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Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I would like to encourage each of you to take advantage of some of our upcoming activities. There is a Potluck Dinner before the next regular meeting (at 6:30 PM), and several other events, which are listed in here in the Breccia. Michelle Smith has taken on the Refreshments Chair position. She will be asking for volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments at future meetings. Come and meet our scholarship recipients at the next meeting.

The festival is coming up very soon. There are many cases available for you to display your fine collections. Sign up to have a sign put on your car windows. There is still much to do. Please contact Frank Mullaney and let him know what you can do to help. We need everyone to step up to help. Without you, we can't do it. The festival is our main fundraiser for the year. Without the funds brought in by the festival, we would not be able to do such things as the Founders Day Picnic, Installation Dinner, awarding annual Scholarships, Cabana Club rental for club events, the Breccia, and many of the other things we do to promote our hobby.

Please let me know if there is anything you are interested in that we are not already doing. I will take it to the board and see what we can do to make it happen. If there is any place that you think would make a good day or weekend trip, let someone on the board know. We have a few ideas, but input from the membership is always good. This is your club. It will be more fun if we do what you like to do!

Randy Harris, President

**Potluck Social
before the February
meeting (February 24)
6:30 PM**

**You bring a main dish,
side dish, salad, or
dessert.**

**The society will provide
the paper goods,
flatware, & drinks.**

**Come meet someone
new to the society and
our scholarship students!**

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

Festival Chairman: Frank Mullaney—408-691-2656

Dealer Chairman: Randy Harris 831-438-5150

Hospitality: Jacquelyn Calderon and Sonia Dyer

Ticket sales: Michele Smith

Demonstrators: Bill Simpson

Kids Area: June Harris 831-438-5150

Scholarship booth: Michael Paone

Door Prizes: Howard Young and Bonnie LeMat

Festival building layout: Randy Harris

Set-up chairman: June Harris and Frank Mullaney

Trailer logistics: Calvin Hanson

Sign design and construction: Frank Mullaney

Mementos: Frank Mullaney

Advertising Chairman: **OPEN**

Advertising assistant: **OPEN**

Security: Matt Wood

Event Brochure Designer: Chuck Boblenz

Festival Name Tags: David Marshall

Exhibits: Frank Mullaney

Sign Placement: John Bahr

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 festival: Steven Rodrigues

During festival: Jim and Missy Fox

Dealer Lunch Courier: Joan Schramm

Nametags: David Marshall

Set up Committee chairs: June Harris and Frank Mullaney

Event Brochure: Chuck Boblenz

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Show and Tell Members' Display

by David Marshall
(filling in for Rick Kennedy)

Hello Everyone, and welcome to our first meeting of the year. We had a few of our membership noticeably absent (more than likely visiting Quartzite and Tucson...it is that time of year).

Steve May, a new member (welcome on board) to SCVGMS, brought in quite a collection of chain necklaces and bracelets he created. Apparently his wife coerced him into going to a Renaissance Faire in the area. To make the most of the situation, he checked out a tent covering crafts of the period. Chainmail grabbed his attention. I have to say, from his display on Tuesday evening, he was "bit bad" by what he saw. Steve's creations used a variety of, what I am calling, colorized metals for want of a better term. His pieces were beautiful and well constructed. We learned from him that, instead of taking the time and effort to make his own rings, he purchases his rings from The Ring Lord in Canada.

Also, Alan Achor, a first time guest, brought in some sliced geodes, looking for input about finishing their faces. Alan sliced his geodes that he found at the Hauser Geode Beds, with a tile saw he rented from the Home Depot.

Thank you Steve and Alan for your sharing. The next meeting will be Feb 24, and members with the last name beginning with D, E, F are encouraged to bring in the results of your creativity. It is not limited to just this group. If you have some neat project you have completed, bring it in. We learn from each other. Here's to great mineral adventures in 2015.

February Meeting Program

Quartzsite and Tucson

by Rick Kennedy

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)vent happen in their life, please contact Margo) 578-2841, or email her at margomosher@yahoo.com.

Bragging Rights Theme

The theme for February is the color "Green".

The Bragging Rights contest winner for January was a tie. Congratulations to Jim Fox and Louis Latronica

What are you bringing to enter?

PLAY DAY

March 21st
from
9AM—2 PM

at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse,
100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos

We will be working on Scholarship booth items, Kids Area items, and other festival related projects.

Lunch will be provided.

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.

February 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 3, 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 April 11th, 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.

New Membership
Directories
will be available at the
February 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 programs.

2015 SCVGMS Calendar



February 17th Festival meeting at Frank Mullaney's home at 7:30 PM.

February 20th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM 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. Meeting program—Tucson and Quartzsite revisited.

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

February 27th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 6th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

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

March 13th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 20th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

March 21st Play Day at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse from 9am-2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

March 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM. **Silent Auction throughout the meeting. Please bring items to donate to the auction.**

March 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Rita Jarrett's home.

March 27th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

April 3rd Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

April 10th Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.

April 11th Cutaway's meeting from 9 am — noon at Randy Harris' home.

Field Trip Schedule

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

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.

Having Fun: Junior Activities

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Chair & David Rich
Via AFMS Newsletter, February 2015

Calling all artists! As they've been doing for several years now, the Midwest Federation will hold a Youth Poster Contest in 2015 sponsored by the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio and open to kids in 1st grade through 8th grade across all seven AFMS regional federations. This year's theme is "The Official State Gem, Mineral, Rock, or Fossil of the State You Live In." Each grade level will have a winner, with ribbons awarded to 1st through 4th place. 1st through 3rd place winners also will receive a prize.

Here are the rules:

- All entries must be presented on paper 12"x 18".
- Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on BACK of the entry.
- Artwork can be in pen, ink, crayon, magic marker, paint, or similar artist's medium.
- No 3-dimensional posters accepted.
- A title may be on the front or back of the poster.
- List your state and why you chose the gem, mineral, rock or fossil.
- All entries become property of the Midwest Federation and Summit Lapidary Club.

Judges will award points as follows: 30 points for originality and artwork; 25 points for design; 25 points for title; and 20 points for listing of state gem, mineral, rock or fossil and the reason for your choice. Posters should be sent to Jennifer Fike, P.O. Box 26276, Akron, Ohio 44319 and must be postmarked not later than May 1, 2015. Direct any questions to Jennifer by email at SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com And see further contest information on the Midwest Federation website at www.amfed.org/mwf/

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



February 13 - 22: INDIO, CA, San Geronimo 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: jcwus@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.vigems.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: joenmarl@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

April 25 - 26: LANCASTER, CA, Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Lancaster High School, 44701 - 32nd Street West, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092, Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

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 Workers needed for:

All positions

We will be having a sign up board passed around at the next two meetings. Please be generous with your time.



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.

2015 SCVGMS Annual Festival Timeline

Friday April 17th

7AM—Set up begins (** must be completed by noon)

**Table leveling	Fred Fisher and Joe Lattuada-Chairmen
**Table skirting	David Marshall- Chairman
**Display case building	Chuck Boblenz- Chairman
**Fluorescent mineral tent	Rick Kennedy- Chairman
Scholarship booth	Michael Paone- Chairman
Hospitality, ticket selling	Sonia Dyer -Chairman
Kids Area	June Harris- Chairman
Signage	John Bahr- Chairman
Demonstrator area -	Bill Simpson-Chairman
Touch and Feel Table	Pat Speece - Chairman
Door Prizes	Bonnie LeMat and Howard Young - Chairmen
Trailer unloading-	Dean Welder -Chairman

Noon-8PM

Dealers arrival and set up	Dealers- Randy Harris
Display Case exhibitors	Exhibitors- Stephen and Alan May, Frank Mullaney

8 PM Security to check building doors to make sure locked. Check club trailers to make sure they are locked. Give overnight security last minute instructions.

Saturday, April 18th

8AM - 9:30AM—Dealer set up continues

8:30 AM - Festival flags need to placed in front of Fairgrounds & down the esplanade.

9:45AM— Workers need to be in place in the booth and receiving instructions.

9:55 AM—Five minute warning by security that the door will be opening.

10 AM— Doors open.

11 AM Richard Wade's Dinosaur presentation

1 PM Richard Wade's Volcano presentation

3 PM Richard Wade's Dinosaur presentation

4:50 PM Security makes announcement about show closing.

4:50 PM Bring in flags from front of fairgrounds

5:00 PM Festival closes, customers need to be escorted from building.

Sunday, April 19th

8:30 AM - Festival flags need to placed in front of Fairgrounds & down the esplanade.

9:45AM— Workers need to be in place in the booth and receiving instructions.

9:55 AM—Five minute warning by security that the door will be opening.

10 AM— Doors open.

11 AM Richard Wade's Volcano presentation

1 PM Richard Wade's Dinosaur presentation

3 PM Richard Wade's Volcano presentation

4:50 PM Security makes announcement about show closing.

5 PM Festival closes, customers need to be escorted from building.

Security to announce all clear before teardown begins. Club members need to watch doors to keep undesirables out. Security to monitor dealer loading and club trailers.

Display case exhibitors remove case contents

Tear down of club booths begins. Blue Table skirting on club tables to be folded and stored in club trailer.

7:30—8 PM All done except for the deposits and accounting.

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.

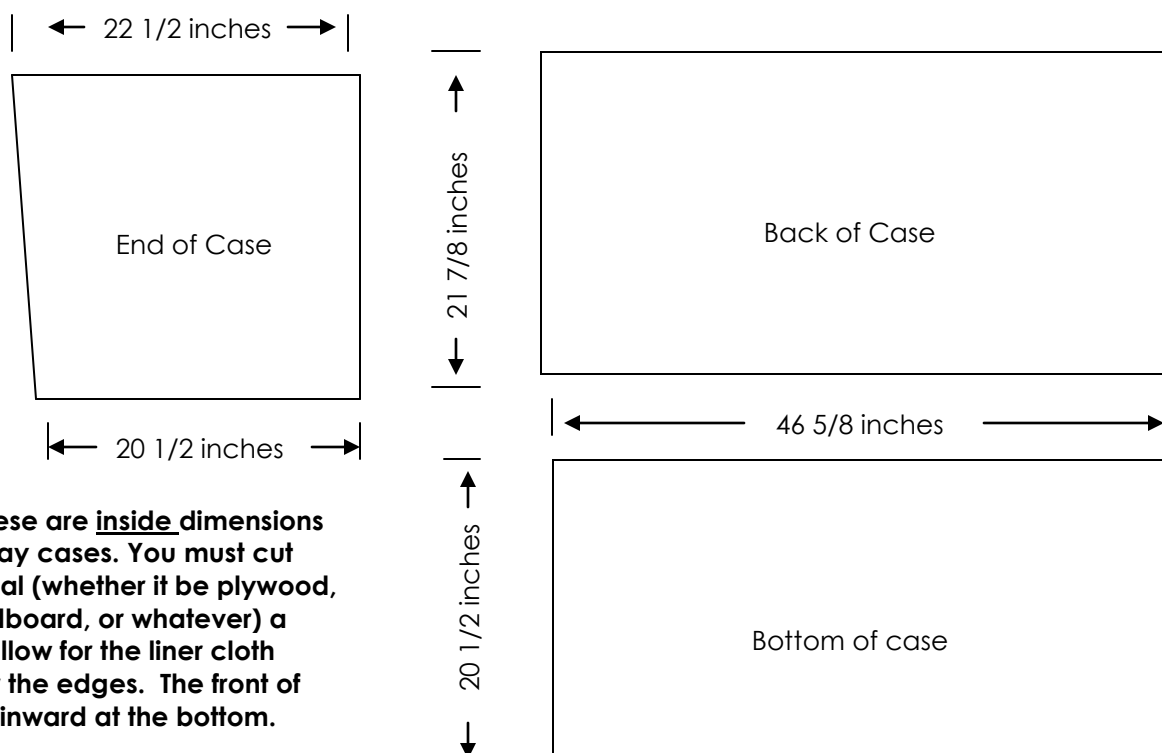
Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

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.

PROJECTS ARE FOR EVERYONE

by Chuck Boblenz, SCVGMS member

Each one of us has a special interest in our hobby and this interest allows us to have varying intensity of interest; that is, are you able to complete projects one right after the other? Or, do you have those that bog down due to problems and/or lack of proper material? Or, is your idea for a project still in the embryonic state? Or, lastly, are you still trying to decide what part of our hobby is best for you?

Now, the choices we can offer are collecting cutting material on field trips, purchasing already cut slabs or rough material, cutting the stone for use in jewelry, faceting a piece of material, making a ring, pendant or chain, making an intarsia, collecting, cleaning and preparing a display of fossils and, as you can well see, this list can go on and on. Yes, there are so many directions one can take in our hobby.

However, the purpose of all this, is to ask how is your project going?

Since we all have a habit of collecting something in these areas, we certainly display these at home for family and friends to enjoy. Why not choose some of your real prizes you have collected or made and display them in our next show?

Let us say that you are able to choose five or six cabochons you have recently completed, or, maybe, you finished an intarsia or prepared a group of fossils that you are very proud of. If so, why not plan to put a case in at our coming show?

Once you have decided to give this a try, then go to the clubs bulletin, The BRECCIA, and find the application blank. Fill it out and enter a case today. The Society has a case that they will loan you to take home and set up and to use to arrange your display to properly show your project(s). You can easily make a set of liners to set your prizes off to the viewer's best attention, make some labels to identify the items you are displaying and a name card for the display.

Since you have made arrangements to get a case and set it up at home, you can easily adjust the location of your chosen items in the case that will show your items to their best advantage; whatever will be attractive and catch the viewer's eye.

Remember that your display is for both the members of our Society and the general public. Thus, make it simple and easy to understand and you might have made the major step to stirring an interest on someone seeing our show for the first time and bring someone new to our hobby and club.

If you run into any problems and need a sounding board for any question, please contact one of the officers or the author of this article. Resources within our Society are limitless and is available by making a phone call and/or email.

I hope you choose to put a display in to our show and show us your handiwork and, just maybe, you can help us gain new members by your sharing.

Rockhound Soapbox

by John Martin, Chair

via AFMS Newsletter – February, 2015

New House Committee Chairs

With the mid term elections over and the ending of the 113th Congress, the leadership in the House of Representatives is changing. This change is because of the election, Term Limits and retirement of some of the Representatives. What does this have to do with Rockhounds and Rockhounding? There are at least three new committee chairs on committees that have direct impact on your public lands where most Rockhounds pursue the hobby of collecting Rocks, Minerals and Fossils. What happens in these committees has a direct bearing on how collecting on your public lands will be affected. Three House committees are of particular interest to us: The House Natural Resources Committee; the House Agriculture Committee; and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) will become the new Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. The House Committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Rob Bishop of Utah, considers legislation about American energy production, mineral lands and mining, fisheries and wildlife, public lands, oceans, Native Americans, irrigation and reclamation. The Committee is comprised of 47 Representatives, 26 Republicans and 21 Democrats. To read more about the Committee's specific jurisdiction, go to natural-resources.house.gov/about/about/jurisdiction.htm about the Committee's specific jurisdiction.

Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas), will become the next chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. The Agriculture Committee is important to us because it has jurisdiction over the U.S. Forest Service. Your US Forests are a major factor in the Hobby of Rockhounding in many parts of the country. The decisions of this committee will have a major effect on how Rockhounding in your National Forests is conducted. To read more about the Committee's specific jurisdiction, go to: agriculture.house.gov/about/jurisdiction-committee.

Finally, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will have a new Chairman, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah). Of particular interest to us is the fact that Rep. Chaffetz will be establishing an Interior Oversight working group, possibly a subcommittee, to focus on the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, as well as the U.S. Forest Service. Chairman Chaffetz will be coordinating closely with Chairmen Bishop and Conaway similar efforts. To read more about the committee go to oversight.house.gov/.

To read the rules and the Committee's specific jurisdiction, go to oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/OGR-Committee-Rules-113th-Congress.pdf.

Every Rockhound who reads this should become familiar with these 3 Committee Chairs and the committees. All Rockhounds whether an individual, member of a Club or Society or a Federation needs to contact these elected Representatives and let them know you are here and you enjoy Recreational Rockhounding on your Public Lands. Let them know your concerns about Access to your collecting areas and you want to preserve these collecting areas for Recreational Rockhounding for future generations of Rockhounds. Let them know that you are but one of millions of Rockhounds in the United States of America who use these Public Lands for Recreational Rockhounding. Let them know that Rockhounds are good Stewards of Public Lands. Tell them about the AFMS Code of Ethics and Land Use Policy. Without the voices of Rockhounds all speaking in unison, letting your government know you are here and that you really do care about the recreational usage of the Public Lands of America, the Rockhound will become extinct within a few decades.

Contacting your elected officials as an individual or a club or society with comments, concerns or questions will not have an adverse effect on your 501(c)(3) or (4) status

Senate Committees and Committee Chairs will be discussed in future articles.

For questions, concerns, comments, or assistance, please contact the AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee at afmsclc@antelecom.net



AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL RENEWAL

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
(Must be postmarked or received by December 31, each year)

Are You Applying As? (Please Circle Which)

Individual / Couple: _____

OR

Last Name

First Name

Club / Society: _____

Club or Society Name

E-Mail Address: _____

(An E-Mail Address is Essential for Our Organizations Communication Process)

NEW: Individual / Couple OR Club / Society (Circle Which)
RENEWING: Individual / Couple OR Club / Society (Circle Which)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: _____
Residence Cellular (if any)

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make Checks payable to:
American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

Send Completed form with Dues to:
American Lands Access Association
C/O Membership Chairman
P O BOX 54398
San Jose, CA 95154

Dues are: \$25.00 for Individual / Couple
\$50.00 for Club / Society Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ALAA Newsletter by E-Mail ☒ (✓) or Snail Mail ☐ ()

For more information or questions on membership E-Mail to: membership@amlands.org

A Grassroots 501-C-4 Educational, Non-Profit Organization,
dedicated to keeping public lands multiple use for all.

ALAA New Membership & Annual Renewal Form
Revised 3/18/2014 - atb
(Distributed each year in October)

Safety Matters ~ Got a Date?

By Ellery Borow, Chair

Via AFMS Newsletter, February 2015

Got a date on any items in your field trip, show, or club meeting first aid kit? Many products now-a-days have not just manufacturer's lot numbers but product use by, or expiration dates as well. Such is the case not just for many food items, but medical supplies as well.

Even bottles of water have use by dates on them – not that water goes bad, but sometimes there is concern that the chemistry in the plastic of the bottle may migrate into the product. Thus if water needs a date, so do medical supplies.

Periodically, the person in charge of a club's medical or first aid cabinet should review the kits contents with regard to their expiration, or "use by" dates. While some folks play fast and loose with "best if used by" dates on food items, a medical supply item should really be kept up to date.

A couple safety people I know make reviewing supplies quite easy to accomplish because they maintain a list of all the first aid kit's supplies and contents as well as their respective expiration dates. Such a list makes periodic reviews easy – especially when listed in a computer data base and sorted by expiration date.

Now, while expiration dates are important, there are additional important facts to consider when making decisions to replace certain items. For example, adhesive bandages may be adversely effected by high heat (think something like noon day or desert sun here). Heat may also effect gel-caps, package seals, and some meds. So one should not just go by the package expiration labels but also by the product storage and handling requirements.

Another factor to consider is relative humidity or dampness. Be mindful to keep the items in the first aid kit protected from wet conditions as much as possible. Many store-bought first aid kits are sealed sufficiently well as to make them waterproof – some even have cases that float, which is quite handy in cases of venturing forth in, around, or on the water.

Some liquids such as hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, iodine may still be found in sealed glass containers. Needless to say, such containers should be well protected from accidental breakage.

Lastly, a note about cleanliness -- many first aid kits are taken right to the sight of a field trip and upon usage possibly exposed to dust, moisture, or other contaminants. First aid kits should be kept as clean as possible. It is not fun to open a kit and see the materials contained in it splattered or covered with dust and debris from the last trip. When items are dirt covered, one really must question the sterility of the contents. As they say, cleanliness is next to... well, cleanliness.

To start out the new year, please, for safety's sake, make sure the products in your first aid kit are fresh, clean, and have their seals tight. Insure that the supplies that should be in the kit are indeed in the kit. Also, please be safe and consider getting those dates checked.



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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
January 27, 2015

The January meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:48 pm at the Cabana Club. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: The January board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29th, at Dean Welder's home at 7:30 PM. There will be a potluck before the February meeting. Our Scholarship recipients have been invited to attend the February meeting. There is a meeting program survey at the hospitality table for members to complete and turn in. Also, 2015 membership directories are available. Thank you to Michele Smith and Bob Phelps for this evening's refreshments. Michele is the new refreshment chairman. She passed around a sign up sheet for people to sign up to help with meeting refreshments.

New Members: Steven and Alan May were given their new membership packets and welcomed into the club.

Bragging Rights: The January theme was the color yellow. Winners will be announced in the Breccia.

Field Trips: Karen Welder reported for Dean. She indicated that there were not any new trips, but if someone has ideas, to please contact Dean. Also, they are in the process of planning two new trips for later this year. As always, details for all trips will be in the Breccia.

Member Displays: See Breccia for a report.

Historian Report: None given.

Festival Meeting: February 17th at 7:30 at Frank Mullaney's house.

Program: Evan Enriquez presented his Master's thesis on the Debris Flow Hazards of the Yosemite Valley. Thank you Evan.

Correspondence: None

Sunshine: No news is good news.

Study Groups:

Cutaways: February 14th 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

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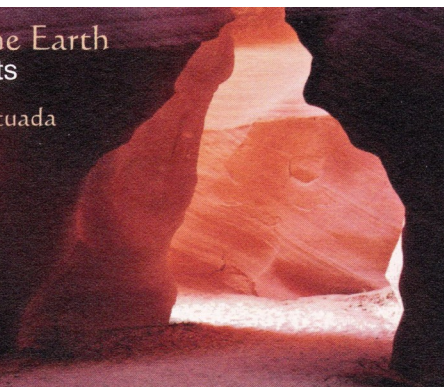
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Smithies: The Smithies meet every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 and the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 PM. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Photography: Matt Wood indicated that people should email or call him to help arrange a meeting date and time.

Festival 2015: Randy Harris encouraged members to put in a display case or enter an item in competition. Forms were on the front table to be picked up. We will be having shift sign ups starting at the February meeting. Matt Wood asked people to remember that we needed people to volunteer to help with show security., He needs two people each evening to do overnight security on Friday and Saturday night of the show. If you would like to have a sign placed on your car, please call Frank Mullaney to make an appointment for installation. We need help with advertising, our chairman has a new job and resigned.

CalFest 2015: June Harris and Michele Smith attended the 3-day convention in Monterey. June spoke about the convention and possible changes to our festival in the future.

DRC: No Report

Hospitality: 34 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Website update: there is a new password for the Member's only section. You can obtain the password from the webmaster or the secretary.

Founder's Day Picnic: will be on June 21st at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse.

Installation Dinner will be December 8th at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse.

February meeting program: Rick Kennedy will be giving the program at the February meeting. The subject will be the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

PLAC: No report. We need a person to do this job. Reminder that members can join ALAA to know more about what is happening to our public lands.

Federation Report: Jacquelyn Calderon reported that the CFMS convention and show will be in Lodi on June 12-14. The show committee is looking for demonstrators. Also, donations are being collected for all the CFMS and AFMS funds. She also indicated that we had a member who had written an article for the newsletter.

Library: Joan Schramm talked about how to check out a book from the society library and how to check it back in again when you return it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM

Respectfully submitted, June Harris SCVGMS Secretary Pro Tem

SCVGMS Board Meeting
January 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM at the home of Dean and Karen Welder.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Frank Mullaney, Rick Kennedy, Lisa LaRocca, Stephen Rodrigues and Jacquelyn Calderon.

Reading of the minutes from the December 4th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read (D. Welder, P. Tomac).

New Members: No new members.

Correspondence: 3 Dealer contracts and an invitation to our members to attend the next Gem Faire in Pleasanton, bill for trailer storage.

Treasurer's Report: Rita Jarrett reviewed the current bills. M/S/P to pay the bills (M. Paone, C. Boblenz).

Audit Report: The audit report was presented. Rita Jarrett, Michael Paone, and Karen Welder met

with Chuck to audit the books. They made several recommendations. We need to update the signers on the Dodge and Cox acct. They recommended that an audit checklist be developed to help future committees conduct a thorough audit. The Mindat check that was written over three months ago, should be replaced because it has not been cashed. Better tracking of deposit source was also recommended. M/S/P to approve the audit (J. Harris, M. Paone). M/S/P : to approve two additional bills presented for payment (D. Welder, P. Tomac).

Committee Reports:

Festival:

Festival Meeting: February 17th at Frank Mullaney's house. The meeting starts at 7:30. Upcoming changes to the Cub Scout program will affect the Kids Area, the possible outcomes were discussed. June will look into starting a patch program for Cub Scouts. We need to replace the advertising chairman. We are trying to sell the floppy man used at the show. After much discussion, it was decided that he should be sold at one half the current cost to replace. June will offer by email to other local societies. The topic of insurance for our April festival was discussed. We will get a quote from our current carrier, check with the insurance agent from Calfest, and check with the Fairgrounds to see what insurance carrier they offer. M/S/P to obtain insurance for our April festival (J. Harris, J. Schramm) Metro advertising for the festival was discussed. M/S/P to obtain advertising in the Metro Magazine, not to exceed \$1500.00(J. Harris, D. Welder). Security for the festival was discussed. M/S/P to obtain overnight security for outside the building and two security guards for while the festival is open (J. Harris, M. Paone). Advertising on Facebook was discussed. M/S/P to allow June to spend up to \$200.00 on advertising on Facebook for our festival.

Need to fill open positions: Hauling trailers, etc.

Field Trips: Dean would like to plan a Clear Creek trip but would like to have a more experienced person along to help lead the trip. He asked for suggestions of people who could be a co-leader and a time frame.

Old Business:

Point of Sale: Frank Mullaney and June Harris researched possible phone carriers to replace our current carrier and set up a POS terminal for our festival. It was recommended that we add a smart phone to the Harris' account for the society. This phone would replace our current portable phone and be used at our festival for attendees that would like to pay for their festival admission with a debit or credit card. Also could be used for other payments to the society. M/S/P to transfer the current club phone to the Harris Verizon Account and to upgrade to a smart phone at a cost not to exceed \$40.00 per month plus fees and taxes.

Cal-Fest: June Harris reported on the Calfest convention. She discussed many of the topics covered at the convention. After much discussion it was decided that a timeline for the society and our festival were the top priorities. June will meet with Michele Smith who also attended the meeting to come up with some other recommendations for the society and festival. June will report back at the next meeting.

Programs: The next several months meeting programs have been set. Need to think about programs for the June meeting to the end of the year.

ALAA Membership: M/S/P to renew our ALAA membership (M. Paone, C. Boblenz).

General Meeting dates: Reservations for the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse have been made for all of the 2015 general meeting dates.

Swingers for Rockhound of the month, officers, chairman, festival, ... June Harris will develop a list and send to Frank Mullaney have them made.

Stipend for Donna Kelley and fees/Motel stay for Richard Wade: MSP to pay Donna Kelley a \$500.00 stipend for her flintknapping demonstration at the festival, and to reserve and pay for

a room for Richard Wade, and to pay Richard's fees for his 6 performances at the festival (D. Welder, M. Paone)

Intel retirees donation plan: Joan Schramm reviewed the plan and the expected outcome.

Insurance for study groups: Chuck will contact Fred Ott about his interpretation of the CFMS insurance and study groups. Chuck will report back at the February meeting with his recommendation.

New Business:

Program Survey in Breccia: June discussed the outcome of the program survey that was placed in the Breccia. Three surveys were returned. Several ideas for workshops were given. The subject matter for programs was across the board.

Play Day needed: Michael Paone and June Harris need to have a Play Day to work on projects for their respective areas. March 21st will be reserved at the Belwood Cabana clubhouse for the day. M/S/P to reserve the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse for March 21st for a Play Day (C. Boblenz, J. Harris)

Society storage trailers: Chuck Boblenz presented a report from Herb Vogel. Herb is resigning from being the Trailer Custodian. Chuck presented Herb's recommendation of replacing the tongue jack in each trailer. M/S/P to have Chuck purchase two trailer tongue jacks and replace the current tongue jacks with new ones (D. Welder, P. Tomac).

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary Pro Tem

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report December 2014– January 31, 2015

Beginning balance	\$19500.31
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Income

2014 DRC Receipts	\$ 936.85
2015 Dues	\$ 57.00
2014 Installation Dinner	\$ 130.00
2015 Dealer Fees deposit	<u>\$10985.00</u>
Total Income	\$12742.85

Expenses

Installation Dinner Expense	\$602.07
2014 Cabana Club Rental	\$430.00
CFMS Bars and Triangles	\$131.20
2014 Treasurer's Expense	\$58.65
Breccia postage/printing/ 2014 webhosting/ 2015 membership directory	\$ 404.20
2015 Festival Expense	\$3771.39
2014 Past President's gift	\$ 50.00
2015 Dealer Expense	<u>\$ 62.42</u>
Total Expenses	\$5597.51

Ending Balance	\$26645.65
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Festival Chairman 2015: Frank Mullaney

Festival Chairman 2016: Open

Field Trip Committee Coordinator:

Dean Welder

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Michael Paone and Steven May

Founder's Day Raffle: Michele Smith

Founder's Day Bingo: Bonnie LeMatt &

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

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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 February 24, 2015 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on February 26, 2015 at Frank Mullaney'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.

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