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An All-American Club

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

San Jose, California

Randy says...

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

Please fill out your **Time and Talent** sheets and turn them in at the September 22nd meeting. I will appoint a nominating committee at the meeting and they will use the Time and Talent sheets to determine the recommended nominees. 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 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 have selected the menu from Willow Street Pizza. It will be the same as last year, which was very good! We are working on the logistics at present. There should be a sign up sheet in the Breccia next month. As usual, we will be hosting a couple of Marines and collect unwrapped gifts for their "Toys for Tots" program.

The North Bay **Field Trip meeting** will be Saturday, October 17th, in Vallejo. Registration will start at 9:00 AM at 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Civic Building, Vallejo, CA. 94589. Anyone can go. There is a Potluck Lunch and a silent auction (please bring something for BOTH). If you need directions, let me know and I will send them to you.

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 support our sister clubs and see how they do things.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Randy Harris, President



Welcome, new members:

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Mary Rasmussen, Jay Rasmussen

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Member Displays: September

This is a favorite part of our general meetings. Your scheduled date is a suggestion; you can display any time you wish. This list is alphabetical by last name. **If your last name begins with U, V, or W it's your turn!** ★

Tumbling information

Details of how to tumble rocks by Mike Wendt were presented in a slide format by **Bill Gissler**. Go to www.agate-beach.com for further information. You can buy the dvd and also learn how to build your own large rotary tumbler.

Guest **Ed Orekar** adds that great information and assistance can be had at rocktumblinghobby.com. Click on "Messageboard". I noticed that this site gives hobby related information other than just on tumbling. Informative site!

Thanks, Bill and Ed!

The program scheduled for the September meeting is a half-hour lecture entitled "*Minerals: the Building Blocks of Rocks*" by Professor Michael Wyssession

The October program will be a presentation on petrified wood given by member Gail Matthews.

In November we have elections and the Silent Auction, so there are no displays or program.

In December, we have the Installation Dinner in lieu of a meeting. The board meeting is the same week as the dinner.



Agates - Rich in Fiber!

Bill Cordua, U. of Wisconsin - River Falls

Sometimes chalcedony, including agate, is described as a fine-grained quartz, but the real case isn't quite this simple. There are lots of clues for this. Arrowheads and other stone tools are harder and more durable when made from chalcedony rather than coarse quartz. On the other hand, coarse quartz is better to grind up as a concrete additive than chalcedony. The chalcedony causes various chemical reactions in the concrete which can fail, while quartz is unreactive. With the advance of modern analytical tools, the reasons for these differences can finally be investigated.

Chalcedony has a microscopically fibrous structure, made of evenly spaced silica rods. More surprising is the fact that the fibers show a regularly alternating pattern of elongation -some parts being "length fast" and some parts "length slow". This means that in part of a particular fiber, light travels faster parallel to the long axis of the fiber. In other parts of the same fiber, the light travels slower parallel to the fiber length. This further implies that the silicon and oxygen atoms for some reason regularly twist or change in orientation as each fiber grew. Mineralogists are still trying to figure out why the fibers twist and what different forms of silica are intertwined with each other.

It is these inter-grown fibers that gives chalcedony its great strength and durability. The peculiar structure also gives chalcedony its unexpected chemical reactivity in concrete.

One theory for the growth of the fibers is being developed by two researchers (Yifeng Wang and Enrique Merino) at Indiana University. They envision agate as developing as fingers of silica growing progressively outward into a cavity filled with siliceous "media". They do not specify as to whether this "media" is a solution or a gel. The first step is the formation of a coating of silica around the cavity. The coating (this being the real world) won't be completely smooth. In some places, the coating will bulge out slightly into the "media". It is these bulges which will grow rapidly outward into the solution to form the fibers.

Impurities in the solution (such as iron or copper) will slow the growth briefly until these impurities precipitate as their own minerals on top of or between the silica fibers. Once the impurity's concentration is briefly reduced in this manner, silica growth will proceed again. Withdrawal of silica makes the solution richer in impurities, causing them to form another layer. This rhythmic precipitation is repeated many times as the agate grows. These layers of impurities show up as the color banding that characterize agates.

Bill Cordua, U. of W. - River Falls

References:

Heaney, Peter J., D. Verlen and J. Post, 1994, "Structural disparities between chalcedony and macrocrystalline quartz", *American Mineralogist*, vol. 79, p. 452-460.

Wang, Yifeng and Enrique Merino, 1995, "Origin of Fibrosity and Banding in Agates from Flood Basalts", *American Journal of Science*, vol. 295, p. 49-77.



Bits and Pieces

Smithies

By Pat Speece

Beginners, this class is for you! You will learn how to set a cab. This is key to your future Smithie projects.

Class is September 14 and 15 (Monday and Tuesday) 7 -10pm. \$5 total. **Open workshop** sessions will be September 28th and 29th 7-10pm. Free.

If that sounds good to you, let us know. Pat.speece@sbcglobal.net or 266-4327.

Stringers

By Pat Speece

Our September class will focus on the various methods of attaching the beaded section to the clasp, and why that method is preferred. Class is 7 to 9pm, Thursday, Sept. 24. If interested in Stringers in general OR THIS CLASS, let me know.

Mineraleers

Tuesday, Sept 8th 7:30 pm

John Eichhorn's house . E-mail

johnnichhorn@earthlink.net

Phone : 408-749-0523

703 San Conrado Terrace #4

Sunnyvale , Calif. 94085

Please RSVP.

Cutaways and Carvers

Meet at John Eichhorn's house on

Sept. 12th , 1- 4 pm .

408-749-0523

Please give advance notice if you plan to attend .



Field Trips

Members, you must contact our field trip chairman, Dean Welder, for further information.

Sept 18 through 27 2009 NBFT Field Trip: **Black Rock Desert**

September 19 or 26 Hanksville, Utah for petrified wood, fossils and agate.

October 3 Empire Mine Tour. Sun City

November Thanksgiving week Southern CA – annual Thanksgiving week trips.



Member displays

by Rick Kennedy

Summertime often brings some wonderful items from the field and this month was a good example of that.

Don Jenson brought some cut and uncut samples from the Lucky Strike Thunderegg Mine in Prineville

Oregon, a location that has been producing fine material for longer than many of us have been alive!

Grace Santos didn't bring any rocks, instead, she brought information about classes for glass work and jewelry making.

Our own **Ruth Bailey** got to show off the beautiful plaque she was awarded at the AFMS Show in Montana It is nice to know the outside world is watching and appreciating the work she has done. We are all very proud of you, Ruth!

Bill Simpson wasn't even a member yet when our meeting program on intarsia was given last year, but something about it stuck with Bill and now he is showing us a number of beautiful pieces he has made himself. Great work!

It was a good night for guests, too, as **Ed Orekar** brought some very nice pieces of petrified wood and **Jay Rasmussen** showed us some lovely pieces and quite a story behind the making of all those Poppy Jasper jewels he brought. Note to Jay: Join a club first, then start cutting. It really does save on those pesky hospital bills!

Art and Carol Pimentel showed us what they learned at the gemstone carving class, and **Mike Blakely** followed the program theme by bringing in a very nice sampling of stones he tumbled himself.



San Jose Mercury News, August 6, 2009

Governor signs bill banning river gold dredges

By Jeff Barnard, Associated Press

HAPPY CAMP, Calif.—Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill that temporarily halts a popular form of small-scale gold mining in California rivers.

The bill signed Thursday in Sacramento is part of a long-standing campaign by the Karuk Tribe on the Klamath River and environmental groups to restore salmon runs in Northern California.

The new law bans miners from using small gasoline-powered dredges to glean flecks of gold from river bottoms until an environmental review determines how much it harms salmon.

About 3,500 permits are issued each year for suction dredge mining in California, where people come from around the country to experience the rush of finding raw gold.

Contributed by Anne Ruiz



Let's Make Some Tumbled Gemstones! Part 3

<http://geology.com/rock-tumbler/rock-polishing-instructions.shtml>

If you are proceeding to the fine grind, first clean the rocks, barrel, and lid thoroughly. This cannot be stressed enough. If you have grit or slurry left in the barrel or on the rocks when you proceed to the next step, you will contaminate the load and have to start over with the previous step. The particles of leftover grit will scratch the rocks during the next step. While these scratches may be very tiny, the end result could be that the rocks do not polish to a high shine. Thorough cleaning is very important, so take your time and do a good job. You can use paper towels or an old toothbrush to clean the inside of the barrel. Pay particular attention to the seal area and the bottom edges of the barrel - lots of gunk might be trapped here and will not only contaminate your batch, but might cause the barrel to leak. If you opt to use a toothbrush, mark it as "Coarse grind only," etc. so that you remember what step it can be used for. You should have a separate toothbrush for each step; you don't want to contaminate the barrel the next time you are cleaning!

Step 2: Fine Grind

Once you have enough rocks for the fine grind, place them in a barrel and add fine grit.

Add enough water to reach the bottom of the top layer of stones, but not so much that they are covered. If necessary, add plastic pellets to bring the volume of the barrel to at least 1/2 full. Check the seal area to be sure that it is clean and dry. Place the lid on the barrel and seal the barrel. Place the barrel on the tumbler and start the motor. Again, stick around for a few minutes to make sure the tumbler is functioning properly and the barrels aren't leaking. Check back again in an hour, and periodically after that. Let the fine grind run 24 hours a day for 7 days, then check the rocks. They should appear shiny when wet.

Step 3: Prepolish

Once you have enough rocks for the extra fine grind/prepolish step, place them in a barrel that has been thoroughly cleaned. (If you do not clean the barrel and stone thoroughly a few pieces of grit from the previous step will contaminate your pre-polish - that will produce scratches on your finished gemstones!)

At this step it is also a good idea to add some [tumbling pellets](#) to cushion the rocks. After your barrel is about 2/3 to 3/4 full of rocks and pellets add water to slightly below the level of the rocks. Then add the [extra-fine grit](#) as shown in the chart below, seal the barrel and you are ready to tumble.

Run the prepolish step 24 hours a day for 7 days. When you open the barrel, the rocks, slurry and pellets will look like a funny tapioca.

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Barrel Size	Coarse Grit 60/90	Fine Grit 120/220	Pre-Polish 500 Grit	Polishing Compound	Burnish (Soap)
Pounds	Tablespoons				
1.5	3	3	4	4	1/2
3	4	4	5	5	1
6	10	10	12	12	2
12	20	20	24	24	4

Here are our recipes for different size tumbler barrels. If your barrel size is not listed here you can estimate the amount needed or consult the instructions that came with the tumbler.

Last installment next month.

Part 2 of 3

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
(our club is part of this)
Rockhounding in State Parks and BLM Mining-
Related Fees By John Martin, AFMS Conservation
& Legislation Committee; <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

ROCKHOUDING IN CALIFORNIA STATE
PARKS

CA CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV. 3. DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

§ 4307. Geological Features.

(a) No person shall destroy, disturb, mutilate, or remove earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of caves.

(b) Rockhounding may be permitted as defined in Section 4301(v).

§ 4308. Archaeological Features.

No person shall remove, injure, disfigure, deface, or destroy any object of archaeological, or historical interest or value.

§ 4309. Special Permits.

The Department may grant a permit to remove, treat, disturb, or destroy plants or animals or geological, historical, archaeological or paleontological materials; and any person who has been properly granted such a permit shall to that extent not be liable for prosecution for violation of the foregoing.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV. 3. DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

§ 4301. Definitions.

(i) **Posting of Notices.** The term "posted" as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, shall mean and require that the Department shall set aside at the district headquarters and at the unit affected and in a location convenient to the general public, a bulletin board or similar device upon which shall be posted all special instructions, orders, pertaining to units of the district including but not limited to special hours of operation, swimming and boating restrictions, hunting and camping restrictions, and special instructions pertaining to areas where activities are curtailed or restricted. Proof of posting shall be filed in the offices of the division chiefs or the Sacramento California Office of the Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation.

(t) **Unit.** Unit means any named and classified unit under control of the Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as any Department projects which have not yet been named or classified.

(v) **Rockhounding** is defined as being the recreational gathering of stones and minerals found occurring naturally on the undisturbed surface of the land, including panning for gold in the natural water-washed gravel of streams.

(w) **Float Material** is defined as materials only occurring naturally on the surface of the land.

TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV. 3. DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
CHAPTER 6. PROVISIONS LIMITED TO
SPECIFIC UNITS

§ 4611. Rockhounding.

(a) **Rockhounding** is authorized by Section 5001.65 of the Public Resources Code.

(b) **Units and portions thereof** open for Rockhounding will be posted in accordance with Section 4301(i).

(c) **Commercial Use.** Rocks or mineral specimens gathered within a unit may not be sold or used commercially for the production of profit.

(d) **Maximum Take.** One person may gather, in one day in one unit, not more than 15 pounds of mineralogical material or not more than one specimen plus 15 pounds of mineralogical material.

(e) **Use of Tools.** Tools, except goldpans to be used in gold panning, may not be used in rockhounding within a unit.

(f) **Areas for Swimming and Boating.** In state recreation areas rockhounding may not be practiced in areas designated for swimming or for boat launching.

(g) **Areas Limited for Collecting.** In state recreation areas rockhounding is limited to beaches which lie within the jurisdiction of the Department and within the wave action zone on lakes, bays, reservoirs, or on the ocean, and to the beaches or gravel bars which are subject to annual flooding on streams.

(h) **Indian Artifacts.** Rockhounding in a unit specifically does not include the gathering of Indian arrowheads, Indian stone tools, or other archeological specimens, even when such specimens may be found occurring naturally on the surface.

To be concluded next month:

Section (i) Indian Artifacts.



North Bay Field Trips meet

Saturday, October 17, 2009
900 Fairgrounds Drive, CIVIC BUILDING
Vallejo, Ca. 94589
Host: Vallejo Gem & Mineral (707 334-2950)
Shop (707 644-9764)
Coffee, donuts and registration at 9:00AM



Ruth Bailey honored

AFMS 9/2009

Ruth Bailey was recently honored for a lot of federation work. AFMS Past President Shirley Leeson presented the award with the following citation:

“... the first honoree is soft spoken and likes to keep things moving along smoothly.

This person moved through the officer chairs in both her regional federation and the AFMS, and has been an exhibitor, judge, parliamentarian. Upon reaching the loft status as AFMS president, she didn't retire to sit on her laurels, but continued to work for the AFMS and its sister organization, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

Ask her to do a job, even now, and she steps in to help.

Today she holds the office of Secretary of the Scholarship Foundation, Treasurer for the American Lands Access Association, and during this show (AFMS), served as a judge of competitive displays. Join me as we honor none other than Ruth Bailey.”

Congratulations, Ruth!



Helpful Hobby Hints

[We haven't tried all these hints, so you're on your own.]

1-Annealing: we anneal to reduce the stress in a metal, so it will be easier to work with, more malleable. Here are some guidelines from Tim McCreight's book **The Complete Metalsmith**.

Heat to a dull red; quench as soon as the redness disappears:

14k gold
10k gold
Red golds
Sterling
Fine silver
Copper

Heat to medium red; quench as soon as the redness disappears: Bronze

Heat to bright red; air cool.

White gold (nickel-based), Brass

A copy of this book will be in our club library soon.



Goldstone is a type of [glittering glass](#) made in the presence of a reducing flame. The finished product can take a smooth [polish](#) and be [carved](#) into [beads](#), [figurines](#), or other artifacts suitable for [semiprecious](#) stone, and in fact goldstone is often mistaken or misrepresented as a natural material.

The most common form of goldstone appears to be reddish-brown, due to the presence of tiny crystals of metallic copper. When the reduced goldstone melt cools, the copper remains in [atomic isolation](#) and [precipitates](#) into small [crystalline](#) clusters which reflect light through the surrounding transparent or translucent glass, rendering the final product effectively opaque. (Under normal [oxidative](#) conditions, [copper ions](#) meld into the [silica](#) to produce transparent bluish-green glass.) Some goldstone variants have an intensely-colored glass [matrix](#)— usually blue or violet, more rarely green— and a more silvery appearance to the [suspended crystals](#), whose color may be partially masked by the glass, or which may be based on different metals (perhaps [cobalt](#), [manganese](#), or [chromium](#)).

The manufacturing process for goldstone was discovered in seventeenth-century [Venice](#) by the [Miotti](#) family, which was granted an exclusive license by the [Doge](#). Persistent [folklore](#) attributes the discovery and secret of goldstone to an unnamed Italian [monastic order](#), giving rise to the alternate names "monk's gold" or "monkstone". Another name, "stellaria", is based on the starry internal reflections. It is also called "sun sitara".

Curiously, goldstone is one of the few cases where a [synthetic simulant](#) provided the [eponym](#) for the similar natural stones. The original [Italian](#) name for goldstone is "avventurina" or some similar word or phrase indicating its accidental discovery, hence the [mineral](#) name "[aventurine](#)" for forms of [feldspar](#) or [quartz](#) with [mica](#) inclusions that give a similar glittering appearance. The technical term for this optical phenomenon, "[aventurescence](#)", is also derived from the same source. Yet another name for goldstone is "aventurine glass", but this should be discouraged to avoid confusion with the minerals.

Source: Wikipedia



Let's see a show!

CFMS

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

All are in California unless otherwise noted.

September 4-7 2009, Fort Bragg, CA
Mendocino Coast G & M Soc, Town Hall
Cr. of Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri. to Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-4
Don McDonell / (707) 964-3116

September 12-13 2009, Vista, CA
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Sante Fe Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8464
Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073
Lois Harr (560) 724-0395

Sept 19-20 2009, Redwood City, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City Com Activities Bldg.
1400 Roosevelt Ave.; Hours: 10-5 daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
Email: coorden@comcast.net
www.sgms.drifftmine.com/home.htm
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

Sept 19-20 2009, Paso Robles, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Ave.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Richard Smith (805) 467-2966
E-mail: jonme2@wildblue.net
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

September 19-20 2009, Stockton, CA
Stockton Lapidary and Min Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine Ave.
10 - 5 both days; (209) 946-0113
E-mail: footsey1@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 26-27 2009, Carmel, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Min Soci
Monterey Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10-5
Website: www.cvgms.org
Show Flyer [click here.](#)

Sept 26-27 2009, Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Womens Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10-4

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Sept 26-27 2009, Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem and Min Soc
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Sky Paxton (831) 262-2492
E-mail: sky@familystones.net
Janis Rovetti (831) 657-1933
E-mail: Janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

October 3-4 2009, Fallbrook, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Min Society
Fallbrook Gem & Min Museum
123 W. Alvarado Street; 10 - 4 both days
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
Email: ikonmiming@gmail.com

October 3-4 2009, Oroville, CA
Feather River Lap & Min Club
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Myers St.; Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Connie Rossetto (530) 59-1840
crossetto@aol.com
Website: www.orovillerocks.com"
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

October 10-11 2009, Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
"Earth's Treasurers"
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10-5 both days
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Email: kmoore160@comcast.net
Website: www.ncgms.org

October 10-11 2009, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building
13337 Mian Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

Oct 17 2009, Woodland Hills, CA
Woodland Hills Rockchippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Shemman Way, West Hills
Hours: Sat. 10-5
Email: show@rockchippers.org
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

October 17-18 2009, Anderson, CA
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Near Redding off hwy 273
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000

October 17-18 2009, Lakeside,
El Cajon Valley G&M Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12684 Mapleview Ave.; 10-5 daily
Carolyn Boland (619) 561-7498
Email: bobpeggy99@aol.com
Website: www.ECVGMS.com

October 17-18 2009, Placerville,
El Dorado Cty Minl & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive; 10-5 daily
Jackie Cerrato (530) 2676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Website: <http://www.eldoradomineralandgem.org>
Show Website: <http://www.rockandgemshow.org>
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

October 17-18 2009, Santa Rosa, CA
Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Rosa Veterans Building
1351 Maple Ave. (Opposite
Fairgrounds)
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Website: www.gem-n-i.org
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

October 17-18 2009, 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 24-25 2009, Los Altos, CA
Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society
Los Altos Civic Center Youth Center
One San Antonio Road
Hours: 10-5 daily
Dave Muster (408) 245-2180
Email: mustersgems@yahoo.com



August 2009 Treasurers report
AS OF August 5, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$ 20,147.31
Receipts August	\$ 475.75 DRC SALE
	\$ 39.00 Picnic Raffle
	\$ 14.00 Silent Auction
	\$ 146.00 Dues
	\$ 767.60 Scholarship Booth Fair
Total August	\$ 1,442.35
Plus Receipts	\$ 21,589.66
Disbursements August	
Approved	
	1163 \$30.40 Grace Santos Potluck July
	1050 \$56.81 Pat Speece Printing Serpetine Cards
	1051 \$57.36 Pat Speece July Breccia
Total Disbursements	\$ 144.57
Balance	\$ 21,445.09

Federation news

Ruth Bailey

I was fortunate to be able to attend a great AFMS show in Billings last month hosted by the Northwest Federation. The Uniform Rules Committee met Tuesday before the meeting and there were several items considered. The proposal for a new division for beading was adopted and the new rules will be published soon. We will watch for them and make them available as soon as possible. There was a change to the cabochon rules and there will be some revisions to the general rules.

Several of our members won awards which were presented at the Editor's Breakfast. These were:

Sixth place AFMS Large Bulletin award to **June Harris** as Breccia editor (2008).

Adult-Articles-Advanced **Chuck Boblenz** received 10th place for his article "Lapis Lazuli".

John Eichhorn received honorable mention for "Try a Club Awareness Project". We want to congratulate each of them.

I also attended the AFMS Scholarship meeting and the report on our progress was good. There is going to be a change in the scholarship we are awarding. Beginning in 2011 we will be giving a one-year scholarship that is twice what we have been giving

each year. Previously we had been giving a two year scholarship to each student. This had been difficult because some of the students have not completed the two year program or had finished their program after the first year. This has made it necessary for a new student to finish the second year.

ALAA

The ALAA meeting was very well attended and we were able to accomplish several things to make the program more effective. We will be looking for more members and working to preserve our collecting areas.

The AFMS show next year is June 18-20 in La Habra, California, and this is the time for each of you who has been considering a competition case to get to work on it. It will be quite a while before the show will be in our part of the country again. There are a number of ways you can enter. We will have the changes to the rules available soon and in the meantime we have several persons who can help you see where you should put your entry. Please let me know if you are interested in working on a case for the show and I will do what I can to help you get ready to bring home a trophy



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes August 25, 2009

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:49 PM at the Cabana Club in Los Gatos. Members and guests were welcomed. Minutes from the July 28th meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia. The board meeting will be held on August 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the home of Randy and June Harris.

Announcements: Dues are past due. Installation dinner will be on December 1st. Randy is still looking for a Historian and a PLAC chairman. Annie Mullaney is still collecting recyclable bottles and cans. Time and Talent sheet were explained and passed around to the membership. Randy announced that the booth at the county fair was a success. We made \$767.60, but more importantly we were able to publicize our organization and our upcoming show. Randy thanked all of the members who helped with the booth.

New Members: No new members were present to receive their packets.

Correspondence: Dodge and Cox Semi Annual Report, Searles Lake Show flier, Rock Sale Notice from Madaline Johnson in Tehama, Work place Network Coupons for Sonoma Chicken Coop.

Study Groups:

Jewelers: Next meeting will be on September 3rd at Marc Mullaney's home. They will be working on a copper belt. Marc has the instructions on the computer and will email them to anyone who is interested.

Cutaways and Carvers: Next meeting will be September 12th from 1-3. John emails reminders to anyone interested. Please RSVP for the meeting on the 12th.

Stringers: Sign up form for the next class was available. Pat indicated that she had not decided on the starting date, but information would be in the Breccia.

Smithies: Sign up form for the next class (beginners) was available. Next class will be on September 14& 15 from 7-10. Pat also indicated that she would be holding an open Smithie workshop each month on a Monday and Tuesday. September's dates are the 28th and 29th.

Faceters: Next meeting will be September 5th. Call Max for times and location.

Mineraleers: Next meeting will be September 8th at John Eichhorn's home. The subject for the evening will be beryl. Please RSVP to John if you will be attending.

Fossileers: Next meeting will be October 10th at Demo Day.

Sunshine: No Report

DRC: Pat Speece reported that the DRC will be having a rock sale on August 29th at her house from 9-noon.

Hospitality: There were 46 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Federation Report: Ruth announced the winners of the AFMS bulletin and article competition. In the category "Original Adult Articles Advanced", Chuck Boblenz won 10th place for his article "Lapis Lazuli". In the category "Original Adult articles", John Eichhorn received an honorable mention for his article "Try a Club Awareness Project". In the category "Large Bulletins", June Harris won 6th place for the November 2008 Breccia. Ruth announced the CFMS Fall business meeting will be the first Saturday in November in Visalia. The meeting will be for the election of new CFMS officers and the announcement of the CFMS show report. Camp Paradise will be 2 weeks in May. Camp Zzyzx's rooms are full, but they still have room for anyone who wishes to bring an RV and camp. 2010 AFMS/CFMS show in La Habra on June 18-20. Randy Harris announced that Ruth Bailey was awarded the AFMS Recognition Award for her years of outstanding service to the AFMS and hobby.

PLAC Report: Frank Monez is collecting information and emails for whoever takes over this position in the future.

Field Trips: North Bay Field Trip meeting will be on October 17th in Vallejo. All CFMS members are welcome. Location to be determined. Specific field trip information in the Breccia.

2010 Show Report: Next meeting will be September 1 at 7:30 PM at Marc's home. Marc explained the following jobs: Security, Kids Area, and Hospitality. He asked members who were doing to club shows to take publicity posters and business cards with them to advertise our show. Marc also asked members to carry the business cards with them to pass out to friends and acquaintances.

Member Sharing: See the Breccia.

Program for the evening was on Rock Tumbling, given by Bill Gissler with the aid of a DVD from the CFMS library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2009

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM at his home. All board members were present except Karen Welder and Frank Mullaney. MSP(M. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to approve the June 25th meeting minutes as read. MSP (M. Mullaney, V. Cangemi) to approve the July 28th meeting minutes as read.

New Member Applications: MSP (M. Mullaney, M. Paone) to accept Mary and Jay Rasmussen and Duane Elder as new members.

Correspondence: IRS request for additional information.

Treasurer's Report: MSP(R. Bailey, R. Kennedy) to pay the bills.

Delinquent Members: MSP (R. Bailey, M. Mullaney) to have the secretary contact each delinquent member regarding their dues. Deadline for payment will be the September 22nd general meeting.

Committee Reports:

DRC: Jane Yamashita distributed a report from the Donation Receiving Committee. MSP (M. Mullaney, D. Welder) to add a donation link to the Navigation bar of the SCVGMS website. Content to be designed by the DRC.

2010 Show: September 1st is the next committee meeting. The negotiations with the Marriott are finished. Marc is waiting for the contract. Randy needs the reservation number for dealer contracts. Presale tickets were discussed. MSP (M. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) to set the presale adult ticket price at \$5.00. Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Program was discussed. MSP (M. Mullaney, M. Paone) to continue the Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge program if the Boy Scout counselors can provide a location for a date to be determined in May. Kids Area patches were discussed. MSP (R. Bailey, B. Spence) that June Harris be allowed to order the number of patches she needs for the Kids Area. There was a discussion about the handling of display cases at the show. It was suggested that a program on the importance of proper assembly and disassembly of show display cases, and display case etiquette be presented to the club.

Volunteer Rewards Committee: Marc will research the Presidential Service Award and try to retool the award's recognitions to work for our club.

Old Business:

Professional Investment Advisor: Marc is trying to quantify the cost of switching to an investment advisor. He will investigate the Dodge & Cox funds to see if there would be a more appropriate fund for us to be in.

Club Trailer Wheel Covers: report in September

Communications: Pat was asked to send out meeting reminders several days prior to our monthly mtg.

Additional Insured Certificates: report in September

Booth at County Fair: Booth made \$767.60. Discussed continuing to have a booth at the county fair.

Installation Dinner: Michael Paone presented the options available for the installation dinner meal. The board decided that the dinner will include: roasted Tri-tip, Fettucine chicken tequila, wild mushroom pesto penne, romaine gorgonzola salad, mixed grilled vegetables, bread and butter, tiramisu and caramel apple bread pudding. Michael will confirm price and report back at next meeting. Marc Mullaney will be the contact person for the reservations, and handle arranging for the 2 Marines to share dinner with the society and to pick up the toys from member donations. MSP(M. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) to accept the menu from Willow Street Restaurant as stated above, charge Installation Dinner attendees \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under twelve, pay for 2 meals for the Marines, request members bring a min. of one unwrapped gift per attendee for the Toys for Tots Program.

New Business:

Harvest Festival on October 3rd: Festival was discussed. June Harris will complete the application for the festival. MSP (M. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to provide inexpensive prizes for the prize wheel.

YSI Wildlife Festival on October 4th: Festival discussed: MSP (M. Mullaney , B. Spence) to have Michael Paone will represent us at the festival.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



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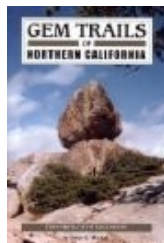
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