Reading of the minutes from the October 28th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, D. Marshall).

Reading of the minutes from the November 25th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (R. Harris, C. Boblenz).

New Members: No new members.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Chuck Boblenz. M/S/P to pay the bills (J. Harris, R. Harris).

Committee Reports:

Festival:

Festival Meeting: January 13th at Frank Mullaney's house. The meeting starts at 7:30.
Need to fill open positions: Hauling trailers, etc.

Field Trips: No new news.

Details about upcoming trips can be found in the Breccia.

Bylaws: The Operating Regulations need to be looked at to assess the need for revisions.

Old Business:

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy reported that the dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Attendance has been declining over the years. There was discussion as to how the club can reverse that trend.

Club Laptop computer: This issue that brought this up has been fixed, there is no need for one now.

Genie Machines: Frank Mullaney is in charge of ordering the machines, will likely pick them up in Tucson.

Cal-Fest: There was much discussion about the potential benefits to the club of having multiple people attend the conference and an additional class that will be offered the day before the main conference starts. The following motion replaces and cancels the motion from the October 28th meeting about the same conference. M/S/P to authorize the club to spend up to \$2000.00 plus mileage to send up to three people to the full conference as well as send up to three people to the additional class that is offered the day before the main conference. (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM

Meeting reconvened with the new Board at 8:23 PM

Roll Call: All Board members present except Michael Paone, Lisa LaRocca, Rita Jarrett, Jacquelyn Calderon and Stephen Rodrigues.

New Business:

Website Updates: There was discussion as to how to assign tasks aimed at keeping our website as well updated as possible. Frank Mullaney volunteered to assist and be the point person for our webmaster.

Scholarship Recipient Info/Update: Rick Kennedy reported that he has been in touch with the contacts for both schools, that the club is expecting to know who the recipients are by mid January and that they are to attend the February general meeting in order to introduce themselves and meet the club.

Rockhound of the Month: There was discussion and resolution to continue the award.

Approval of meeting dates and reservations for the Cabana Club: M/S/P to reserve the Cabana club for the fourth Tuesday of every month except December for general meetings and December 8th for the Installation Dinner (F. Mullaney, J. Schramm).

Setting the Calendar for Social Events: M/S/P to have socials at the February, April, July and October meetings. (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz).

Board Meetings: Board members have signed up to host Board Meetings through the year.

Swingers for Board, Committees, Rockhound of the Month, etc.: M/S/P to order swingers as needed. (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).

Directory Printing: M/S/P to order 100 2015 Directories. (D. Welder, C. Boblenz).

Program Schedule:

January – Evan Enriquez: Mapping Debris Flows in Yosemite Valley.

February – Rick Kennedy: Tucson and Quartzite review.

March – Silent Auction.

April – Rick Kennedy: Hallelujah Junction.

May – Chuck Boblenz: Thundereggs and their inclusions.

Later in the year Chuck Boblenz will have a program on a filigree necklace and Rick Kennedy is developing a program about toxicity in rocks and minerals.

Bars and Pins for the 2015 Officers and Board: M/S/P to order bars and pins for the entire 2015 Board. (F. Mullaney, D. Welder).

CFMS and AFMS Newsletter Recipients, Information Changes: Jacquelyn Calderon, Rick Kennedy and June Harris will be receiving the CFMS and AFMS newsletters.

Changes to Bank Signatures, Insurance Contact: The appropriate Board members need to become signatories to our bank account. Chuck Boblenz volunteered to continue as the insurance contact for the present.

Point of Sale: The club is looking into pricing for a point of sale device that will allow the club to process credit cards at our show and as needed.

Committee Chairs: There are still positions that need to be filled.

January Board Meeting: Will be at Dean Welder's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM

Respectfully submitted

Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Treasurer's Report November 25, 2014

Beginning Balance	\$14,911.48
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Income

Breccia Advertising	\$100.00
Dues	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total income	\$120.00

Expenses

Nominating committee dinner	\$ 67.64
In memoriam: Donald Butler	\$ 25.00
Breccia postage– November	<u>\$ 20.30</u>
Total Expenses	\$112.94

Ending Balance	\$14,918.54
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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece

Festival Chairman 2015: Frank Mullaney

Festival Chairman 2016: Open

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Dean Welder

Founder's Day Picnic Food:
Michael Paone and Steven May

Founder's Day Raffle: Michele Smith

Founder's Day Bingo: Bonnie LaMatt &
Howard Young

Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler

Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy

Junior Chairman: OPEN

Librarian: Joan Schramm

Meeting Setup: Steven and Alan May

Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy

Member Displays: Rick Kennedy

PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee): OPEN

Program: OPEN

Refreshments: Michele Smith

Silent Auction: Michele Smith

Social: OPEN

Sunshine: Margo Mosher

Trailer Custodian: OPEN

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Webmaster: RK Owen

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An Invitation

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

Our next general meeting will be on January 27, 2015 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on January 29, 2015 at Dean Welder's home at 7:30 PM.

Our Society's Purpose: The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' interests in the earth sciences and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

Our Membership Requirements: Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. Exchange bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

**For information on a study group,
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