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Hello Fellow Rock Enthusiasts,

Have you ever thought about how the club works behind the visible things you can see at the meetings? Please give some consideration to serving on the board, fill out your Time and Talent sheets and turn them in at the September 22nd meeting. Many of us have been board members or officers for many years and can answer any questions you may have. I will appoint a nominating committee at the meeting and they will use the Time and Talent sheets to determine the recommended nominees for office next year. This makes their job much easier. Otherwise they will have to call everyone in the directory to find people willing to run for office. The Time and Talent sheets also help the incoming President when it comes time to appoint committees. There are many very easy jobs to fill that would be a good way for newer members to get involved. The Nominating Committee will present the candidates for office at the October meeting. The election will be held at the November meeting.

The Board has reserved the Cabana Club for our annual Installation Dinner. We are in the process of selecting the menu from Willow Street. There will be a sign up sheet in the

Breccia next month. The deadline for reservations is the November meeting. As usual, we will host the Marines and collect unwrapped gifts for their "Toys for Tots" program.

The North Bay Field Trip meeting will be Saturday, September 26th, in Hayward. Sign in will start at 8:30 AM. Anyone can go. There is a Potluck lunch and a silent auction (please bring something for BOTH). This is a great place to learn about field trips that have happened and will happen in the future. There are several shows coming up locally in the next couple of months. Check out the listing here in the Breccia. It is always good to share experiences our sister clubs.

I will be hosting the Cutaways study group on September 5th at 9:00 AM. There will be a \$5 per person shop fee to cover equipment repair costs. Please let me know if you plan to attend. I have three Genie machines, flat lapping equipment, a Richardson's Dry Sander, a buffing wheel, a 10" tile saw for smaller cutting and two 24" slab saws for cutting larger rock. We will go over safety procedures before anything is turned on.

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer.

Randy Harris, President

Rock Sale

(slabs and machines, too)

**Saturday, September 26, 2015,
from 9am till noon.**

Where: 2357 Loma Park Court,
San Jose.

As always, we have the free tables
under the pergola.

*This is the easiest field trip
you've ever been on.
Everything is up on a table,
except the biggest rocks.*

**Most items are 50 cents per pound.
Extra special items are individually
marked.**

**We accept cash, and checks made out
to: SCVGMS (Santa Clara Valley Gem
and Mineral Society).**

*We suggest you bring a bucket; a water
squirt bottle would be helpful as well.*

Questions: email:
pat.speece@comcast.net

This rock sale is hosted by the
Donation Receiving Committee (DRC)
of the Santa Clara Valley
Gem and Mineral Society.

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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.

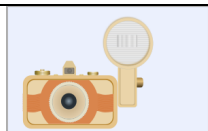
Basically, we meet every Friday from 4-7 pm. Dates are below. Any changes to the schedule will be emailed to those on the Smithie email list.

September 4, 11, 18, 24

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18



Photography Group

by Matt Wood

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.

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 September 5th and October 3rd



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 event in their life, contact Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at margomosher@yahoo.com.

Bragging Rights Theme

The theme for September is "Petrified wood".

What are you bringing to enter?

July meeting winner was Bill Simpson.

September Meeting Program

Sedimentary & Vein Agates

How they are formed & their characteristics

Bring some sedimentary & vein agates to show for member displays.

Member Displays

by Rick Kennedy.

Frank Mullaney brought a large Chrysanthemum stone specimen that he has had the entire time he was Show/Festival Chair. Now that June is the new Chair, Frank gave her the specimen.

Rick Kennedy brought a large specimen of Baltic Amber from the collection of John Kassionas and a nearly 4 1/2" sphere of Rutilated Smoky Quartz that had recently been cut for him.

Summer is in it's final stages, do some digging or jewelry work and show it off!!

Welcome to new members

Bob and Kelly Kout

2015 SCVGMS Calendar



September 4th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 5th Cutaways workshop from 9-noon at Randy Harris's home.

September 11th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 18th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM.

September 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Chuck Boblenz.

September 25th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

September 26th DRC Sale at Pat Speece's home

October 2nd Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

October 3rd Cutaways workshop from 9-noon at Randy Harris's home.

October 9th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

October 16th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

October 23rd Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

October 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM. Social before the meeting at 6:30.

October 29th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Joan Schramm

October 30th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 6th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 13th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 20th Smithies workshop from 4-7PM at Pat Speece's home.

November 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM.

Field Trip Schedule

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

September 25 to Wellington NV for Nevada Lapis

September 26-27 to Wilson Canyon, NV for agate, large petrified wood (some green), fossils, calcite, gypsum, jasper, and more.

October 10 to Area 54 (Panoche Hills) for jasper, agate, jade, serpentine, Blue G, Chocolate Magnesite

October 16-19 to Holbrook AZ –Fee dig for petrified wood

October 19-22 to Pillar Rock near Coaldale NV for Moss Agate, agates, jaspers, and petrified wood.

October 24-25 to Lovelock, NV for material from the Valley View Mine, Magnetite pit, Eagle Pitcher. Can find druzy quartz, Magnetite crystals, magnetite w/ or w/o pyrite, emerald crystals in pegmatite, and opalite.

If you have any 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.

Non CFMS club trip October 1-4, Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics, Santa Monica Mountains. See website: <http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com>

Festival Kick Off meeting

September 16th at 7:30 PM

**at Mountain Mike's Pizza
301 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell**

All you can eat pizza, salad, and
soft drinks for \$5.00

Bring your ideas, suggestions, and reports from last year if you have not turned them in yet.

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



September 19 - 20: CHICO, CA, Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5 daily, John Scott, (530) 343-3491, Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.featherriverrocks.org [Show Page](#)

September 19 - 20: REDWOOD CITY, CA, Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Carol Corden, Email: cordencarol@yahoo.com, Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org [Show Page](#)

September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Avenue, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, Contact: Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551, Email: nancyjbird@verizon.net,

September 26 - 27: 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

September 26 - 27: 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

September 26 - 27: SANTA ROSA, CA, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Jolene, (707) 528-7610, Email: Jolene@srmgs.org, Website: www.srmgs.org, [Show Page](#)

September 30 - October 4: YUCCA VALLEY, CA, Hi-Desert Rockhounds, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst Street, Hours: 9 - 6 daily, Contact: Judy Thompson, (760) 902-5340, Email: rogerthompson@mac.com, Website: www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html

October 3-4: BORON, CA, Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron Park, 12000 Boron Avenue, Hours: 9 - 4 daily, Contact: Steve Breckenridge, (760) 559-0872, Email: rock5b@starband.net

October 3 - 4: VISTA, CA, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524, Email: vistarocksgms@gmail.com, Website: www.vistarocks.org

October 10 - 11: ANDERSON, CA, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta District Fairgrounds, 1890 Briggs Street, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Kelley O'Leary, (530) 772-7133, Email: shastagemandmineral@gmail.com,

Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 10 - 11: GRASS VALLEY, CA, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building), 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Wald-Tuttle, (530) 277-6195, Email: anitaw1t3@gmail.com,

Website: www.ncgms.org

October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, SLG&MS Show Building, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356,

Email: slgms@iwvisp.com, [Show Page](#)

Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub,

October 11: FALLBROOK, CA, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility, 123 West Alvarado Street, Hours: 9 - 4, Contact: (760) 728-1130, Email: fgms@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.fgms.org

October 17: WEST HILLS, CA, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, Hours: 10 - 5, Contact: Anita Niles, (818) 349-2943, Email: info@rockchippers.org,

Website: www.rockchippers.org [Show Page](#)

October 17 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472,

Email: info@rockandgemshow.org,

Website: www.eldoradorocks.org [Show Page](#)

October 17 - 18: WHITTIER, CA, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

October 24 - 25: LOS ALTOS, CA, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, One No. San Antonio Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384,

Email: steve_job@sbcglobal.net,

Website: www.pggs.org, [Show Page](#)

Congratulations to
Missy Fox for winning
the Continuing Education Award

Should be a fun trip.

Who will get the next award?
Could it be you?

The new vests are in.

If you have been waiting for an out of stock size, order yours today.

Please note there has been a small price increase.

You can order yours today from Frank Mullaney. Use the form below.

Order Your Club Vest or Shirt

Vests and shirts are available to order. Samples will be at the next meeting.

Contact person is Frank Mullaney, (408) 691-2656.

Name: _____ Phone # _____
Email: _____

Club Vest:	_____ Small	\$13.50	Club Shirts	_____ Small	\$22.00
	_____ Medium	\$13.50		_____ Medium	\$22.00
	_____ Large	\$13.50		_____ Large	\$22.00
	_____ X-Large	\$13.50		_____ X-Large	\$22.00
	_____ XX-Large	\$14.50		_____ XX-Large	\$22.00
	_____ XXX-Large	\$15.50		_____ XXX-Large	\$22.00

New vests have been ordered— prices are subject to change.

Club vest and shirt payments should be made to: Frank Mullaney/Rocky Five

_____ Miner patch (for the back of vest or shirt) \$4.00
_____ Club emblem patch (for front of vest or shirt) \$1.00
Payment for patches can be made to SCVGMS

Time and Talent Sharing

Each year we have elections. To do that, we have three people from the Board and general membership put together a slate of proposed officers. To get this slate, the nominating committee must ask other members to run for offices.

If they know ahead of time who would be willing to run for a particular (or any) office, AND who wouldn't or couldn't accept any position for the following year, their job is made much simpler. Please call Randy Harris for further information (831) 438-5150. Please note that many positions can be filled by members with little to no experience, and mentoring is available to anyone who would like to take on a position but is unsure as to how to do the job.

Please fill out this sheet to indicate what offices and or committee you are willing to fill, turn it in at the next general meeting, or mail it to Randy Harris, 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley CA 95066 If you live out of state, you don't need to do this.

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Board of Directors and Positions

(elected by the membership)

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

___ Unable to accept a board position at this time.

Other ways to contribute:

- ___ Be a greeter at meetings
- ___ Give a program to adults or juniors
- ___ Write Articles for the Breccia
- ___ Give a demonstration at the festival
- ___ Lead a study group
- ___ Take on a lead position on the festival committee
- ___ Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

Committee Chairpersons

(appointed by the President)

Co-chairpersons are welcome.

- ___ Donation Receiving Committee
- ___ Festival Chair (2017)
- ___ Field Trips
- ___ Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- ___ Founder's Day Picnic
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ Juniors
- ___ Installation Dinner
- ___ Librarian
- ___ Programs
- ___ Member Displays
- ___ Public Lands Access (PLAC)
- ___ Refreshments
- ___ Sergeant-at-Arms
- ___ Secret Auction
- ___ Silent Auction
- ___ Social Activities
- ___ Sunshine
- ___ Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- ___ Trophy Chair
- ___ Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

Minerals– Managing the Fear

by Mark Nelson, EMT, Safety Chair
via The CFMS Newsletter—September 2015 edition

At a recent field trip to collect samples of Serpentine, the California State Rock, one new member expressed a reluctance to attend because "they contain asbestos". In 2009, California State Senator Gloria Romero (24th district in Los Angeles County), introduced a bill that would remove serpentine as the state rock and lithologic emblem and would leave the state rock unspecified. Her reason, as stated in the bill, is because "serpentine contains the deadly mineral chrysotile asbestos, a known carcinogen, exposure to which increases the risk of cancer mesothelioma" - despite the fact that there is no such mineral as *chrysotile asbestos*.

Professor Gordon Brown, the Chair of the Stanford University of Geological & Environmental Sciences, specializes in environmental geochemistry and aqueous and surface geochemistry. His study of the top rocks and minerals which can have deadly consequences to humans include Cinnabar, Galena, Pyrite, Fluorite, Quartz, Chrysotile, K-Feldspar, Phenacite, Erionite, Hydroxyapatite, and Crocidolite.

Professor Brown's study further explains about Hydroxyapatite, stating that this Apatite variation can be a serious health threat because it can form deposits in human heart valves and arteries—despite the beneficial aspect that it is the main mineral of which dental enamel and dentin are composed and are essential in dental and joint replacements. He also explains that "Quartz in fine particulate form has been known since biblical times to cause respiratory effects (silicosis or silicotuberculosis). Workers in the 'dusty trades' - mining, sand blasting, quarrying, metallurgy, construction—suffer from these diseases. There is also concern about the potential of silica in other areas, including lung cancer and other cancers, kidney disease, and immunological problems." He acknowledges that Quartz cutting tools and weapons (producing sharp edges), semiconductor (Silicon Valley) are very useful in our lives. Should we ban the use of the beautiful Apatite

Gemstone and beads? Or avoid handling quartz crystals? Let's manage the fear! Let's use knowledge and common sense and take a view similar to that of using tobacco: If you crush it, roll it, and smoke it you have a greater than normal chance of developing a health issue.

Back to Serpentine. First, "serpentine" refers to a group of minerals, not a rock. The term "serpentine" is the proper term for the rock that is mostly made up of one or more of the serpentine group minerals. The term "asbestos" does not have a unique association with ANY particular mineral. It is derived from the term that describes the fibrous nature of a mineral material. Varieties of asbestos from a completely separate group of minerals, called the amphibole group, are considered to be the most dangerous form. The health danger of asbestos is when people breathe the powdered form into their lungs—and not just once or twice, but chronically over many years. As KQUD Public Media For Northern California contributor, Brian Romans, puts it—"walking on, being near, handling, or even eating a piece of serpentinite might be harmful if someone hurled a piece at you. To reiterate, one must inhale the powdered version into their lungs for it to be harmful."

As reported by THE VUG.com Senator Romero's Bill, SB624, was introduced to address issues involving "solid waste: garbage and refuse disposal district: governing board membership". Two months later she revised the bill to refer to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. A month later the bill was apparently hijacked by special interest groups (probably deep-pocket litigation advocates) to remove Serpentine as The State Rock of California because of "its association with an increased risk of the cancer mesothelioma." After an uproar of response by intelligent Californians Senator Romero allowed it to die in committee. What Senator Romero's bill did was to attempt to use the "boogeyman" of asbestosis to frighten the other lawmakers.

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In the same way, because Uranium, Platinum, Granite, Feldspar, Mica, Zircon, Malachite and the Rare Earth Elements are mildly radioactive some teachers will not allow it in a classroom for fear of the reaction of parents (don't mention the 0.1 μSv of radiation emitted by a banana). The "fear Flag" gets raised, no one wants to get it near them and our students get a kind of reverse education. In our hobby we must be more educated, but some of us still focus on the vague threat and ignore the science and common sense.

My father served as a machinist mate in the U. S. Navy during the last years of WWII in the Pacific. He remembered the sailors passing the tedious days by hitting the insulation around the steam pipes and watching the clouds of dust that billowed into the air from the pulverized pipe insulation (asbestos is an excellent heat insulator). In 1998 he died of mesothelioma. Should the slight and potential hazards of a rock or mineral keep us from enjoying their beauty and from turning them into works of art? Of course not. Neither should it keep us from collecting and enjoying our State Rock!

My safety Advice for handling Serpentine is, as with any rock or mineral, "after handling rocks don't swallow the rocks; don't trip over Serpentine while collecting it; watch for ants, spiders and other critters when poking around rocks; never grind, inhale, smoke, or snort rock dust and —use water and a mask when grinding or polishing all rocks!

Sources for this article include: KQUD Public Media For Northern California _ Brian Romans, (science.kqed.org/quest/2010/08/05/learn-the-facts-about-serpentine); Professor Gordon Brown of Stanford University (emsi.stanford.edu/doc/MostDangerous-Minerals.doc) Vug (www.the-vug.com/vug/article284).

NBFT Fall Meeting September 26, 2015

Hosted by:

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley

Location:

20948 A Corsair Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545

Schedule:

8:30 –9:30 Registration, Coffee & Doughnuts
9:30 - noon Business meeting
Noon - 1:00 Potluck lunch and silent auction
1:30 - 3:00 Conclude business meeting/
Program to be announced.

This is a centrally located meeting site that is convenient for all NBFT clubs.

Please bring materials for the silent auction: ie... rocks, specimens, white elephants, old books, findings, tools, lapidary/ jewelry items and the like.

Bring food to share (hot dish, cold dish, salad, or dessert) for the potluck. Also, bring your own plate, utensils, and beverage container!

This meeting is not just for field trip chairman and leaders, so be sure to invite all your club members who are interested in field trips, collecting and getting great buys on rocks and specimens.

In addition to reports of summer field trips we will have election of officers. We will also have announcements of fall and winter field trips. And it is not too early to start thinking about 2016 trips. Each NBFT club is expected to host a shared field trip or related activity each year. Start planning now so that your club will have something to share.

Direction: from 880 take Winton Avenue West and travel approximately 1 mile then turn right on Corsair Blvd. and proceed to address on your right just where the center divide ends.

For more information contact Mike Cox @ (925) 933-2221 or MikeCox.34Ford@gmail.com

Safety Matters — The Example
by Ellery Borow, Safety Chair
via AFMS newsletter, September 2015 edition.

The examples we set for the kids around us are profound. Whether it's our own kids, the neighbor's kids, the playground kids, the kids in the grocery store, or the kids on our field trips, kids are watching what we adults do.

Have you ever taken note of the oft-repeated safety message recited by airline flight attendants just prior to take off? There is a section in their message about loss of cabin pressure and the resulting need to take the now-dangling-in-front- of-us oxygen masks, pull them out to straighten (unkink) them and , place the masks on our faces. After we are wearing the masks, we are then directed to place them on the kids traveling with us. There is a reason why we are told to place them on our face first before placing them on the kids faces. When a kid sees the mask on us first, they will understand that it is safe and right thing for them to do as well. Like it or not, for better or worse, we set the example kids learn to adopt.

Just as with aircraft safety, field trip safety is important and if adults set a good example, it can make an impression on kids. Kids will mimic, adopt, accept, follow, and learn from the examples we set. Safety issues are no exception to that essential nature of kids.

Kids, for the most part, want to grow up, be adults, and do the things adults do. If we, as responsible adults, set good examples that pathway to adulthood will be that much safer for the child.

On the next rock collecting adventure, think about putting your proper footwear on first, wearing your safety goggles first, placing gloves on your hands first. On our upcoming rock collecting outings please mind where you toss your leaverite, mind how you use your collecting tools, pay attention to how we interact with our fellow rockhounds - the kids are watching.

Now, even if the kids are hundreds of feet away from where we are working kids will do what they do best. The curious nature of kids and the little

sponges in their heads will absorb the sights of our actions, the words we speak, and take note of our behavior. Even without your being aware, kids are watching us - that is their nature.

What if the kids around us are far away from our location, too far away to see the details of whether or not we are wearing safety glasses? Should the adults in such an instance let their guard drop and dismiss wearing googles, or gloves, or using proper tool technique? Well, adults are just grown up kids and we need to protect ourselves too!

Perhaps you have noted the incredible tendency of kids to show up just as we make our greatest mistakes (such as not wearing those goggles). Even without kids around, we adults still deserve to be safe too. It's just that, with kids around, we need to be extra vigilant with our setting a good, or even a great example for them to soak up.

Also, please consider this - by our setting a good esample, the parents of the kids around us will have a much easier time teaching kids the right things to do because everyone around the kids will be doing the right things—what a great relief for a parent of young children! It's no fun for a parent to have to keep saying to their child, "No, don't do what they are doing." or "No, that guy over there is not following the safety rules for the trip."

Be safe, act safe, set a safe example, and see the smiles. Be safe 'cause your safety matters.

**Peregrine Rocks
&
Trading Post**



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Come See Us, inside Soquel Village Antiques
4700 Soquel Dr, Soquel, CA 95010
Corner of Soquel & Bay/Porter, across from the Ugly Mug

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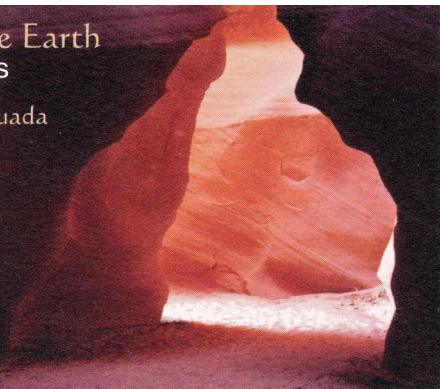
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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
August 25th, 2015

The August meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:47 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: Dues were due at the end of May, please see the treasurer if you have not paid them. Please fill out Time and Talent sheets.

New Members: Donna Diepenbrock received her membership packet and was welcomed into the club.

Board Meeting: Will be at Randy and June Harris' home. Marc Mullaney will be making a presentation to the Board regarding investment opportunities.

Rockhound of the Month: Jim Fox was awarded the Rockhound of the Month award in thanks for the work he and Missy did on our Diamond raffle at the Festival.

Field Trips: Dean Welder announced a couple of trips that are in the Breccia: Wilson Canyon on September 26-27, Area 54 on October 10th and Dean also announced the North Bay Field Trip Meeting on September 26th in Hayward. As always, please refer to the Breccia for all of the details.

2016 Festival: Kick off meeting tentatively scheduled for September 16th. The location is Mountain Mike's Pizza on Hamilton Avenue at 7:30. New ideas are welcome, any member who is curious about how we put our Festival on should think about attending.

Ruth Bailey Scholarship Award: Michael Paone brought in the nominees for the scholarship and the names were drawn in this order: 1. Missy Fox. 2. Jim Fox. 3. Howard Young.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Frank Mullaney brought a large Chrysanthemum stone specimen that he has had the entire time he was Show/Festival Chair. Now that June is the new Chair, Frank gave her the specimen. Rick Kennedy brought a large specimen of Baltic Amber from the collection of John Kassionas and a nearly 4 1/2" sphere of Rutilated Smoky

ROCKY FIVE

TUMBLING GRIT
LAPIDARY SUPPLIES
BADGES
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Quartz that had recently been cut for him. Summer is in it's final stages, do some digging or jewelry work and show it off!!

Study Groups:

Cutaways: September 5th, from 9:00 – 12:00 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 4:00 – 7:00. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Photography: Contact Matt Wood.

DRC: Pat Speece reported that there will be sales on Saturday, September 26th and Saturday, October 31st). The sales run from 9:00AM until 1:00PM.

Hospitality: 36 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

ALAA: Frank reported that there is a new president: Doug True.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club has received Gem Faire coupons for their San Rafael Show and Coupons for the Diggin's Productions show in Hanford, CA.

Federation Report: The fall meeting will be in November at Visalia.

Sunshine: No news is good news.

Program: Chuck Boblenz took us through the journey of creating a filigree chain, one link at a time! Chuck even offered to help those who are interested in making such beautiful jewelry. September's program will be a DVD from the CFMS.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting August 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM at the Randy Harris' home.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Jacquelyn Calderon, Michael Paone, Rick Kennedy, and Stephen Rodrigues. Also, present was Marc Mullaney.

Reading of the minutes from the June and July Board Meetings: M/S/P to approve the minutes as printed in the Breccia (F. Mullaney, D. Welder).

New Members: M/S/P (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz) to accept the applications of Bob and Kelly Kout.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/P (F. Mullaney, J. Schramm) to pay the bills.

Discussion about delinquent members: Rita presented the list of delinquent members. June Harris will send out letters to all the delinquent members requesting dues payment. Rita will return dues for Kenneth Reiller with a request to apply for membership before submitting dues payment.

Discussion about hiring an accountant: The board discussed the duties of the Treasurer. MSP: to hire an accountant to produce our society's show income report, end of year reports, and file our society's income taxes (J. Harris, F. Mullaney). Frank Mullaney will help Rita with meeting with the accountant. Cost estimated at \$625.00.

2015 Festival financial report: Rita presented the report. She will be making a couple of corrections and return in September with a final report for the board.

Maturing CD: MSP: to allow the maturing CD to rollover for another 1-year term. R. Jarrett, D. Welder)

Discussion about interesting CD money in higher yielding investment: Mark Mullaney was present and spoke about what his investment firm offers. The Board discussed risks with investments and each board member's risk assessment for the society. The board decided to hold off making an investment until a new product can be reviewed. June Harris, Randy Harris, and Phil Tomac will meet with Marc when the new product is released and report back to the board.

Field Trips: Three new field trips have been announced by the COOP. Dean Welder will get the information to June Harris for inclusion in the September Breccia.

Committee Reports:

Festival 2016:

Cal-Fest seminar: June Harris and Frank Mullaney will be unable to attend the seminar in Visalia on September 17, 2015.

Kids Area Changes: The necessary changes to the Kids Area were discussed. No MOU with Boy Scouts is necessary. MSP: {P. Tomac, F. Mullaney} to allow June Harris to make the necessary changes to the Kids Area to meet the new Cub Scout achievement requirements. Budget of \$2000.00 approved.

Dealer Fees: Dealer fees and insurance were discussed. The board decided that no increase in the dealer fees were necessary.

Sale of Floppy Man/Air Dancer: The Stockton Society would like to purchase the Air Dancer.

Old Business:

1. Programs: September – CFMS DVD; October – CFMS DVD; November – Silent Auction; December – No Program; January – Chuck Boblenz, Festival Displays; February – Rick Kennedy, Toxic Minerals; March – Missy and Jim Fox- Subject to be announced.

2. Continuing Education: Frank Mullaney will contact Missy Fox and find out the necessary information to make arrangements with the Camp Zzyzx registrar.

3. California Federation's AFMS Scholarship Awardee: A letter, resume, and letter of recommendation have been submitted to the committee.

4. FaceBook Account: No change

New Business:

1. Trailer storage new access keys: Frank Mullaney and June Harris will hold the access keys since they are the people who usually access the trailers.

2. October meeting social: After many ideas were bantered about, it was decided to have a pot-luck for a social prior to the October general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary pro tem

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report
August 27, 2015

Beginning Balance		\$17157.74
Receipts		
Dues	\$230.00	
New member initiation fee	\$ 10.00	
Donation	\$100.00	
Breccia advertising	\$ 50.00	
State Tax Refund	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
Total Deposits:	\$400.00	
Disbursements		
Post Office Box rental fee	\$ 56.00	
Society phone bill	\$ 47.64	
Breccia postage	\$ 19.88	
2016 Festival Kids Area	\$ 36.05	
SCVGMS Domain name fee	<u>\$ 15.17</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$174.74	
Ending Balance		\$17,383.00

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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
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Festival Chairman 2015: Frank Mullaney
Festival Chairman 2016: June Harris
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 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
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee): OPEN
Program: OPEN
Refreshments: Michele Smith
Silent Auction: Michele Smith
Social: June Harris
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trailer Custodian: OPEN
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
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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 September 22, 2015 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on September 24, 2015 at Chuck Boblenz' 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 after 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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