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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 August 26, 2008 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on August 28, 2008, at Michael Paone's home, 229 Massol Ave. #4, Los Gatos, CA 95030 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 \$10.00 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 Linda Spencer. Ruth Bailey handles all aspects of mailing. 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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For information on a study group, please call the leader(s) listed below

Cutaways & Carvers	Frank Mullaney	(408) 266-1791
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Jewelers	Marc Mullaney	(408) 691-1584
Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Kelly Van Vleck & Pat Speece	(408) 262-8187
	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327
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Randy's Ramblings

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

You will notice as you read this month's issue that we are drawing near to election time again. June has included brief descriptions of the jobs available within the club. Please read them carefully and give serious consideration to how you would like to be involved in the workings of the club. Then fill out the Time and Talent sheet and turn it in to one of the officers. This is how we determine who to nominate for office and committee positions. If you are unsure after reading the description, talk to the person doing the job now for some insight. For some of the newer members, there are several jobs that are not very difficult and would be a good way to learn more about how the club operates. Nominations for officers are coming up in October. The election will be held at the November meeting.

The Board has reserved the Cabana Club for our annual installation dinner. We are working on the logistics at present. We will have it catered by Willow Street.

The Founder's Day Barbeque was held this past weekend. I would like to thank Michael Paone and Nancy Reineking for the great job they did setting everything up, Art Pimentel for helping with the barbecuing, John Eichhorn for helping with the cooking and running the Bingo game, Claire Ferguson for handling the raffle, and to everyone else who came. I think everybody had a great time with the excellent food and good company. I hope everyone can come next year.

There will be a potluck barbeque before the August 26th meeting. We will eat at 6:30PM at the Cabana Club. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

I hope everyone is having a great summer.
Randy Harris, President

Do you have a contact at a local business or corporation?

We need sponsors for our 2009 annual show. This show will also be the CFMS annual show and convention. Contacts must be made with a copy of the show committee's solicitation sponsorship letter. Please contact Matt Wood [email Matt at matthew_wood@comcast.net or call him at (408) 744-9402], for a letter. Sponsorship amounts range from \$5,000.00 to \$50.00 with varying incentives for each level.

**Demonstration Day
August 9th
from 10 AM - 3 PM
at the Cabana Club
100 Belwood Gateway,
Los Gatos, CA 95032**

Come by and see what the various study groups are doing. All of our study groups should be represented.

**BBQ and potluck
before the August meeting
August 26, 2008 at the Cabana Club.
Club to provide hamburgers, hot dogs,
drinks, and paper goods.
Please bring a potluck dish to share.
Time: 6:30**

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

Mineraleers by Chuck Boblenz



The Mineraleers will resume meeting in September. If you are interested in studying minerals, contact Chuck Boblenz, (408) 734-2473, for more information about this study group.



Jewelers by Marc Mullaney

Our July meeting was light on attendance, but we got back to silversmithing with simple rings and adding texture with a tamping hammer. For August we will be working on bezels, possibly for rings or pendants. If you have not joined us yet, feel free to come and see what we are doing whether you have tools or not. There are usually a few tools that new participants can use. Our next meeting is August 7, 2008 at 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos. Call Marc Mullaney at 408-691-1584 or email him at geologistm@aol.com if you have any questions.



Smithies by Kelly Van Vleck

If you are interested in learning to work with silver, please call Pat Speece at (408) 266-4327, or email at pat.speece@sbcglobal.net, or Kelly Van Vleck at kellyv22000@yahoo.com, or (408) 262-8187, for more information about learning this art.

Fossileers by Gail Matthews



The next meeting will be at the August 9th Demo Day at 1pm, even though I will be there from 9am to 3pm to discuss and identify fossils. Contact Gail Matthews at (650)-962-9960 or glassrockwood@aol.com.



Faceters

The Faceters study group will resume meeting in October. The group is for anyone who would like to learn the art of faceting a gemstone. Novices are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Max Casey at (408) 227-0526 for more information about this study group.

Cutaways and Carvers



The Cutaways and Carvers study group will be meeting at Demo Day home on Saturday, August 9th, at the Cabana Club. Call John at (408) 749-0523 to RSVP and for more information about his address and project suggestions and ideas.

SCVGMS dues were due by June 1st

\$10.00 per adult member
\$3.00 per junior member

**Please make out your check to SCVGMS
and send it to:**

**SCVGMS Treasurer
c/o Frank Mullaney
5705 Begonia Drive
San Jose, CA 95124**

DRC Report by Jane Yamashita

Our rock sale will take place on July 19th at the Speeces. We hope to have a good turnout. No new donations have come in since the last Breccia report. The field trip to the Jade Festival at Big Sur is still on. The Big Sur fire is only 60% contained, as of this writing. Hopefully by October they will be recovering in the Big Sur area. Please get your reservations and money in to George Yamashita soon. We have already received some reservations. If we don't get enough from our club, the field trip will open up to other clubs. We will have copies of the field trip flyer at the next meeting and at the rock sale on the 19th. Hope to see you there.

Member Displays

by Rick Kennedy

Due to technical difficulties, our program on Rhodochrosite ceased to be a video and became the Member Displays! John Zerbini started out with several very nice pieces of Argentinian Rhodo, a couple of pieces of Ethiopian opal and a piece of jade disguised as chalcedony. Randy and June Harris made it back from their trip with some very nice sceptered quartz from Crystal Peak, Montana, and they also brought a couple of slabs of pink plume agate (we hear there is a very large piece of this material at the house). Rick Kennedy brought some Sweet Home, Colorado Rhodo, both as crystal specimens and as a faceted stone. He also went digging over the summer and showed off some blue fluorite from New Mexico. Adrienne Comanda brought a nice collection of Rhodo beads, slabs, etc. Jennifer Le brought every piece of Rhodochrosite that she owns, but as the meeting progressed, less of it could be seen on the table and more of it was being worn by her! Grace Santos brought a nice piece of Rhodo and some rings she made in the silversmithing class. Adam Yamashita brought a number of large jade cobbles from Jade Cove as a teaser for those who are thinking about going on that field trip, and Michael Paone brought a number of mystery rocks for identification.

We are somewhat confident that we will not break our new record for shortest meeting ever in August, and the following folks are asked to bring displays: Jesus and Ann Ruiz, Rich and Niki Santone, Frank and Grace Santos, Anthony Scott, Doris Smith, Ernestine Smith, Patricia Speece, Charles and Linda Spencer, John and Eva Surrell and Matt Surrell.

'09 CFMS

Show meeting

Date: Sept 8, 2008

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Ruth Bailey's home

All interested members are invited.

Call Frank Mullaney, (408) 266-1791, for more information and directions to Ruth's home.

Sunshine by Ernestine Smith



If you have information concerning any member who is ill, hospitalized, or has had a death in the family, please contact our Sunshine person, Ernestine Smith, (408) 395-5035.

August Meeting Program

Planning and Setting Up A Show Case,
by Ruth Bailey

New Members from the months of June and July.

David Lowe, 992-8 Belmont Terrace, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, (408) 720-9339. David is interested in cutting, polishing, collecting, minerals, faceting, and field trips.

Aurora McDowell, 686 Margaret Lane, Campbell, CA 95008, (408) 378-8526. Aurora is interested in collecting, silversmithing, stringing beads, and field trips.

Mary Jane Karas, 183 Blake Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95051, (408) 554-1961. Mary Jane is interested in cutting, polishing, silversmithing, fossils, stringing beads, geology, and minerals.

Paul and Barbara Herrera, 19521 Manzanita Dr., Los Gatos, CA 95033, (408) 354-3614. They are interested in cutting, polishing, and silversmithing.

Yvonne Go, 15789 Union Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95032, (408) 761-8347. Yvonne is interested in silversmithing and stringing beads.

Marilyn Barnes, 1702 Branham Lane #105, San Jose, CA 95118, (408) 264-6599. Marilyn is interested in collecting, stringing beads, geology, minerals, field trips, and wire wrapping.

Jeanmarie Finigan, 1696 Branham Lane #102, San Jose, CA 95118, (408) 978-0830. Jeanmarie is interested in silversmithing, stringing beads, and field trips.

Leo Lu, 1309 Aster Lane, Cupertino, CA 95014, (408) 446-2193. Leo is interested in silversmithing and carving.

SCVGMS 2008 Calendar



2009 CFMS Show Report

by Frank Mullaney

August 7 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

August 9 Demonstration Day at the Cabana Club from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. All study groups are requested to demonstrate.

August 26 Barbeque/Potluck and General meeting at the Cabana Club. Barbeque/potluck starts at 6:30 PM. Club will provide drinks, burgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and paper goods. Members need to bring a salad or dessert to share, at least 10 servings, please. Meeting starts at 7:45 PM.

August 28 Board meeting at Michael Paone's home at 7:30 PM.

September 4 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

September 23 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM.

September 25 Board meeting at Frank Monez's home at 7:30 PM.

October 2 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

October 25 Demonstration Day at the Cabana Club from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. All study groups are requested to demonstrate.

October 28 Potluck and General meeting at the Cabana Club. Potluck 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:45 PM. Club will provide drinks and paper goods. Members provide main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share, at least 10 servings, please.

October 30 Board meeting at Randy Harris' home at 7:30 PM.

November 6 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

November 25 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM. Elections and Silent Auction throughout the evening. Board meeting immediately following the general meeting.

December 2 Installation Dinner at the Cabana Club at 7:00 PM. Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

December 4 Joint Board meeting at Ruth Bailey's home at 7:30 PM.

I presented the bid for the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society to host the 2009 CFMS show and convention at the directors meeting in Ventura. The bid received resounding approval. Yeah!!!

The show meeting was held at Ruth Bailey's house on July 7. The show budget was reviewed and accepted with some modifications. I want to thank Chuck Boblenz for all the hard work he put into it.

The dealer fees were decided so that contracts can go out. Randy Harris called in from his trip to Oregon for this portion of the meeting. Contracts to dealers should be going out shortly.

Admission fees were discussed. The admission will be \$6.00 per day, and we will offer a discount of \$1.00 with a coupon. Three-day admission will be \$12.00.

Advertising was discussed along with the addition of corporate sponsorship of the show.

The club is allowed three projects that are decided by the SCVGMS board of directors. They are as follows: Kids Area, Scholarship Booth, and Expanded Raffle. The money from these three projects goes directly to the club. We can do more than three projects, but then the proceeds from the additional projects will be split with the federation.

The next meeting will be September 8 at 7:30 PM at Ruth Bailey's house. There are still several positions to fill. See Frank Mullaney if you wish to serve on a committee. Committee positions also may be shared between several people.

CFMS Show Schedule

Changes to this calendar are printed in italics. For the latest version of the CFMS Show Schedule go to www.cfmsinc.org



August 1, 2 & 3 2008, Nipomo, CA, Orcutt Mineral Society, St. Joseph Church, 298 S. Thompson Ave., Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Wes Lingerfelt (805) 710-1983, E-mail Rocks4u@proigy.net Webpage: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 2 - 3 2008, San Francisco, CA, San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, San Francisco County Fair Bldg, Ninth Ave. & Lincoln Way, Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5, Ellen Nott (415) 564-4230

August 29 - Sept. 1 2008, Fort Bragg, CA, Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Town Hall, Main & Lausal, Hours: Sat. & Sun 10-6; Mon. 10-4, Don McDonell (707) 964-3116, E-mail ejwebb@mcn.org

September 13-14 2008, Downey, CA, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd, Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4, Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614, Email : guynellallen@sbcglobal.net

September 25-28 2008, San Bernardino CA, Orange Belt Mineral Society, Inc., Western Region Little League Ball Park, 6707 Little League Dr., Hours: 9 a.m. - Dusk each day, Emma Rose Couveau (951) 288-6182

September 20-21 2008, Paso Robles CA, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park Museum, 2010 Riverside Drive, Hours: 10-5 both days, Mike Doherty (815) 466-406, Email: mdoherty@tcsn.net

September 20-21 2008, Redwood City CA, Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Hours: 10-5 both days, Carol Corden (650) 248-7155, Email: ccorden@earthlink.net, Website: <http://sgms.driftmine.com/home.htm>

September 27-28 2008, Monterey, CA, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Rd., Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5, Sky Paston (831) 417-7477, Email: sky@familystones.net Website: www.cvgms.org

September 27-28 2008, Stockton, CA, Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 West Alpine Ave, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Nettie Meissner (209) 858-2263 E-mail:footsey1@yahoo.com

October 5 2008, Fallbrook, CA, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society, "Fall Festival of Gems", FGMS Museum, 123 W. Alvarado, Hours: 10 - 4, Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130, Diane Tjepkes (780) 468-8028

October 11-12 2008, Grass Valley, CA, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, "Earth's Treasures", Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Kim Moore (530) 470-0388 Email: Kmoore160@comcast.net

October 11 - 12 2008, Trona, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, "66th Annual Gem-O-Rama", Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4, Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356, Email: glgms@wvisp.com, Website: www1.wvisp.com/tronagemclub/tronagemclub.html

October 11-12 2008, Lakeside, CA, Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview, Hours: 10-5 both days, David Newton (619) 390-5054, Email: jontom@nethere.com, Webpage: ecvgms.com

October 11-12 2008, Vista, CA, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Sante Fe Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073, Lois M. Hair (760) 724-0395

October 18 2008, West Hills, CA, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, Hours: 10-5, Virginia Rotramel (951) 403-2634, Email: show@rockchippers.org, Webpage: www.rockchippers.org

October 18-19 2008, Anderson, CA, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta District Fairgrounds, Hours: 1 Sat. 9-5: Sun. 10-4, Bill Seward (530) 365-864, E-mail: glseward@sbcglobal.net

October 18-19 2008, Placerville, CA, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975, Email: info@rockandgemshow.org, Website: eldoradomineralandgem.org, Show Website: <http://www.rockandgemshow.org>

October 18-19 2008, Santa Rosa, CA, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, Tom Dering (707) 564-4537, Email: farmarch@sonic.net, Website: www.gem-n-i.org

October 18-19 2008, Whittier, CA, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10-5 both days, Jay Valle: (626) 934-9764, Email: res19pnb@verizon.net

October 25-26, 2008, Los Altos, CA, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, One San Antonio Road, Hours: Sat. 9-5 pm, Sun. 9-4 pm, Stan Bogosian: (408)569-2489, Email: sbogosian@aol.com

November 1-2 2008, Concord, CA, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord - 5298 Clayton Rd., Clayton Fair Shopping Center, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Sam Woolsey (925) 837-3287, Email: sdwools@earthlink.net, Website: www.ccmgs.org

November 1 - 2 2008, Ridgecrest, CA, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Mesquite Hall, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Hours: 9-5 both days, John De Rosa (760) 375-7905, Vickie black (760) 371-4416

November 7, 8, 9 2007, Eureka, CA, Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris, Hours: Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, Toni Tyson (707) 725-2890, Email: BLUII911@msn.com

November 8-9 2007, Lancaster, CA, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14, Hours: 9 - 5 both days, Susan Chaisin-Walblom (661) 943-1861, Email: SLChaisson@yahoo.com, Website: pgms@antelecom.net

November 8 - 9 2008, Yuba City, CA, Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society, "Festival of Gems", Grace Franklin Hall, 442 Franklin Avenue, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4, Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752, Inez Berg (530) 633-4612

November 22-23 2008, Oxnard, CA, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Miriam Tetrault (805) 642-5779, E-mail: miriamtetrault@hotmail.com Website: www.OGMS.net

December 6-7 2008, Barstow, CA, Mojave Gem & Mineral Society, Cora Harper Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Road, Hours: 10-5 Both Days, Gene Haines (760) 256-0595, E-mail: email@mdgms.org, Website: www.mdgms.org

December 13 - 14 2008, San Bernardino, CA, Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, Hernandez Recreation Center, 2nd & Siera Way, SB, Hours: 9-5 both days, Lyle Strayer (909) 887-3394

2009 CFMS Club Shows

March 7 - 8 2009, Ventura, CA, Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., 47th Annual Gem, Mineral, Lapidary & Fossil Show, Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 13, 14, 15 2009, Stoddard Wells, CA, Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, 33rd Annual Tailgate, Held off Stoddard Wells Road in Apple Valley, Hours: 10-5 Daily, Tailgate Map (Google): N34.670650 W117.108983, (760) 243-2330, Website: www.vvgms.org

March 28 - 29 2009, Torrance, CA, South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society, Torrance Recreational Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Roger Mills (310) 377-6226, Email: roger_mills@acm.org, Website: <http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap/>

April 17, 18, & 19 2009, San Jose, CA, 54th Annual CFMS Show, Nature's Showcase, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: 10-5 Daily, Email: info@scvgms.org, Website: www.scvgms.org

November 7-8 2009, Lancaster, CA, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14, Hours: 9 - 5 both days, Susan Chaisin-Walblom (661) 943-1861, Email: SLChaisson@yahoo.com, Website: palmdalegems.org

Upcoming Field Trip Opportunities

Contact Dean Welder, at email fieldtrips@scvgms.org. Email is the best way to contact him. If you can not email, then call him for information about the following field trips. His phone number is located in our club directory. Many of these trips are sponsored by clubs other than SCVGMS, so contact Dean who will make the appropriate introductions for SCVGMS members to be able to attend.

Labor Day Weekend Cedarville, CA for petrified wood.

Hearing Safety

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair, via EFMLS News 3/07

How many times have you told your kids to “turn down that loud music, you will hurt your ears”? Most everyone is aware that loud sounds such as gun fire, explosions, and occupational jobs that expose workers to excessive noise, like in a “boiler shop,” can lead to loss of hearing. But did you know that exposure to low levels of noise for prolonged periods of time can also lead to what is known as Noise Induced Hearing Loss or NIHL? Sources of this noise of course include loud music and motorcycles, but also can be generated by airplanes, automobiles, recreational vehicles, and some appliances, and can over time exact a gradual toll on one’s hearing, initially without your even being aware of the loss. Very loud sounds of short duration can produce immediate, severe, and permanent loss of hearing. The louder the level of noise and the longer the duration of exposure, the greater the potential for permanent damage.

As rock hounds, we are exposed to noise in our vehicles on the way to and from collecting sites. Some collecting sites, such as quarries, contain industrial equipment that can generate considerable amounts of noise. The use of hammers, gasoline and shop rock saws, rock trimmers, and grinding wheels all contribute to

the continuous bombardment on our hearing by everyday activities around the house such as music, television, household appliances, and power equipment.

The best method for protecting ourselves from NIHL’s is to eliminate or reduce the intensity of noise sources and the time of exposure. When exposure to noise sources is unavoidable, wear hearing protection in the form of ear plugs (disposable or fitted) or ear muffs. When at an industrial site, wear the same level of protection as the workers at the site are wearing, as the employer has determined the level of protection required for the protection of his employees.

Field Collecting

via Petrograph, 06/2008

Self-collecting of minerals is a growing challenge for Bay Area mineral enthusiasts. Great swaths of federal land in California have in recent years been placed completely off limits to collectors (local examples include Mount Tamalpais and San Bruno Mountain), and most remaining accessible sites on public lands are subject to ever-increasing governmental restrictions. Many, if not most, mine owners have justifiably banned public collecting because of liability fears. In the immediate Bay Area, private lands which used to yield collectible minerals (e.g. the Tiburon Lawsonite locale at Reed Ranch) are often buried under housing tracts. Yet, in spite of this increasingly bleak situation, there are still opportunities out there, if you can find them. There’s a website that lists/links local clubs, dealers, and museums at DriftMine.com. DriftMine has not found a significant amount of precise information on good California collecting sites, but points out that your best chances are experienced folks, who can show you where to go, to tag along on a club trip. Check out DriftMine’s new Club Locator Map!

It's Easy To Set Up a Show Case

by Lee Burleigh, via The Rockhouser, 1/08; via ARK-LATEX G & M, 1/07; via Rollin Rock, 1/03; via KGEMS newsletter, 7/00; via Rocky Review, date unknown.

Our show is coming up fast. Club members, new members, face your fears. Preparing a show case is EASY! There are a few simple rules that anyone can follow:

1. Decide what you have to display.
2. Determine what size case will be needed.
3. Decide what lining will best enhance the beauty of your materials.
4. Keep it simple.
5. Label everything.
6. Relax.

Decide what you have to display. Give it a try. Don't say: (a) I don't have anything good enough. (b) I haven't had time to finish enough items for a show. (c) I haven't anything new that everyone hasn't already seen.

In a non-competitive display, the items shown don't have to be our work. Buy or borrow whatever you need to make up the display. Whatever your interest: rocks, slabs, minerals, fossils, finished jewelry, cabs, etc.; you can find these in your home, or those of your friends, relatives, neighbors, or in shops.

Share a case with another club member. As few as 5 or 10 select items can make an attractive and interesting display. Most show cases are 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep. Using a yardstick and a piece of string, mark out a 4 X 2 foot space on a rug or table. Try out different arrangements of your display items. If you have materials that lie flat, you might want to use your own slant-case. The front of such cases is about four inches high and the back wall about 9 inches. Or you may use any case of your own that you have. If you have tall items, an upright case is indicated. Such cases are 4 feet X 2 feet high. Be sure to reserve your case well in advance so both case and table space will be available.

Decide what type of lining best shows off your materials. While materials are laid out on

a table, decide on the type and color lining. Neutral colors such as cream, beige, eggshell, and light pastels are best. Avoid bold patterns, bright colors, shiny or reflective textures. Low reflective black is OK. Stretch type of materials are excellent as they can be pulled tight. When measuring your case, allow 2 inches on all edges for folding under. Allow enough material for risers and redecorating another year. Be sure the pattern or nap will all run the same way. Keep it simple. Don't overcrowd your display. Allow room for labels and your name plaque. Remember, you are displaying minerals, fossils, lapidary work, jewelry - try not to distract the viewer with unnecessary decorations. Exception: Educational exhibits occasionally need a variety of materials - models of dinosaur, a fossil bone, a piece of coprolite, and cabs of petrified dinosaur bone, can all be integral parts of an exhibit.

Label everything. Use a name tag or plaque to identify your case so your friend and visitor will know whose it is. It is frustrating to see beautiful materials unnamed in a case. Every item or grouping of the same materials should be labeled with the name of the material and its source (town, county, state, or nation). Use one of the reference books in the club library or talk to a club member. Labels should be uniform in size and lettering. They should be typed, if possible, for legibility. 3X5" cards make good label material. Labels should lie flat and parallel to the front of the case. Avoid "label maker" or other such tapes, which can curl in the heat.

Relax. Before you dismantle your trial table-top layout, recheck it for all the above suggestions. Is it exactly as you want it? If so, make a rough sketch showing each piece in the layout, or take a close-up snapshot.

Prepare a kit of things to take with your case: labels, liners, paper towels, display items, glass cleaner, pins/tacks, name plaque, layout/sketch, scissors, etc. Now relax, RELAX! The hard part is done. If you have more questions or need a little help, call upon an experienced club member for help and ideas.

A brief overview of the SCVGMS job duties of each elected office and appointed position.

Please be aware that this is a very condensed document, and anyone who is interested in a particular job should consult the SCVGMS Officers and Chairmen's Manual. Additionally, if you are interested in a particular position, you should speak with the current job holder and discuss mentoring for the remainder of the year. Most people are more than willing to offer their assistance either at the end of the year or with the beginning of the following year.

Duties of the elected officers and directors of the SCVGMS.

President

1. Oversee all meetings of the SCVGMS.
2. Appoint all committee chairmen.
3. Oversee all committees.

Vice President

1. Assume President's job in his/her absence.
2. Club Publicity Chairman.
 - A. Advertise all club events except Show publicity.
 - B. Local newspaper contact.
 - C. Local business and community contact.

Secretary

1. Record the minutes of the regular and board meetings.
2. Read and answer all club correspondence.
3. Maintain the club member files.
4. Maintain membership directory.

Treasurer

1. Oversee all financial transactions.
2. Provide monthly reports at each board meeting.
3. Keep club insurance policies in force.
4. Collect all dues.
5. Produce annual financial statements.
6. File income tax returns.

Editor

1. Produce the club newsletter.
2. Maintain mailing and emailing list.
3. Maintain exchange bulletin email list.
4. May have a team of people to help with production of newsletter.

Federation Director or Alternate Federation

Director

1. Be the club representative at all CFMS functions.
2. Report regularly about CFMS activities and news at club meetings.

Historian

1. Chronographer of the club.
2. Produce a history book for the year including (but

not limited to) pictures, newsletters, and annual show information.

Parliamentarian

Advise officers and members of club bylaws, operating procedures, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Director

1. Attend monthly board meeting.
2. Guide the club activities.

Duties of the appointed positions of the SCVGMS.

Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) Chairman

1. Oversee the DRC and make sure they follow the donation receiving policy.
2. Evaluate all possible donations and coordinate all donation pickups.
3. Report quarterly to the Board of Directors.
4. Set all rock sale dates and arrange for appropriate publicity and meeting announcements.
5. Keep all club members informed of the DRC's activities through meeting reports and Breccia article and reports.

Field Trip Chairman

1. Coordinate club field trips.
2. Attend and participate at the bi-yearly North Bay Field Trip (NBFT) meeting.
 - A. Collect information on other club field trips.
 - B. Disseminate collected field trip information to club members.
 - C. Plan a field trip to share with NBFT.
3. Make regular reports to club members at meetings or through the Breccia.
4. May be a group of people who support this position.
5. Prepare a final report of all club field trips during the year for the Field Trip binder.
6. Follow club policies involving waivers, sign-in, and insurance.

Financial Advisory Committee:

1. Oversee club investments and financial policies.
2. Make recommendations for appropriate change when necessary.

Founder's Day Picnic Chairman

1. May be a committee of people to tackle individual jobs (food, bingo, and raffle).
2. Early in the year, choose a date and make site reservations; be sure to get board approval for date and place.
3. Plan menu for picnic/BBQ.
4. Coordinate with editor for newsletter publicity.
5. Develop flier and sign up form.
6. Purchase and cook food.
7. Pick up and return Bingo boards, rack, and num-

bered balls.

8. Plan and execute a raffle.
9. Submit a detailed report of picnic.
10. Submit receipts for reimbursement of expenses.

Future Rockhounds of America

1. May be a group of people to assist with this position
2. Obtain a meeting place.
3. Plan and arrange all meetings, programs, field trips, and work sessions. Require parent/adult supervision for each participant.
4. Submit regular reports to board and Breccia.
5. Follow club policies involving waivers, sign-in, and insurance.

Hospitality

1. Man the hospitality table at general meetings.
2. Encourage guests to sign in and give them a name tag.
3. Introduce the guests at the appropriate time during the meeting.
4. Tally the number of guests and members for each meeting and report the total when called upon during the meeting.

Installation Dinner Chairman

1. Early in the year, with board approval, reserve site and date (usually the first week of December).
2. At the July board meeting, submit a menu to the board for menu selection and to set the member cost for the event. Additionally, get board approval for the invitation of two Marines representing Toys for Tots and the cost of their meals at the Installation Dinner.
3. Develop Flyer for event and coordinate publicity with editor.
4. Make arrangements for any decorations, entertainment, tables, PA system, and for Immediate Past President to perform installation of officers.
5. Coordinate with caterer or restaurant for all meal and/or room-related arrangements.
6. Submit a final report for Breccia and Installation Dinner binder.

Librarian

1. Be the custodian of the club library.
 - A. Keep an up-to-date list of all club books, videos, magazines, pamphlets, maps, etc.
 - B. Maintain a check-out system for all materials.
 - C. Collect fines for overdue materials and turn in all fine money to the Club Treasurer.
2. Purchase a new book or video in memory of each deceased member.

Member Display Chairman

1. Coordinate with Editor for a notice in January Breccia assigning months for members' displays.
2. Submit monthly reports including who displayed the

previous month and who is assigned to display the coming month.

3. Introduce each member display at monthly meetings.
4. Setup and teardown of the display area at each general meeting.

PLAC Public Lands Advisory Committee Chairman

1. Be a liaison between the CFMS PLAC committee and our club.
2. Stay apprised of all current pending legislation involving land use.
3. Attend the CFMS show and convention meetings that pertain to public land use.
4. Report monthly, on all of the above, at the general meetings and in the Breccia.
5. Encourage members to voice their opinion on upcoming legislation and government agencies' policies to their representatives.

Program Chairman

1. Arrange programs for general meetings from January - May and July - October.
2. Coordinate publicity for the programs with the Vice President and the Editor.
3. Prepare and submit to the Editor a review of each program presented.

Refreshment Chairman

1. Purchase and serve refreshments at the end of our monthly meetings.
 - A. Cookies, donuts, etc. (Chairman's choice).
 - B. Cold drink such as fruit juice.
 - C. Coffee, tea, condiments.
 - D. Paper goods.
2. Fill coffee urn with water and heat. Place coffee, tea, cups, and condiments out for members' use.
3. Submit bills for reimbursement.

Sergeant-at-arms

1. Keep order during the meeting.
2. Set up chairs, table, hospitality, library, and American flag prior to meeting and make sure they are put away after the meeting.
3. Bring out the boxes of meeting supplies from storage room and return them after the meeting.

Show Chairman

1. Plan and oversee all activities pertaining to the Annual Show.
2. Make regular reports at monthly meetings, at board meetings, and in the Breccia.
3. Appoint all show committee positions.
4. Keep records of all expenses incurred with the show.
5. Set the date for all show committee meetings and

be responsible for notifying all show committee members.

6. Set the show date and place with board approval.

Silent Auction

1. Prepare a notice for the Breccia regarding the Silent Auctions in June and November.

2. Obtain cash for change for the members' purchases.

3. Make copies of bid sheets for members' bids.

4. Set up numbered tables for donated items.

5. Tally evening's total sales and turn in money to Club Treasurer.

Social Committee

1. Submit a proposed calendar of social activities for club to the board at the beginning of the year.

2. Plan and execute social activities as directed by the board.

Sunshine Chairman

1. Keep in touch with members who are ill or distressed or have good news.

2. Solicit information from fellow members at meetings and through the Breccia.

3. Send cards. Telephone or personal calls may also be made, if appropriate.

4. In the event of a member's death, a donation may be made to a charity as a memorial in the name of the society. The amount of the donation will be determined by the board and sent in the name of the deceased.

5. Give an oral report at general meetings and submit a monthly report to the Breccia.

Trophy Chairman

1. Obtain the President's Plaque, Show Chairman's trophy, Sharr Choate Trophy, and any other trophies the board wishes to present.

2. Make sure trophies and plaques are at the appropriate meeting place for presentation.

3. Submit all receipts for reimbursement.

Vice Custodian (Trailer Custodian)

1. Responsible for yearly inventory of club property in the trailers. Must submit inventory list to Treasurer.

2. Responsible for trailer maintenance and transportation to show site.

Webmaster

1. Maintain club Website.

2. Submit all receipts for reimbursement.

3. Coordinate with Vice President, Show Chairman, and Editor for regular submission of updated Web pages.

Motor Vehicle Use Map

via Petrograph, June, 2008

All 19 National Forests in California (Region 5) are going through a Route Designation process, with the intention of completing the processes by September 2008. The result will be a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) showing the roads open for use. Any road not shown (designated) on this map may not be driven on! The roads do not have to be posted closed!! You must obtain, read, and correctly interpret the map or be subject to penalties.

Some California National Forests had designated systems, so only had to tweak them. The following have final or draft maps: Angeles, Los Padres, San Bernardino, Stanislaus (Summit Ranger District) and Tahoe Basin. El Dorado, under court order to finish their final Environments Impact Statement (EIS), is further along than the rest. If they implement their Preferred Alternative unchanged, *they will close over half of the roads currently inventoried as accessible to 4-wheeled vehicles, and that doesn't even count the un-inventoried ones.*

If you have any favorite collecting sites in a National Forest, you need to contact that forest now and find out where they are in the process and get on their mailing list. Become familiar with the process. Obtain and study their inventory maps and determine if the routes to the site are on the map. If not, let the FS know in writing.

Stay involved in all further steps through the final EIS and map preparations. Be sure to comment on the Draft EIS in writing, both negatively and positively, to keep your standing for further action. Obtain a final Motor Vehicle Use Map and determine where you can go and maybe even when to go or how to park.

If precluded from an area, see if you can work with the Forest Supervisor to open it up.

If you go to www.fs.fed.us/r5 you get to Region 5 site. You can work to individual forests and look for Route Designation information. Try contacts with Forest Supervisors or designated route managers.

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. In this issue of the Breccia, all of the board and committee positions are briefly outlined.

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 show
- Lead a study group
- Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

Committee Chairpersons

(selected by the President)

Co-chairpersons are welcome.

- Donation Receiving Committee
- 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
- Show Chair (2008)
- Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- Trophy Chair
- Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

Untried Shop Tip

Drilling Holes in Agate Slices

Tip by Steve <goin4brke@aol.com> on LA-rocks,
May 4, 2008
via Pegmatite, June-August, 2008

Equipment: You will need a sturdy drill press that will turn fast, about 10,000 rpm. Don't use the new dremel drill press, as they flex too much. The old metal ones are good, also the Foredom drill press is good, if you have their tool. I use an old Dumore; your drill press doesn't have to cost a lot. I purchased a metal drill stand at a yard sale for \$2.00 and mounted my Black and Decker rotary tool on it, and that also works well. Do not buy the Covington gem drill to drill agate, as it goes too slow. It is meant for soft stones, not hard rock like agate.

Drill Bits: I start with a small hole. If it needs to be bigger, I ream it out. It is much easier to drill a small hole than a big one. I start out with a 1.4 mm diamond bit, then I ream it with a 1.8 mm triple ripple diamond bit - this bit is fluted and tapered, and I use it only as a reamer.

Coolant: I use Kingsley Tool Cool to keep the bit cool. You will need a shallow container to hold the stone to be drilled and the coolant. I put a thin wood backing under my stone so that the bit does not puncture my container as the bit comes through the back of the stone. Put just enough coolant in the container to cover the stone.

The Method: Now, here is the secret: use light pressure and a rapid up and down motion. This will keep the diamonds on the bit cool and lubricated. Too much pressure, and you will fry your bit or break your stone. If you do not go up and down fast enough, you will burn the bit up. You will find there is a rhythm to it, and within a few slabs, you should be onto it.

Yield: I get 8 to 12 holes out of my 1.4 mm bits and about 100 holes with my 1.8 mm triple ripple bit (remember, this bit is just used as a reamer, not as a drill bit). I use the Kingsley North bits - their cheap ones - if you can call them cheap.

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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 22nd , 2008**

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club in Los Gatos. Members and guests were welcomed. Minutes were approved as printed in the Breccia. The next board meeting will be at Ruth Bailey's home July 24th, 7:30 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW MEMBERS: Martin Kramer was presented with his membership package and welcomed to the club.

HOSPITALITY: There were 46 members and 2 guests in attendance tonight.

STUDY GROUPS: See details in the Breccia for all groups .Contact the group leader for info and time.

Faceteers will be on a break from July until October.

Mineraleers will be on a summer break until September.

Cutaways will be the demo day Aug. 9th.

Fossileers will meet at the demo day.

DRC COMMITTEE: Sale held on July 19th \$585.00 reported sales.

FEDERATION: Ruth Bailey displayed the AFMS certificate for the club contributions.

SHOW: Frank Mullaney presented the CFMS with our show proposal for 2009. He talked about the show organization and the need to fill all jobs for the show.

MEMBER DISPLAY: See Breccia.

FIELD TRIPS: See details in the Breccia. E-mail Dean Welder for any info. Jade Festival trip info on the back table.

PROGRAM: Rhodochrosite. Cancelled due to faulty VCR.

DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC JULY 26th AND THE DEMO DAY AUG 9th!

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Eichhorn, Secretary

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 24th , 2008**

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the home of Ruth Bailey. All board members were present except Mark Mullaney. M/S/P to approve the May and June board minutes as corrected.

Correspondence: Letters from: Thank you note from Debbie Bunn for Easter seals donation.

New Members: M/S/P to accept Marilyn Barnes, Jeanmarie Finigan, and Leo Lu as new members.

Treasurer's Report: The club p o box has been cancelled. Frank Mullaney will get a new p o box at the same address. M/S/P to offer \$100 and 1 year rent to the person in p o box 54 to return the p o box to the club.

M/S/P to approve the bills.

Delinquent dues list printed by the treasurer. June will send an e-mail to the members with delinquent dues.

PLAC: Frank Monez has the Southern PLAC/CFMS report.

Federation: November 8th will be Q and A meeting on insurance. There is a new liability waver form. There is a vote to raise dues.

Field trips: A Black Rock Desert field trip notice has been put out by Heinz Dreir.

Installation Dinner: A proposal to Willow Street Pizza for the catering was given to Michael Paone.

Unfinished Business: M/S/P to use June's form for motions at the meetings.

By-law changes will be read at the next general meeting.

M/S/P to give four - \$1000.00 scholarships to recipients chosen by the following schools: one at U C Santa Cruz, one at Cal State East Bay, two at San Jose State.

UC Santa Cruz will accept scholarships for the Mineralogy Department.

SHOW 2009: A grinder and donated items will be used for the drawing. A new flyer has been designed. The DRC will be asked to donate rocks in bulk form for sale at the scholarship booth. Frank Mullaney will start the molds for the plaster castings, check on a second spin wheel and check on patches for the kids area.

Machinery will be operated by members only at demonstration area during the show.

M/S/P to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Eichhorn, Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
July 24, 2008

Beginning Balance:		\$10,582.89
Receipts		
Silent Auction	\$316.75	
New Member dues and initiation	135.00	
Dues	269.00	
Scholarship in memory of Margaret Norton	35.00	
Interest	3.13	
Adjustment	.56	
DRC	<u>583.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$1,342.44	
Disbursements		
Expressions	\$54.56	
ALAA	50.00	
Breccia Postage	30.16	
Refreshments for meetings	23.39	
Breccia and postage	164.35	
Fabric for Rock Bags Kids Area	89.02	
CFMS Scholarship memory Margaret Norton	25.00	
Transportation to CFMS Meeting	60.00	
PO Box Rental	38.00	
June Phone Bill	21.43	
July Phone Bill	22.21	
Breccia Postage	60.00	
Meeting refreshments	14.27	
Expressions	<u>54.56</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$706.95	
Ending Balance		\$11,218.38