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An All-American Club

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

San Jose, California

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD FOR 2010

The Nominating Committee is working on filling these positions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, editor, federation director, alternate federation director. We also elect five directors as well as a parliamentarian and historian.

At this time, many of the positions are filled, but some are not. If you can help, give a call to Mike Paone and tell him the good news! The entire slate will be announced at the October general meeting and will be printed in the next Breccia.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 10 is Demo Day at the Cabana clubhouse 10-3pm

Cutaways and Carvers at Demo Day

Oct. 12-13 **Smithie** class

Oct. 20 and 26 **Smithie** workshop

October pre-meeting social: There's a **dessert** social just prior to our October general meeting. Please bring a dessert to share. Come at 7pm and enjoy all the goodies. The club will provide paper goods, utensils, and drinks. Guests and members are welcome!

October general meeting: election slate to be introduced, and **Gail Matthews** will give a presentation on petrified wood at the general meeting

October 13: Mineraleers meet at Mike Paone's home. Topic is fluorescence, given by Gail Matthews

November general meeting: elections, Silent Auction at general meeting

December: Installation **Dinner** at the Cabana Clubhouse. See reservation form on page 4.

Welcome, new members:

Jian Zheng

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Jian is interested in cutting, carving, polishing, Smithies, and field trips.



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Aprilisretired@yahoo.com

April is interested in cutting, polishing, carving, Smithies and Stringing



Ed Orekar

408-914-5661

Orekar@sbcglobal.net

1819 Andrews Avenue,

San Jose, CA 95124

Ed is interested in cutting, polishing and Smithies



Silent Auction in November

This is a fun activity! Bring something (or not) to be auctioned. Just about anything is fine.

When you find something you would like to take home, write your name on the bid sheet and the amount you are willing to pay. All amounts are in 50 cent increments.

Be aware that others might outbid you. If your name is the last on the list when time is called, it's yours. Take your item and money to the banker and settle up.

Enjoy!

Bits and Pieces

Smithies

By Pat Speece

We had a full class of beginners learn how to make a pendant by making a bezel and then setting a cab in their bezel, soldering it to a back plate, creating a bail, and polishing the entire piece.

We are now taking signups for our next Smithies class October 12 and 13. (Monday and Tuesday) 7 -10pm. \$5 total. You must sign up for classes.

The project will depend on the level of experience of those who sign up. It can be a class of mixed abilities. Beginners are always welcome.

Please notice that this class is before the next general meeting. You can therefore sign up by email (preferred), or by telephone. We will also offer a signup sheet for the November class at the October meeting.

Open workshop sessions will be October 20 and 26. 7-10pm. Free. You do *not* need to sign up for the workshops. Just come.

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



Stringers

By Pat Speece

We had a full class learn how to make connections from the beaded bracelet section to the clasp. We ended up with a sampler piece showing the different methods.

The Stringer Chiefs are taking an extended vacation. However, if you need any help with a stringing, knotting, or jumpring project, please let me know. I'd be happy to help if I can.



500-carat diamond found

AP

The diamond, the size of a chicken egg, was found at South Africa's Cullinan mine. The 507.55 carat gem is described as having exceptional color and clarity, and weighs just over 100 grams (about 3.5 ounces). This mine also produced the largest diamond ever found, the Cullinan, at 3,106 carats in the rough.



Mineraleers

By Chuck Boblenz

The Mineraleers met at John Eichhorn's home with ten members and had a discussion about Beryl.

After a short presentation of the attributes of Beryl, Kathy and Ted Peverini shared specimens of Beryl and photos of their trip to Brazil; and John, our host, showed several pieces of his faceting grade Beryl.

We adjourned to John's kitchen for delightful refreshments.

The next Mineraleer meeting will be the 13th of October at Mike Paone's home. Gail Matthews will give a presentation on Fluorescence.

Please RSVP.



Cutaways and Carvers

Meet at Cabana Clubhouse where we have our meetings

Oct 10th 10am to 3pm

This is also Demo Day at the same time and place.

johneichhorn@earthlink.net

Please give advance notice if you plan to attend.



Field Trips

Members, you must contact our field trip chairman, Dean Welder, for further information.
fieldtrips@scvgs.org

October 3 Empire Mine Tour. Sun City

November Thanksgiving week Southern CA – annual Thanksgiving week trips.



North Bay Field Trips to meet You're all invited

Saturday, October 17, 2009

900 Fairgrounds Drive, Civic Building
Vallejo, Ca. 94589

Host: Vallejo Gem & Mineral Club (707 334-2950)

Shop (707 644-9764)

Coffee, donuts and registration at 9:00AM



Part 3 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

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

5) Panning for Gold.

Panning for gold is considered to be “rockhounding” as the term is applied in the Department. The goldpan is the only exception permitted to the exclusion of tools from rockhounding in a unit as provided in Section 4610.5. Muddy water from panning operations must not be visible more than 20 feet from the panning operation. California State Beach Regulations General Regulations (14 Cal. Code of Regs.)

6) Geological Features.

No person shall destroy, disturb, mutilate, or remove earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of caves except rockhounding may be permitted as defined and delineated in Sections 4611 (a) through (i) (14 Cal. Code of Regs. 4307).

7) Archaeological Features.

No person shall remove, injure, disfigure, deface, or destroy any object of archaeological or historical interest or value (14 Cal. Code of Regs. 4308).

In June, the Bureau of Land Management published in the Federal Register a notice that it is adjusting for inflation its fees for the location (or “staking”) and maintenance of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites. The location fee will increase from \$30 to \$34 and the maintenance fee will rise from \$125 to \$140 for such unpatented claims, in which no federal land has been transferred to the individual or company staking the claim.

The adjusted fees were due on or before September 1, 2009. Mining claimants must pay the new location fee for any mining claim or site located after the effective date of this final rule, which was June 29, 2009. Those who have already submitted maintenance fees for the 2010 maintenance year will be given an opportunity to pay the additional amount without penalty upon notice from the BLM.

Since Fiscal Year 1993, mining claimants staking new claims or sites have been required to pay a one-time location fee. Claimants must also pay an annual “maintenance” fee in lieu of performing annual assessment work and making annual filings.

In accordance with the Mining Law of 1872, as amended, and in light of recent related regulatory actions, the BLM is announcing today a new final rule that establishes a regular schedule for adjusting mining-related location and annual maintenance fees. Specifically, the new rule authorizes adjustments to these fees to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index every five years after August 10, 1993, or more frequently if the Secretary of the Interior determines an adjustment to be reasonable.

The BLM has not adjusted location and maintenance fees since 2004. The adjustments made in this final rule are based on the change in the Consumer Price Index from December 31, 2003, through December 31, 2008, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The link to the final rule in the Federal Register is: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-15248.pdf>



Installation Dinner Sign up here!

What: Installation Dinner

When: Tuesday, December 1, 2009; Dinner is at 7:00 PM

Where: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos

Deadline for reservations: November 24, 2009 (general meeting)

Cost: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12

Bring: *an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.*

Dinner will be buffet style with the following:

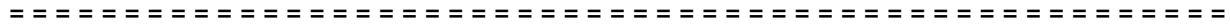
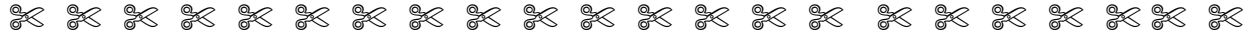
Roasted Tri-tip

Fettucine chicken tequila

Wild mushroom pesto penne

Romaine gorgonzola salad, mixed grilled vegetables, bread and butter

Tiramisu and caramel apple bread pudding



Reservation Form and payment

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of adults _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Number of children under 12 _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Please make checks payable to: SCVGMS (Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society)

Mail this form and your payment to:

Marc Mullaney
1685 Cross Way
San Jose, CA 95125

Sounds good!

Food from Willow Street Pizza.

Enjoy!



Let's see a show!

CFMS

**See the list for future shows at:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>
All are in California unless
otherwise noted.**

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

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

Oct 10-11, 2009, Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem & Min Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10-5 both days
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Email: kmooore160@comcast.net
Website: www.ncgms.org

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

Oct 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

Oct 17-18, 2009, Cayucos, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Min Club
Cayucos Vets Hall
10 Cayucos Drive
10-5 both days
Mike Lyons or Kim Noyes
(805) 610-0757 or (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: www.slogem.org

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

Oct 17-18, 2009, Placerville, CA
EDorado County Min & Gem Soc
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5 daily
Jackie Cerrato (530) 676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Website: [http://
www.eldoradomineralandgem.org](http://www.eldoradomineralandgem.org)
Show Website: [http://
www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)
Show Flyer: [click here](#).

Oct 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: mustersrgems@yahoo.com

November 7-8, 2009, Concord, CA
Contra Costa Min & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road (Corner of
Ygnacio & Clayton Rd)
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Harry Nichandros
Email: show2009@ccmgs.org
Website: <http://ccmgs.org>

November 6-7-8 2009, Eureka, CA
Humbolt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwod Acres Fairground
3750 Harrie Street
Hours: Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Tony Tyson (707) 502-9574
Email: bluiis911@msn.com

Nov 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
palmdalegemandmineral.com

Nov 7-8, 2009, Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 S. Richmond Rd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
Email: schiller@ridgecrest.ca.us

Enjoy!



September 2009 Treasurers report
AS OF September 22, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$21,445.09		
Receipts September			
	\$400.00	Dues	
	\$30.00	Initiation Fee	
	\$364.00	2010 Show Kids Area	
	\$365.25	DRC Sale	
	\$19.00	Secret Auction	
	\$0.35	Interest	
Total August	\$1,178.60		
Plus Receipts	\$22,623.69		
Disbursements August			
	1166	\$21.71	July Phone bill
	1167	\$98.89	Ruth Bailey Breccia Mailing Supplies
	1168	\$7.50	CFMS August Program
	1169	\$250.00	McDaniel Insurance Officers and Directors Insurance
	1170	\$21.44	AT&T Phone bill August
	1171	\$293.47	Printing Kids area 2010 Show
	1172	\$31.78	Office expense Postage & printing
	1173	\$110.12	Breccia August & September
	1174	\$32.00	Ruth Bailey Breccia Postage
	1175	\$28.78	Grace Santos Meeting Refreshments
	1176	\$106.31	Julaine Mullaney DVD Player
Total Disbursements	\$1,002.00		
Balance	\$21,621.69		

Experts Awed by Anglo-Saxon Treasure

By JOHN F. BURNS

Published: September 24, 2009 http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/25/world/europe/25treasure.html?_r=1&hp

LONDON — For the jobless man living on welfare who made the find in an English farmer's field two months ago, it was the stuff of dreams: a hoard of early Anglo-Saxon treasure, probably dating from the seventh century and including more than 1,500 pieces of intricately worked gold and silver whose craftsmanship and historical significance left archaeologists awestruck.

When the discovery was announced recently, experts described it as one of the most important in British archaeological history. They said it surpassed the greatest previous discovery of its kind, a royal burial chamber unearthed in 1939 at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk that was fashioned from the hull of an ancient ship. That find shaped scholars' understanding of the warring Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of 1,300 years ago that ended up as the unified kingdom of England.

The new trove includes items that one expert in Anglo-Saxon artifacts said brought tears to her eyes: gold items weighing 11 pounds, and 5.5 pounds of silver. Tentatively identified by some experts as bounty from one of the wars that racked Middle England in the seventh and eighth centuries, they included sword pommels and dagger hilts, scabbard bosses and helmet cheekpieces, Christian crosses and figures of animals, eagles and fish.

Archaeologists initially estimate the value of the trove at 1 million pounds — about \$1.6 million — but say it could be many times that. And they took a vicarious pleasure in noting that the discovery was not the outcome of a carefully planned archaeological enterprise, but the product of a lone amateur stumbling about with a metal detector.

Contributed by Anne Ruiz

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We are members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

We are affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <http://amfed.org>

Membership requirements: Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. Dues are \$10.00 per year. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (The Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032 ---just south of Blossom Hill between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Society purpose: The purpose of the society is to foster an interest and appreciation for rocks and minerals by furthering knowledge of the earth sciences in our members and our community.

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Groups and Services

Carvers, and Cutaways John Eichhorn (408) 749-0523 form spheres, sculptures, and make cabs

Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) If you have rocks, tools, or equipment you want to get rid of, call George and Jane Yamashita (408) 353-2982

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Mineraleers Chuck Boblenz (408) 734-2473 Group studies and handles specimens.

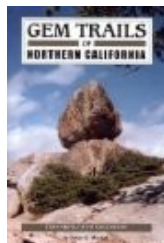
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- ◆ collecting guides
- ◆ jewelry making
- ◆ geology
- ◆ up to **40%** off retail for SCVGMS members



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- ◆ hammers
- ◆ grit



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