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## An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (the Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

***Our next general meeting will be on September 28, 2010, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.***

***Our next board meeting will be on September 30, 2010, at the home of Ruth Bailey, 2857 Addison Place, Santa Clara, CA 95051, hosted by Randy and June Harris at 7:30 PM.***

Our Society's Purpose: The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' interests in the earth sciences and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

Our Membership Requirements: Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at [juneconeyharris@yahoo.com](mailto:juneconeyharris@yahoo.com) or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. 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.

## Study Group Leaders

For information on a study group, please call the leader(s) listed below

Cutaways & Carvers	John Eichhorn	(408) 749-0523
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Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327

# Prez Mez by Marc Mullaney

Welcome to September. We are entering into the last part of the year and it is time to start planning for the new officers to lead the Club. In this month's Breccia there is a time and talent sheet. Please fill it out and indicate at least one thing you will help the Club function by doing. This is your Club also, and these jobs are all set up. We just need someone to manage them. Don't be afraid of making mistakes because there is not room here for me to list mine, and people still talk to me (I can't get them to stop sometimes).

I hope you have been finding helpful the series on display cases and how you can enter a case. We need more members displaying at our show and that is a great stepping stone for you to enter competition at the Federation Show.

Our annual show planning is in full swing with a lot of effort already paying dividends. However, we still need help from the general membership. There are several important but smaller jobs that need staffing. These jobs are all set up and ready to go, we just need someone to manage them up to the show. These include member and guest displays, demonstrators, security, hospitality, tickets, raffle booth, and a few others. Don't be afraid to take on one of these jobs because you think you may make a mistake, we have all made mistakes with these jobs and the rest of the show committee will be there to help, guide, and back you up.

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**DRC Rock Sale**  
**Date: October 2**  
**From: 9AM to noon**  
**At: Pat Speece's home**  
**2357 Loma Park Court**  
**San Jose, CA 95124**

**Lots of new rocks and slabs.**

## Member displays by Rick Kennedy

For the July meeting, we were treated to a very informative talk about Obsidian found in the Davis Creek and other areas up near the CA/OR border. People were asked to bring samples and boy did they show up!

To start out with Cecilia Fabos-Becker brought a number of samples of Davis Creek and Lassen creek areas. She also showed off a number of old field guides her father used to own. Randy Harris also brought a few of his smaller pieces (in other words, it only took one person to carry each piece) including a very nice piece of snowflake. Fred and Jo brought in one of the most beautiful Obsidian carvings I have ever seen, it was a sheen Obsidian with the relief of a butterfly and a heart carved perfectly to show off the sheen.

Rick Kennedy brought a number of new Benitoite specimens he has been etching. Larry Moore brought an impressive assortment of material collected between Succor Creek in Oregon and McDermit at the Oregon/Nevada border. There was plume agate, picture rock, petrified wood, green jaspers and dendritic agate, quite an impressive haul. David Marshall had some very nice samples of carved gemstones, learned by taking the class Ron Martinez offers.

Lisa LaRocca brought us a sample of Quartz and a great story about a major find of crystallized Lavender Quartz from the area near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Hidden in the number of member displays was Betty Pankey's handiwork: A beautiful Hummingbird that she made.

For the August meeting, Frank put on an excellent short workshop on displays. Hopefully everyone will come up with something for our show next year. It is a great way both to contribute to the quality of our show and to show off what we love!

June and Randy Harris brought a nice selection of different, highly displayable pieces that came from both their rock picks and their silver picks! Marc Mullaney brought a vesicular Basalt from Baja California that made him think that fishing isn't the only thing he will do the next time he goes down there! Jay Rasmussen brought a large piece of Chilean Lapis that Randy is going to make into several pieces of Chilean Lapis and a very nice piece of Poppy Jasper.

Anne and Jesus Ruiz brought some different pieces of jewelry, bracelets and necklaces. They were made by forging and wire wrapping and were quite lovely! Cecilia Fabos-Becker brought some Coyote Point Jasper as well as some Rose Quartz and Rhodonite from California localities. Lastly, Pat Speece brought a sampling of some of the great stuff the Stringers do.

**For September, people with last names starting with R,S,T, and U are up for Member Sharing.**

## Sunshine

Mary Brown passed away on April 18th. Her memorial service was on August 7th in Woodland Washington. If you would like to contact her family please email the at [midge.howard@gmail.com](mailto:midge.howard@gmail.com) or [gericross@hotmail.com](mailto:gericross@hotmail.com), You may also call Midge Howard at (360) 225-1149.

Bill Norton III passed away in late July.

Kevin Mullaney has a new baby boy. Congratulations to grandma and grandpa, Julaine and Frank Mullaney, and uncle, Marc Mullaney.

If you know of a society member who has been or is ill, had a death in the family, or has had a great event happen in their life, please contact Ernestine Smith with the news. Ernestine's phone number is (408) 395-5035, or email her at [ebotts@juno.com](mailto:ebotts@juno.com).

**Rockhound of the Month**  
**July - George Yamashita**  
**August - Jane Yamashita**

**Have you nominated a member for Rockhound of the Month?**

**Please give your recommendation to Marc Mullaney. You can contact him at a meeting or by email at [geologistm45@gmail.com](mailto:geologistm45@gmail.com). Please include a short note about what this member has done in support of the society.**

**I wonder who will be the September Rockhound of the month. Could it be you?**

## SCVGMS New Member

**Paul Beaubier, (408) 569-5280. Paul is interested in silversmithing, fossils, geology, and field trips.**

# Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

## Mineraleers by Chuck Boblenz



The Mineraleers will not be meeting during the summer, but will resume meetings on October 5th at the Boblenz home with a topic of garnets. Please be sure to contact Chuck Boblenz at (408) 734-2473, if you would like to attend the meeting.

## Smithies by Pat Speece



**What do the Smithies do?** We make jewelry using a torch, saw, files, polishers, et al. We teach you how and when to use the tools. You are welcome to use our tools, materials, and help. Beginners are always welcome.

The Smithies are taking the summer off and will resume on the second Monday and Tuesday evenings in September (September 13 and 14, 2010). We ask that Smithies sign up, so that if we have to cancel, we can contact them. Members can sign up either by email at [pat.speece@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pat.speece@sbcglobal.net) or by phone (408) 266-4327.

### Cutaways and Carvers



The Cutaways and Carvers group meets on the second Saturday of the month at John Eichhorn's house from 1 pm to 4 pm. Please call John for more information and directions (408) 749-0523.

## Fossileers by Gail Matthews



The Fossileers will meet during the demo day on Sept 11th. From 1 to 2pm there will be a discussion with specimens on Chinese fossils. If you have any specimens from this area, please bring them. During the other hours of the demo day, we will discuss fossils in general. Bring in your fossils for identification. If you have a fossil topic you would like to hear about please let me know at (650)962-9960 or [glassrockwood@aol.com](mailto:glassrockwood@aol.com).

### Faceters



The Faceters will be meeting on October 2nd from 9AM to noon at Max Casey's home. Please call Max at (408) 227-0526 for directions and more information about this group.

**Next Demonstration Day  
on September 11th  
at the  
Belwood Cabana Club  
from 10AM – 3 PM**

**Come meet some of the study  
group leaders and see what  
they do at their meetings.**

**If you have not paid your  
annual dues,  
they are overdue.**

**The yearly dues have increased to:**

**Adult member: \$20.00 per year**

**Junior member: \$5.00 per year**

**Please send your dues to:**

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



# 2010 SCVGMS Calendar



**September 11th Demonstration Day from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club.**

**September 11th Fossileers will be meeting from 1PM—2 PM at the Demonstration Day at the Belwood Cabana Club.**

**September 11th Cutaways and Carver will be meeting from 1PM—4 PM at John Eichhorn's home.**

**September 13th Smithies will be meeting at Pat Speece's home. See article on page 5 for more information.**

**September 14th Smithies will be meeting at Pat Speece's home. See article on page 5 for more information.**

**September 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM. Evening program will be**

**September 30th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Ruth Bailey's home, hosted by Randy and June Harris.**

**October 2nd Faceters will be meeting from 9AM to noon at Max Casey's home.**

**October 5th Mineraleers will be meeting at Chuck Boblenz home.**

**October 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM. Ice Creamk social at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting.**

**October 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at RK Owen's home**

**November 13th Demonstration Day from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club**

**November 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM and Board meeting immediately following general meeting. Silent Auction throughout the evening. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction. They can be rock-related or not. 2011 election of officers and board of directors throughout the evening**

**December 7th Installation Dinner at the Cabana Club**

**December 9th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy and June Harris' home.**

## Field Trip Schedule

For more information about the field trips below, please contact Dean Welder at [fieldtrips@scvgms.org](mailto:fieldtrips@scvgms.org)

**September 11th Tulead Canyon, CA/NV** for Tulead agate

**October 2nd Griffith Quarry, Penryn, CA** for a tour of the quarry.

**October 9th - 10th Fernley, NV** for various minerals

**October 16th Santa Rosa, CA** to visit the Rare Rock Mosaic Art Museum

**October 23rd - 24th New York Cyn., NV** for epidote, copper, minerals, and microcline

**November 7th Black Butte Reservoir, CA** for jasper

**November 24th-28th Afton Canyon and Basin Rd., CA** for agate, jasper, fluorite, aragonite, seginite, onyx, etc.

**January 5th - 22nd Tanzania, East Africa** for sapphires and other gems  
**Cancelled**  
an... trip for the... 2010.

## Request From A Guest

**Cecilia L. Fabos-Becker**, (408) 223-6102, is looking for someone in the southeast San Jose area (Evergreen/Silver Creek or nearby) who would swap a little bit of slab/end of rock cutting (to see what I have and if it's cab-worthy) for some cutting material, including a few slabs. I'm planning on getting a tile/rock saw with a 10" blade, that will cut up to 2-1/2" thick items in a month or two—budget permitting, but in the meantime I have some new and old materials of which I'd like to see a bit below the surface. A couple of the items I'm most interested in having cut were collected also by a friend who'd like to see how they look beneath the surface and would rather not wait for me to get the saw I need. So, is there anyone in the club who has a saw that will cut up to, say 3 or 4 inches, and would cut a few ends or chunks off of some my rocks in exchange for a bit of cutting material and a few slabs? I have two boxes of slabs as well as chunks of cutting material of various types from various places.

## Free Rock Saw Oil

Contact Frank Mullaney if you are interested or have any questions. Frank's phone number is (408) 691-2656.

## September Meeting Program

The program is titled "Off the California Coast" and will be given by Marc Mullaney. Come see his incredible slide presentation.

# Let's visit a show

## CFMS Club Show Calendar



**September 3-6 2010, Fort Bragg, CA**, Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Town Hall, Corner of Main & Laurel, Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6 -- Mon 10-4, Don McDonell (707) 964-3116 ,

Email: [ejwebb@mcn.org](mailto:ejwebb@mcn.org)

**September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA**, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4, Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636,

Email: [nancyjbird@verizon.net](mailto:nancyjbird@verizon.net)

**September 18-19 2010, Redwood City, CA**, Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Carol Corden (650) 248-7155, Email: [ccorden@comcast.net](mailto:ccorden@comcast.net),

Website: <http://sgms.drifmine.com>

**September 18-19 2010, Paso Robles, CA**, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park, 2010 Riverside Drive, Hours: 10-5 Daily, Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603, Email: [kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com),

Website: <http://slrockhounds.org>

**September 18-19 2010, Stockton, CA**, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 W. Alpine Ave., Hours: 10-5 Daily, (209) 946-0113, Email: [footsey1@yahoo.com](mailto:footsey1@yahoo.com) ,

Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

**September 25-26 2010, Monterey, CA**, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5, Susie Harlow, Email: [Susie@tqhcpa.com](mailto:Susie@tqhcpa.com) ,

Website: <http://www.cvqms.org>

**October 2-3 2010, Oroville, CA**, Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville Municipal Auditorium, 1200 Meyers street, Hours: 10 - 4, Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130, Email: [ikonmiming@gmail.com](mailto:ikonmiming@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.Oroville.rocks.com>

**October 3 2010, Fallbrook, CA**, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Facility, 123 West Alvarado Street, Hours: 10 - 4, Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130,

Email: [ikonmiming@gmail.com](mailto:ikonmiming@gmail.com)

**October 9-10 2010, Grass Valley, CA**, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 Both Days, Kim Moore (530) 470-0388, Email: [kmoore160@comcast.net](mailto:kmoore160@comcast.net), Website: <http://www.ncqms.org>

**October 9-10 2010, Trona, CA**, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356,

Email: [jwvisp.com](mailto:jwvisp.com), Website: [www.ljwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www.ljwvisp.com/tronagemclub)

**October 9-10 2010, Vista, CA**, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Sante Fe Avenue, Hours: Sat; 20-5; Sun. 10-4, Fred Wilson (760) 433-8446, Lois Harr (760) 724-0395

**October 16 2010, West Hills, CA**, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, Hours: 10-5, Loraine Taneja xyz123@linkline.com, Email: [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org)

Website: <http://www.rockchippers.org>

**October 16-17 2010, Cayucos, CA**, San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club, Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier), 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 9-5 daily, Mike Lyons (805)610-0757,

Email: [jadestar@charter.net](mailto:jadestar@charter.net), Website: <http://www.slogem.org>

**October 16-17 2010, Placerville, CA**, El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10-5 daily, karen Newlin (530) 676-1643,

Website: <http://www.rockandgemshow.org>

**October 16-17 2010, Santa Rosa, CA**, Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 1351 Maple Ave, Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5, Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651 - Cell (707) 887-

7028, Email: Erica Tanner [santarosarockshow@hotmail.com](mailto:santarosarockshow@hotmail.com)

**October 16-17 2010, Whittier, CA**, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington, Hours: 10-5 both days, Jay Valle (626) 934-9764, Email: [res19pnb@verizon.net](mailto:res19pnb@verizon.net)

**October 23-24 2010, Los Altos, CA**, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Road, Hours: 10-5 both days, Email: [pggs50@yahoo.com](mailto:pggs50@yahoo.com),

Website: <http://pggs.org/>

**October 30-31 2010, Lakeside, CA**, El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview Street, Hours: 10-4 both days, Carolyn Boland (619)561-7498,

Email: [carolynboland@juno.com](mailto:carolynboland@juno.com), Website: [ecvqms.com](http://ecvqms.com)

**November 6-7 2010, Concord, CA**, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord (in Clayton Fair Shopping Center), 5298 Clayton Rd., Hours: 10-5 both days, Harry Nichandos (925) 289-0454, Email: [show9@ccmgms.org](mailto:show9@ccmgms.org), Website: [www.ccmgms.org](http://www.ccmgms.org)

**November 6-7 2010, Lancaster, CA**, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14, Hours: 9-5 daily, Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861, Email: [sichaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:sichaisson@yahoo.com), Website: [palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://palmdalegemandmineral.com)

**November 6-7 2010, Ridgecrest, CA**, Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 south Richmond Road, Hours: 9-5 both days, John DeRosa (760) 375-7905

**November 12, 13, 14 2010, Sacramento, CA**, Sacramento Mineral Society, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5, Bob Johnson (916) 339-7007,

Website: <http://www.Sacramentomineralsociety.org>

**November 13-14 2010, Yuba City, CA**, Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall), 442 Franklin Ave., Hours: , Erik Anspaugh (916)567-9750,

Email: [inez\\_brg@yahoo.com](mailto:inez_brg@yahoo.com)

**November 20-21 2010, Oxnard, CA**, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5, Frank Bouich (805) 271-0538, Email: [show\\_info@oxnardgem.com](mailto:show_info@oxnardgem.com), Website: [www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com),

**January 15-16 2011, Exeter, CA**, Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Exter Memorial Bldg., 324 N Kaweah (Hwy 65), Exter, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5. Sun. 10-4, Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133, Charles Reed (559) 784-6394, Webpage: [tulegem.org](http://tulegem.org)

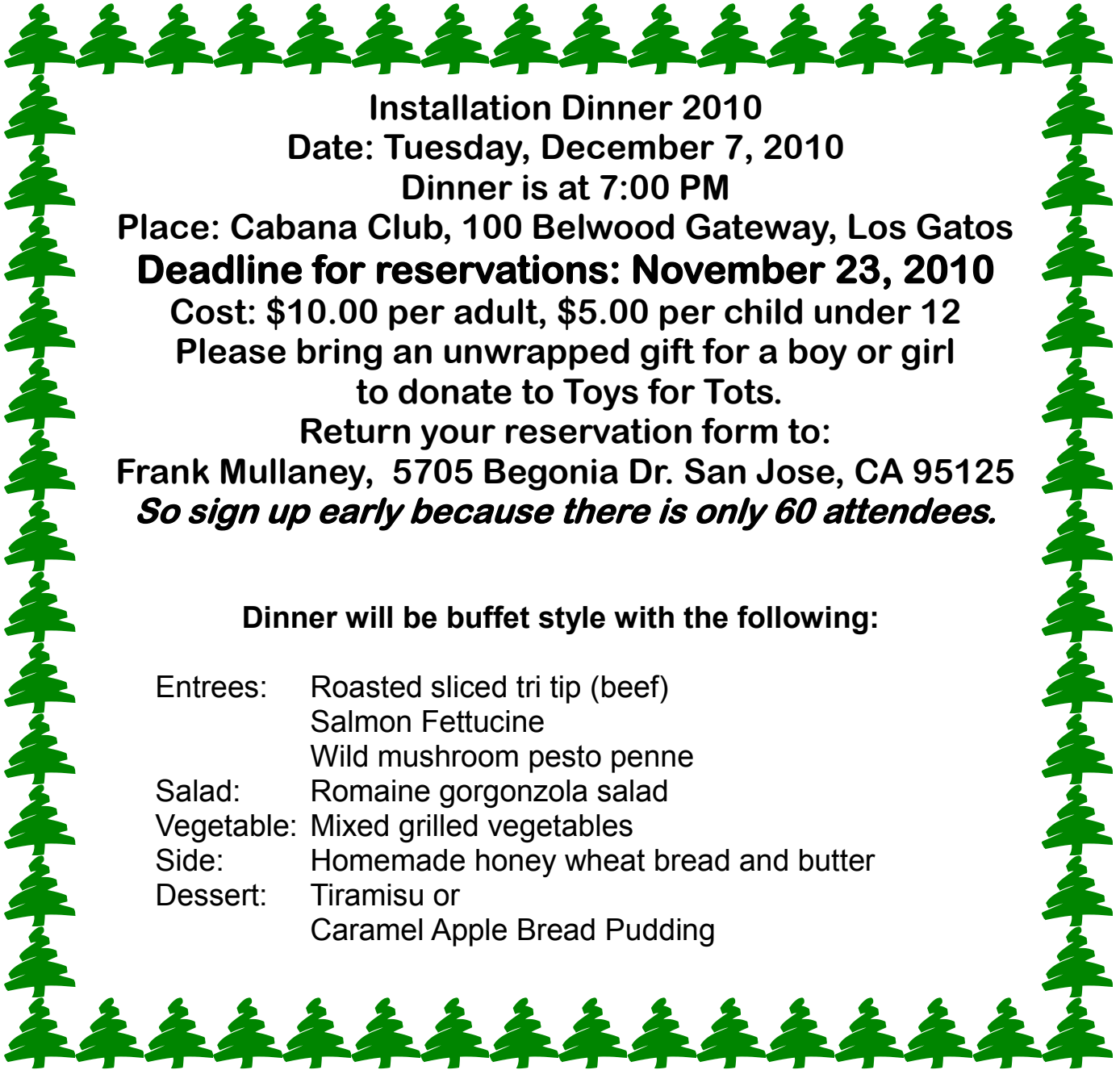
**February 18-27, 2011, Indio, CA**, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1, 46-350 Arabia Street, Hours: 10 am - 10 pm, Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674, Email: [bert67@verizon.net](mailto:bert67@verizon.net)

**March 5-6 2011, Arcadia, CA**, Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc., Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 Baldwin Ave., Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30, Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624, Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com), Website: [www.Moroks.com](http://www.Moroks.com)

**March 5-6 2011, Ventura, CA**, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4, Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com), Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043 / [lilliananderson@juno.com](mailto:lilliananderson@juno.com),

Website: [vgms.org](http://vgms.org),

**March 12-13 2011, Salinas, CA**, Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Veteran's Hall ,Spreckels, CA, 5th & Llano Streets, Hours: Sat. 10-5 daily, Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 / [KenKAren0337@att.net](mailto:KenKAren0337@att.net)



**Installation Dinner 2010**

**Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

**Dinner is at 7:00 PM**

**Place: Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos**

**Deadline for reservations: November 23, 2010**

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

**Please bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to donate to Toys for Tots.**

**Return your reservation form to:**

**Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr. San Jose, CA 95125**

***So sign up early because there is only 60 attendees.***

**Dinner will be buffet style with the following:**

- Entrees: Roasted sliced tri tip (beef)  
Salmon Fettucine  
Wild mushroom pesto penne
- Salad: Romaine gorgonzola salad
- Vegetable: Mixed grilled vegetables
- Side: Homemade honey wheat bread and butter
- Dessert: Tiramisu or  
Caramel Apple Bread Pudding

**Reservation Form for Installation Dinner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mail this form and your payment to:  
Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

Questions: Call Frank Mullaney (408) 691-2656 or email him at rockyfiv@aol.com



## North Bay Field Trips Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 9, 2010

**Location:** Community Presbyterian Church  
200 East Leland Road  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Hosted** by Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

**Schedule:** 8:30 – 9:30 Registration/  
Social w/ donuts and coffee  
9:30 – 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 – 1:00 Potluck Lunch  
1:30 – 3:00 Business Meeting

### Silver Pick Field Trip following the meeting

This is a centrally located meeting site that is convenient for all NBFT clubs. Please bring material for the silent auction: rocks and specimens from past field trips, rock related "white elephants" (old books, findings, etc.), lapidary/jewelry items, and the like. Bring food to share (hot dish, cold dish, salad or dessert) for the potluck. Also, bring your own plate and eating utensils. This meeting is not just for field trip chairmen and leaders, so be sure to invite **all** of your club members who are interested in field trips, collecting and getting great buys on rocks and specimens.

In addition to reports of summer field trips we will have election of officers. We will also have announcements of fall and winter field trips. And it is not too early to start thinking about 2011 trips. Each NBFT club is expected to host a shared field trip or related activity each year. Start your planning now so that your club will have a field trip or event to share.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 4 to Pittsburg. Exit on to Railroad Ave. Go south on Railroad to Leland Rd., approximately ½ miles. Turn left (east) and go ¼ mile, then turn right into church parking lot. Easiest access is from south side of church.

For more information contact Dick Pankey at 925-439-7509 or dickpankey@juno.com

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

by Ruth Bailey

As members of our Society we are participants in three different scholarship programs which are sponsored by the rock-hound societies. First we have the program which is part of our own Society activities. We offer scholarships as determined by our Board of Directors to local college or university geology departments. The students must be an earth science major in their junior or senior year and must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

This year the SCVGMS Board has proposed to offer four \$1,000 scholarships to local colleges and the individuals to receive them will be selected by the geology departments in their respective schools. The schools to have students selected are San Jose State University, University of California at Santa Cruz, California State University East Bay, and Stanford University.

The second program, which we are involved with, is the California Federation Scholarship and these scholarships are offered to college students in their junior or senior year. The CFMS Scholarship Committee is responsible for selecting an Honoree or Honorees from the persons nominated by the Societies of the CFMS. The Honoree is to have made great contributions to the CFMS and does not have to be a member of a CFMS society. Any member society may nominate an Honoree and a Committee Chairman or the Federation Director of any Society may send the nomination. The Honoree is responsible for selecting a school to receive the scholarship and should participate with the school in the selection of the student to receive the funds.

At the present time the Chairman of the California Scholarship Committee is Jennifer Haley and her address is 5442 Washington St., Napa, CA 94558. We have had several persons from our Society who have been Honorees and have selected schools in our area. The latest one to receive this honor is Frank Monez who selected a student from San Jose.

The third program, which we work with, is the American Federation Scholarship Foundation. This is a separate corporation from the American Federation and was established in 1964 solely for the purpose of raising monies and presenting scholarships. Each of the participating Federations chooses an individual to be known as the Honorary Award Winner. This person is to have the privilege and obligation to select an Educational Institution in the United States to select students to receive a scholarship grant. The student (or students) selected are to be a postgraduate students studying for his or her Master's or Doctor's Degree in a division of the Earth Sciences.

All of the monies donated to either the CFMS or AFMS Scholarship programs are kept in a restricted account and the interest only is used for scholarships. At the present time the AFMS Scholarship has given over a million and a half-dollars in scholarships and the fund is close to a million dollars.

The California representative to the AFMS Scholarship is Betty Pankey and her address is 4310 Kingsley Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565-6267.

Personally I am very proud of each of these programs and hope that you all feel we are doing a good bit for the future of our interests in earth sciences.

# 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 Marc Mullaney for further information (408) 691-1584. 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 Marc Mullaney, 1685 Cross Way, San Jose CA 95125. 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 (2012)
- Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- Trophy Chair
- Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

## **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 Chair**

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 numbered 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 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 Chair**

1. Arrange programs for general meetings from January—May and July –October.
2. Coordinate publicity for the programs with Vice President and 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 and return boxes of meeting supplies from storage room

#### **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 bi-yearly 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.

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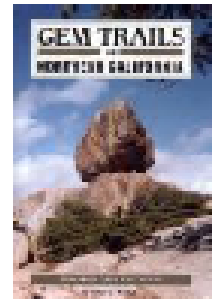
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## CFMS PLAC South By John Martin New National Monuments and HR 5580

In February of this year an internal draft proposing the creation of over 19 million acres of new or expanded National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 was leaked from the Department of the Interior. Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, the President of the United States can use his executive order power and by-pass all of Congress to create national monuments. The leaking of this internal draft has led to a stir among congressional representatives across the entire country. These new or expanded national monuments are to be located in Utah, Montana, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Alaska, and Wyoming. The estimated cost to taxpayers for the acquisition of private land within the proposed national monuments is approximately \$2,383,260,000.00 as reported in the internal draft. Many of these nationally significant landscapes are worthy of inclusion in a national monument system. However, the proposed method of creation of these national monuments has come under fire by many members of congress and has outraged many citizens across the United States. As far as rockhounds go, many of our collecting areas in these states would be included in these national monuments and thereby closed to future collecting. In June of 2010 fourteen members of congress drafted and introduced a House of Representative bill, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906. This new bill will require that congress and the public have an input in the creation of any national monuments and to limit the power of the president's ability to create national monuments without concurrence of the congress. This bill **H.R. 5580: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010**, is only 9 pages long and deserves the support of all Rockhounds across our country. Please write to your elected officials and ask them to support this legislation. Help protect our recreational and collecting areas from arbitrary closures and special interest politics. A link to the bill and its current status are available on the ALAA Website [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org) on the 'Active Legislative Page'. Your comments and thoughts on this bill or other areas of interest to Rockhounding may be added to the 'Live Forum/Blog Page' also on the ALAA Website.

## A Bit About Opal

Excerpts from article by Richard Busch in Lithosphere, 05/95; via Opal Express, 9/06; via The Pegmatite, 11/06.

**Opal Lore:** Until three or four centuries ago, this stone was thought to combine all the virtues of various colored gemstones whose hues are united in its sparkling light; however, during the Black Plague in the 14th century, opal took on an evil connotation, as it was thought to lose its luster when its owner died of the plague. Opal is thought to be a good thieves stone in that it makes one invisible. It is also thought to preserve blond hair.

**Care of opal:** The fear of damaging an opal is not entirely fair to the species since no gemstone is indestructible. Opal is a bit softer and more fragile than most gemstones, but with proper setting and ongoing care, an opal can last a lifetime. Here are some tips. Generally, the thicker the opal, the better. Look for settings that protect the opal, such as bezel setting where the metal band holds the stone all the way around its edge. Prong settings should be avoided.

Because opals contain water, they are prone to drying out, which causes them to craze. Avoid storing opals in a bank safe deposit box. The atmosphere in bank vaults is purposely kept dry in order to protect papers. Unfortunately, this climate hastens the drying (and destruction) of precious opal.

**Buying and working opal:** When purchasing opal, it is best to buy from a reliable dealer and look for material that is at least one year old since, if the material was prone to crazing, it probably would have occurred by then. When working opal, keep the stone wet and cool to prevent it from shattering.

SCVGMS Regular Membership Meeting  
July 27, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM at the Belwood Gateway Cabana Club.

**Announcements:** Dues are past due. Lapidary equipment will be for sale at the Randall Museum in San Francisco on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board Meeting will be held Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Ruth Bailey's home, hosted by Art and Carol Pimentel.

**Minutes** of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

**New Members:** Tony Macias received his new member packet.

**Correspondence:** Memorial notice for Mary Brown, Complimentary passes to the 9/10-12, San Rafael Gem Faire, Direct TV coupons.

**Sunshine:** Mary Brown passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Study Groups:** See listings in the Breccia.

**DRC:** There is a rock sale July 31<sup>st</sup> at Pat Speece's home. Last sale brought in \$1600.00

**Hospitality:** There were 50 members and 12 guests in attendance.

**Founder's Day:** Everyone had a good time even though there was a light turn out.

**Installation Dinner** will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**PLAC:** No Report was presented.

**Federation Report:** Ruth Bailey reported on the Federation show. The 2011 show will be in Anderson on May 14, 15, & 16.

**Field Trips:** Dean Welder presented information on a few upcoming trips. NBFT Fall meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**2011 Show:** There will be a show meeting in September. Business card contest will begin at the August meeting. Frank Mullaney asked several members to bring some pieces from their personal collections to show various types of displays for show cases.

**Member Displays:** See Breccia for details.

**Program:** Dick Pankey presented a program on "Fascinating Obsidian".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Harris, Secretary

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SCVGMS Board Meeting  
July 29, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:42 PM at the home of Ruth Bailey.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except Dean Welder.

M/S/P to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes as read (F. Mullaney, J. Harris).

**New Members:** None.

**Correspondence:** Email correspondence from USGS regarding their lecture series occurring the same night as our board meeting. Email request from non-members regarding field trips. There was discussion of replies to these emails.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dodge and Cox is down. M/S/P to pay the bills presented (J. Harris, R. Bailey). M/S/P to add \$21.00 to the raffle proceeds from the Founder's Day picnic and donate it to the CFMS Endowment fund (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) M/S/P to donate \$25.00 each to the CFMS Scholarship fund in memory of Mary Brown and Bill Norton III. (R. Bailey, J. Harris).

**Old Business:**

**2011 Show:** The Marriott hotel offered a room block for the show at \$99.00 per night. We will be hiring Richard Wade and Steve Yvaska again as show speakers. Show Business cards have come in. June and RK are working on Kids Area and adult show admission presales using Google checkout. Frank will check on setting up a new account to receive funds. We have about 12 dealers signed up for the 2011 show. Randy will be sending out reminders to remaining dealers soon. There will be ticket stuffing parties coming up.

**Take Flight for Kids:** Michael will be attending the August 7<sup>th</sup> event at Reid Hillview Airport.

**Installation Dinner:** Nancy Reineking was asked to bring a catering menu from the Willow Street Restaurant to the next board meeting. The annual Installation Dinner will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Trips:** A new COOP list was sent out. There was also discussion of a possible field trip for quartz at a mine near Reno.

**Revisions and updates** to Bylaws, Operating Regulations, and officers and chairman's' manual in progress.

**New Business:**

**Scanner:** There was discussion regarding purchasing a scanner to continue the archiving project. MSP: to allow Marc Mullaney to purchase a scanner, similar to what his research has found, costing no more than \$500.00. (F. Mullaney, M. Paone).

**New member orientation:** no updates.

**Club Business Card:** no update.

**Cell Phone Buy Back program:** discussion of cell phone buy-back program as a new fundraiser.

**YSI Wildlife Festival:** Michael is planning a SCVGMS booth to publicize the annual show and club.

**Prusch Farms Harvest Fair and Exposition:** June will find out more about getting a booth for this year's festival.

**San Jose State University Geology Department:** Discussion of a request from their newsletter for dedicated donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Harris, SCVGMS Secretary

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SCVGMS Regular Membership Meeting  
August 24, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM at the Belwood Gateway Cabana Club.

**Announcements:** Dues are past due. There will be a rock sale from Bill Mercer's estate (9/11-12). NO EARLY SHOPPERS. SJSU is asking for donations for their Geology Department. The Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Ruth Bailey's home, hosted by Marc Mullaney.

**Minutes** of the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be printed in the Breccia and approved next month.

**New Members:** James and Anna Williams received their new member packet.

**Correspondence:** Complimentary passes to the 9/10-12, San Rafael Gem Faire and 10/8-10 Pleasanton Gem Faire, Show Fliers from the Sequoia Club (9/18-19), and Searle's Lake (10/9-10).

**Sunshine:** Bill Norton III passed away last month. Kevin Mullaney's family has a new baby.

**Study Groups:** See listings in the Breccia.

**DRC:** The rock sale scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. New donations are coming in soon.

**Hospitality:** There were 36 members and 5 guests in attendance.

**Social:** The club elected to have an Ice Cream Social before the October meeting.

**Installation Dinner** will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Reservation forms will be in the Breccia.

**PLAC:** Bill Spence reported that the plan for the Clear Creek BLM area should be out in January. Roads in the area are being graded and near by camping facilities are being improved. There is legislation pending that would affect how land is placed into National Parks or Monuments.

**Federation Report:** Ruth Bailey reported on the status of the bill to remove serpentine as the California State Rock.

**Field Trips:** See the Field Trip list in the Breccia. Contact Dean Welder for more information. The NBFT meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**2011 Show:** There will be a show meeting August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Business Card Distribution contest will begin tonight. See June Harris to sign up. Frank Mullaney showed various types of displays for show cases.

**Member Displays:** See Breccia for details.

**Program:** Rick Kennedy showed slides of some of the displays from the Tucson Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Harris, Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting  
August 26, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the home of Ruth Bailey.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except Marc Mullaney, Art and Carol Pimentel, and Karen and Dean Welder.

**Minutes:** M/S/P to approve the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes as read (F. Mullaney, M. Paone).

**New Members:** M/S/P to accept the application of Paul Beaubier (R. Harris, F. Mullaney).

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/P to pay the bills presented (R. Harris, R. Bailey). The list of members delinquent on their dues was presented. The secretary was instructed to send out notices to those members. Frank checked with the bank about opening a new checking account. The minimum account balance is \$5,000. M/S/P to open a new business checking account in the amount of \$5,500 to receive funds from online ticket sales (R. K. Owen, M. Paone).

**Old Business:**

**2011 Show:** There will be a Show Meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM at Ruth Bailey's home. M/S/P to purchase 1,500 patches for the Kids Area (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey). M/S/P to approve the two \$50 prizes for the Business Card Distribution contest (F. Mullaney, J. Harris).

**Installation Dinner:** Nancy Reineking presented a catering menu from the Willow Street Restaurant. The menu will be the same as last year except for substituting the Tequila Chicken Pasta with the Salmon Pasta. M/S/P to accept the menu presented by Willow Street Restaurant, with a limit of 60 people, at a cost of \$20.30 per person, and charge members \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12 (R. K. Owen, J. Harris). M/S/P to invite the Marines and collect donations for their "Toys for Tots" program (R. Harris, R. Bailey). The Installation Dinner will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Federation Report:** Ruth Bailey received an article from the Sacramento Bee newspaper regarding the bill to remove Serpentine as the state rock.

**Take Flight for Kids:** The event will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Moffett Field. Michael needs help with the booth. M/S/P to contribute \$25 to cover the cost of the event (R. Bailey, N. Reineking).

**Field Trips:** Rick Kennedy is organizing a trip to Hallelujah Junction for a fee dig for smoky quartz some time in June, 2011. The fee would be \$100 per person and a limit of 20 people. M/S/P to authorize the Field Trip Chairman or a designated representative to attend the NBFT Meeting and be reimbursed for mileage (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey).

**Scholarships:** The secretary needs contact information for each of the schools to send out letters for the scholarships. Rick Kennedy will gather the information.

**Demo Day:** Demo Day will be September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00. Demonstrators are needed.

**Revisions and updates** to Bylaws, Operating Regulations, and officers and chairman's' manual in progress. Frank Mullaney will go through the binders to find changes from 2002 -2003 meeting minutes. June Harris has been looking through the Officers and Chairman's manual to find inconsistencies with the way we currently operate.

**New member orientation:** This will be tabled until our documents are updated.

**Club Business Card:** Frank Mullaney sent out a draft by e-mail for comment.

**YSI Wildlife Festival:** Michael is planning a SCVGMS booth to publicize the annual show and club.

**Prusch Farms Harvest Fair and Exposition:** M/S/P to skip the event this year (R. Kennedy, J. Harris).

**New Business:**

**Google Docs:** There was discussion about the use of Google Docs. R.K. Owen will give an informal instruction session before the next Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at Ruth Bailey's home.

**CFMS Officers and Directors Insurance:** M/S/P to authorize payment of the premium when it is received (M. Paone, F. Mullaney).

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Harris, SCVGMS Secretary

## SCVGMS Treasurers Report July 27, 2010 and August 25, 2010

Beginning Balance:		\$16,635.41
July Receipts		
Dues	\$ 200.00	
Stringer's disbandment	\$ 29.70	
Picnic Raffle	\$ 29.00	
DRC Sale	\$1,675.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	
Total July Receipts	\$1,933.84	
August Receipts		
DRC Sale	\$ 328.00	
Initiation Fee	\$ 5.00	
Dues	\$ 225.00	
2011 Dealer Fees	\$ 600.00	
Adjustment	\$ 0.40	
Interest	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	
Total August Receipts	\$1,159.43	
July Disbursements		
Breccia Postage	\$ 30.50	
CFMS meeting travel expenses	\$ 80.00	
DRC Travel Expense	\$ 120.40	
Sharr Choate Trophy	\$ 49.16	
2011 Show Business Cards	\$ 109.45	
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 40.00	
July Newsletter Copying	\$ 49.06	
Phone Bill	\$ 24.04	
Secretary Expense (stamps/postage)	\$ 10.42	
2011 Kids Area fabric for rock bags	\$ 123.51	
Breccia Postage	\$ 30.50	
Founder's Day Picnic	\$ 316.45	
July meeting social	\$ 103.07	
July meeting speaker fee	\$ 50.00	
Check book correction	<u>\$ 9.00</u>	
Total July Disbursements	\$1,145.56	
August Disbursements		
Phone bill	\$ 26.08	
CFMS Memorial Scholarship Donation	\$ 50.00	
CFMS Endowment Fund donation	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total August Disbursements	\$ 126.08	
Ending Balance		\$18,457.04