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## **Silent Auction at the March meeting, March 26th**

**Please bring donations for  
the silent auction.**

*Donations can be anything rock-, mineral-, fossil-, or geology-related; or anything that you think will be purchased. Books, maps, jewelry, tools, machinery, etc. are great.*

**Don't forget your  
cash or checkbook.**

**No credit or debit cards taken.**

***Great deals on everything.***

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**SCVGMS annual show will be  
April 20th-22nd, 2012  
at the Santa Clara County  
Fairgrounds 344 Tully Rd.**

**Setup begins** April 18th 9AM and  
continues on April 19th until done.

**Display cases, both competitive and  
non-competitive**, can be set up  
between Noon and 7:30 PM  
on April 19th.

**Competitive single item entries** can be  
turned in between  
Noon and 7:30 PM on April 19th.

**Last date to turn in a display case entry  
form or a single item competition entry  
form is the March meeting. The forms  
are in this issue of the Breccia.**

## Frankly Speaking

By Frank Mullaney, SCVGMS 2013 President

As our show approaches, I'm reminded of all the changes that have happened through the years with how we advertise our show. Boy, have things really changed. When I joined the club, we could get a picture and an article in the Mercury newspaper several times a year. Not only to advertise the show, but to display something that someone made that was really cool. In fact, it was a newspaper article and picture that originally brought Julaine and I to the club in the beginning. The Mercury News had run an incredible picture of a lamp with a shade made entirely of cabochoned pieces of agate. The article that ran with this picture said that lamp would be on display at the SCVGMS show and people could see it up close. When I saw that lamp, I was hooked. We still display the lamp at our show, today. I still think it is an incredible one of a kind piece.

Newspapers used to be the way to advertise everything. Then we progressed to having display cases in libraries with quarter page take away ads. Post cards worked until the last couple of years. All of a sudden about five years ago, everything changed in the world of advertising our show. Now, the internet has taken over. We still can't reach everyone through the internet so we are keeping some more low-tech methods of advertising available.

In recent years we have tried many new things. Six or seven years ago we added radio advertising and stopped advertising in newspapers. We stopped producing the quarter page fliers and went with business cards instead. This was a big game changer. The business cards are a lot less expensive and easier to carry with you. Then, we added placing car signs/decals on the windows of our vehicles. Our own traveling billboards, this idea has worked well. Three or four years ago, we started advertising at a local 20-screen movie theater - one 15-second ad before every movie screening for two weeks before the show.

This year we are adding in the Metro magazine, both in the paper version and online. We are hoping that this will get us into more mainstream activities. Draw in the average Joe and his family to do something that they have never experienced before. Maybe help bring new people to our society and some more children into our Junior Group. If you have any ideas how we can promote our annual show, we would love to hear them.

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## **“Show and Tell” Members’ Display Sunshine**

by David Marshall

In alignment with our Bragging Rights theme of Black for our February meeting, a couple individuals brought in some nice items to show off as well as ask for input what the material might be.

Starting off was third time visiting guest, Nancy Garrison, who brought in what looked to be a nice piece of Obsidian. Another suggestion was that it also might be Chert. She also found another piece in her pocket, a slab, of very similar material. Nancy mentioned she is always carrying various rocks around in her pocket (much like many of the rest of our members).

John Bahr brought in several pieces of black rock. Some looked like Obsidian. Some were black and metallic, some black and chatoyant, and another black and crystalline.

Marcia, a third time guest, brought in a slice of a Meteorite from China. Very timely in light of the meteor that landed in Russia last week, and caused so much damage.

Louis Latronica brought in more of his beautiful stone pieces. They included various polished slices of geodes and thunder eggs mounted on fine turned exotic woods. Lou was invited to have a display at our upcoming club show in April.

Frank Monez brought in a plastic container of 1-days worth of looking for crystals at Utah's Topaz Mountain. Frank shared he wasn't having any luck and began to leave. A person working near him inquired how his search was going. Frank replied that it was a waste of time and he was leaving. The gentleman showed Frank to a place and showed him how to find the crystals there. From that find came this container of beautiful small specimens. (Here is a good example for being kind to your neighbor....you never know when they might offer something helpful for you....or....you might have something helpful to share with them.)

The last items on our table were a bottle of wine and a limited edition print of a Benitoite crystal. As it turns out, it was part of Rick's presentation on the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show this year. They came from a special release of wine with a mineral theme. What a creative idea, not to mention natural pairing of two very enjoyable pastimes.

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 Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at [margomosher@yahoo.com](mailto:margomosher@yahoo.com).

### **Upcoming Meeting Programs**

#### **March**

#### **No Program - Silent Auction**

#### **April**

#### **Etching and Preparation of Benitoite**

### **Thank You To:**

Rick Kennedy and his business, Earth's Treasures, for the donation of mineral specimens for the Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge day. They were a highlight of the day's program. The boys thought that it was cool to get to see so many mineral specimens and be able to learn about the identifying properties. The best part is we have everything needed for that part of the program for the future.

### **AND THANK YOU TO:**

The following people for their help with the Boy Scout Geology Merit badge day on February 23rd.

The instructors were: Chuck Boblenz, Dean Welder, Sonia Dyer, Amy DeMasi, Rick Kennedy, Joe Murray, Randall Lewis, Luis Zamudio and Randy Harris.

The merit badge counselors were Erik Welch, Mike Oglesby, Richard Robinson, Darcy Kirkland, and June Harris.

The support staff for the day were Karen Welder, Frank Mullaney, and Carissa Harris.

Without each person on this team, the day would not have been possible. 148 boys completed their badge and 2 boys are still working on theirs.

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

## Smithies Schedule 2012 by Pat Speece



Here is the schedule for 2013.

We meet the second Monday of each month, 7 to 10pm as usual. If there is interest, we meet the Tuesday of the following week also. Here 'tis:

March 19	April 8 and 16
May 13 and 21	June 10 and 18
July 8 and 16	August 12 and 20
September 9 and 17	October 14 and 22
November 11 and 19	December 9 and 17

I'm looking forward to trying new things and our workshops.

If we need to cancel a date, we will send out an email as soon as possible. If you would like to be on our Smithies email list, please let me know.

Email: [pat.speece@comcast.net](mailto:pat.speece@comcast.net)

Though we have equipment and materials for your use, you are welcome to bring your own.



### Faceters

To learn the art of faceting, please call Max Casey to make an appointment. Max's phone number is (408) 227-0526. He can answer your questions and give you more information about this

### Cutaways

by Randy Harris



The next meeting for the Cutaways is May 11th at my home. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee.

**Rockhound of the Month  
for the month of January  
were Jill and Brian Borders  
for volunteering to do  
set up for each  
our general meeting.  
Congratulations, Jill and Brian!**

### Welcome the following new members!

**Marcia Rosen** - Marcia is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, fossils, faceting, carving, stringing beads, geology, minerals, and field trips. I think a study group or two should be in Marcia's future.

**Andrew Coffaro** – a new Junior member and Bob Phelps grandson. Andrew is interested in Collecting, fossils, minerals, and field trips.

### 2012 Historian report By Michael Paone

**This year's report is located on Utube at**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6EBUODSs9s>

**or you can search for "SCVGMS 2012"**

**Editor s note:**

Watch it, it's great.

Fantastic job Michael.

**New Membership  
Directories are available  
from our secretary, RK Owen.  
Pick one up  
at our next meeting.**

# 2013 SCVGMS Calendar



**March 19th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

**March 26th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**March 28th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy Harris's home.

**April 8th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

**April 13th** NBFT meeting in Los Altos.

**April 16th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

**April 18th Annual show setup from 9 AM at the fairgrounds**

**April 19th Annual show setup from 9 AM to 8 PM at the fairgrounds**

**April 20th Annual show from 10 AM to 6 PM at the fairgrounds. All Hands on Deck!!**

**April 21st Annual show from 10 AM to 5 PM at the fairgrounds. Teardown from 5 PM to 7 PM. Everyone is needed.**

**April 23rd** General meeting at 7:45 PM. Cake and Ice Cream Social before the general meeting at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

**April 25th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Rick Kennedy's home.

**May 11th** Cutaways meeting from 9AM –noon at Randy Harris' home

**May 13th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 21st** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

**May 28th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**May 30th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at RK Owen's home.

**June 25th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**June 27th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM hosted by Lisa LaRocca at Ruth Bailey's home.

**July 23rd** General meeting at 7:45 PM.

**July 25th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Bill Simp-

## Field Trip Schedule

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

April 13 to Panoche Hills for agate, jasper, jade and possible fossil locations nearby.

May 18 to Smith Valley, Nevada for Fluorite

May 18 Ludwig Nevada for Copper mineral and scarn

June 8-9 to Virgin Valley for petrified wood, opal, fossils

June 8-9 to Plush, Oregon for sunstones

June 8-9 to Austin Nevada for fluorite and snake-skin agate.

July 20-21 to Davis Creek for obsidian

August 3 to Sonora Pass for geology walking tour & collecting petrified wood

## Land Use Planning Seminar

Will be held on April 27th  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock

More information is the  
CFMS March newsletter, page 6.  
CFMS newsletter is on the CFMS website  
[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

## Upcoming NBFT meeting April 13, 2013

At the Garden House  
in Shoup Park  
on University Ave.  
in Los Altos,

Meeting begins at 9 AM.  
There is a silent auction & potluck lunch. Information on upcoming field trips will be available.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

# Let's visit a show

## CFMS Club Show Calendar



**March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA**, Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 101 Frogtown Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277, Email: [amy95247@yahoo.com](mailto:amy95247@yahoo.com), Website: [www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org),

**March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA**, Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Gloria Marie, (530) 367-367-2262, Email: [gloriarosevilleroockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevilleroockrollers@gmail.com), Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**March 23 - 24: TORRANCE, CA**, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851, Email: [Sudduth3@msn.com](mailto:Sudduth3@msn.com), Website: [www.palosverdes.com/sblap](http://www.palosverdes.com/sblap)

**April 12 - 14: VISTA, CA**, San Diego County Council of Gem & Mineral Societies, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570

**April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA**, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Hwy 49 South (1.8 miles south of Mariposa), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Chel, (209) 742-7625, Email: [mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

**April 13 - 14: PARADISE, CA**, Paradise Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324, Email: [mmpg@att.net](mailto:mmpg@att.net), Website: [www.paradisegem.org](http://www.paradisegem.org)

**April 20 - 21: SAN JOSE, CA**, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 265-1422, Email: [info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)

Website: [www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

**April 20 - 21: THOUSAND OAKS, CA**, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734, Email: [rmsorca@adelphia.net](mailto:rmsorca@adelphia.net), Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

**April 27 - 28: SANTA CRUZ, CA**, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Center Street & Church Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509, Email: [scruzmgsg@gmail.com](mailto:scruzmgsg@gmail.com), Website: [www.scmgs.org](http://www.scmgs.org)

**May 3 - 5: BISHOP, CA**, Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society, Bishop Fairgrounds, Sierra Street & Fair Drive, Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat. 9:30-5; Sun 9:30-3, Contact: Steve Mobley, (760) 793-6025, Email: [steve@littlebearsteve.com](mailto:steve@littlebearsteve.com)

**May 4 - 5: PASO ROBLES, CA**, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park & Museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603, Email: [kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com), Website: [www.slrockhounds.org](http://www.slrockhounds.org)

**May 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA**, Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30, Contact: John Walker, (503) 703-9465, Email: [john\\_walker@juno.com](mailto:john_walker@juno.com), Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**May 11 - 12: RENO, NV**, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center, 1350 N. Wells Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322, cell (775) 560-4782, Email: [snorm11@hotmail.com](mailto:snorm11@hotmail.com), Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

**May 31- June 2: Ventura, CA** California Federation of Mineralogical Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 West Harbor Blvd., Ventura Contact Rob Sankovich, Show Chair: Rob Sankovich, Show Chair, (805) 494-7734 Email: [show\\_info@cfms2013.com](mailto:show_info@cfms2013.com), Website: [www.show2013.com](http://www.show2013.com).

**June 8 - 9: LA HABRA, CA**, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Loretta Ogden, (909) 598-2456, Email: [donogden@aol.com](mailto:donogden@aol.com), [fbriktr1@aol.com](mailto:fbriktr1@aol.com), Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)

**July 13 - 14: CULVER CITY, CA**, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Rick Shaffer, (310) 391-8429, Email: [info@culvercityrocks.org](mailto:info@culvercityrocks.org), Website: [www.culvercityrocks.org](http://www.culvercityrocks.org)

# A Show check list.

## How you can help with the show!

### Have you...



- \_\_\_\_\_ Sent in your Display Case entry form? Deadline 3/26
- \_\_\_\_\_ Made your appointment to have your show car signs installed on your vehicle(s)? Call Julaine at (408) 266-1791 for appt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put up a show poster or two (or ten) at a local businesses?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Handed out at least 20 show business cards?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered a competition piece and/or display case? Deadline 3/26
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed up to help with show setup April 18 and 19?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed up to help with show tear down on April 21 at 5 PM?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed up to work at the show? April 20th and 21st
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Booth
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Booth
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Kids Area
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Security
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrations
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket sales
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed up to oversee one of these positions??
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket sales
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Manage the case storage trailer
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Setup and teardown

## Show Sign Form for Saturday, April 20th, 2012

Job	9:45 AM - Noon	Noon – 2 PM.	2 PM - 4 PM	4 PM - 6:15 PM
Tickets	RK Owen	RK Owen		
Tickets				
Hospitality	Jacquelyn Calderon	Jacquelyn Calderon	Jacquelyn Calderon	
Hospitality				
Hospitality				
Greeter				
Door Prizes				
Door Prizes				
Security	Louis Schuesler		Louis Schuesler	
Security	Louis Latronica			
Security				
Security				
Scholarship Booth	Dave Lowe	Dave Lowe	Dave Lowe	Dave Lowe
Scholarship Booth	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps
Scholarship Booth				
Scholarship Booth				
Kid Area	Pat Schuesler		Pat Schuesler	
Kids Area				
Kids Area				

## Show Sign Form for Sunday, April 21st, 2012

Job	9:45 AM - Noon	Noon – 2 PM.	2 PM - 5:15 PM
Tickets		Jill Borders	
Tickets			
Hospitality		Joan Schramm	Joan Schramm
Hospitality			
Hospitality			
Greeter			
Door Prizes		Karen Welder	
Door Prizes			
Security	Don Jensen	Duane Elder	Duane Elder
Security	Jesús Ruiz	Louis Latronica	
Security	Larry Moore	Vito Cangemi	
Security			
Scholarship Booth	Jian Zheng		Jian Zheng
Scholarship Booth			Lisa LaRocca
Scholarship Booth			
Scholarship Booth			
Kid Area			
Kids Area			
Kids Area			

## Bragging Rights Results and Next Month's Theme.

For the month of **April**, the contest theme is the color "**Brown**" So your entry must be primarily brown in color. **No contest in March.** There will be a silent auction instead

**Adults** can enter in one of two categories, either judged or people's choice. The judged category is for items or specimens that you have found/purchased and done something to "improve". People's choice is for specimens or items you have purchased. Both categories have prizes that will be awarded at the next meeting.

**Juniors** can enter in just the Junior's people's choice category. The Juniors entries will be on a different table and voting will be need to be done by the beginning of the meeting.

### February Winners:

**David Lowe** was the winner of the Judged portion of the Bragging Right contest.

**Bill Simpson** was the winner of the People's Choice portion of the Bragging Rights contest.

**Josef Mosher** was the winner of the Junior Bragging Rights contest.

## Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

### Member and guest display case entry form

Annual Show Date: April 20 & 21, 2013

Case setup on April 19th after noon, and case tear-down on April 21st at 5PM

## Deadline to enter a case: March 27th SCVGMS meeting

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will furnish my own display case ☐ Yes, ☐ No Case Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Case Width \_\_\_\_\_

I will need to borrow a display case ☐ Yes, ☐ No

Exhibit description: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you entering this case in our Case Competition? ☐ Yes, ☐ No

Competitive Case information (cases to be judged by AFMS Uniform Rules)

Ruth Bailey, Chuck Boblenz, or Frank Mullaney can help you complete this section, if you need help.

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Level: ☐ Master, ☐ Advanced, ☐ Novice, ☐ Junior, ☐ Society

**Please return the completed form to:**

**Member Display chairman, David Lowe, 992-8 Belmont Terrace, Sunnyvale, 94086 OR**

**You can give the form to him personally at an upcoming meeting. Deadline: March 27, 2013**

## **Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society wants to support the hobby of tumbling rocks.**

**So with that in mind, the board passed a motion to reimburse up to three (3) member's entrance fees into this contest.**

The SCVGMS member must enter the contest and pay their own entry fee, tumble the rocks that are provided by Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, and return the required amount of rocks to the contest. The first three members who complete the above and turn in a copies of the application, entry fee check, and postage receipt for returning the rocks for the contest, will be reimburse for the contest entry fee.

**Do we have any members who like to tumble? This sounds like a great deal.**

### **Fourth Annual World Rock Tumbling Contest (2013)**

**The Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society** invites you to join us for our fourth annual World Rock Tumbling Contest.

This year we will be using Tuledad Canyon Agate. Tuledad Canyon is located on the California Nevada Border near Susanville CA. Pictures of the polished rock will be on our web site after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

<http://www.FeatherRiverRocks.org>

This flyer is your invitation and your application. Please fill out the information below, make out the check payable to FRLMS and mail to;

**Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society or FRLMS  
P.O. Box 2645  
Oroville, CA. 95965**

- \* First place \$250.00
- \* Second Place \$100.00
- \* Third Place \$50.00

**Entry fee this year will be \$40.00 for continental US residents. This will include shipping material to you. All others fees will be \$40.00 plus shipping. Please send correct fees and how to ship.**

\* (3LBS.) of rough will be shipped to you when application & check are approved.

\* We will stop accepting applications June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

\* (1/2 LB.) finished rock must be returned with copy of entry form and must be post marked no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_

**(530) 877-7324**

**Email; [tumbling@FeatherRiverRocks.org](mailto:tumbling@FeatherRiverRocks.org)**

## 2013 CFMS Show & Convention Sign up to Enter Your Display Today!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Show Publicity Chair

Via CFMS newsletter March 2013

By the time you read this, our 2013 CFMS show & Convention will likely be less than three months away, and the deadline for entering either a competitive or noncompetitive exhibit (April 15th) will be upon us. The Tri Clubs of Ventura county (consisting of the Conejo, Oxnard, and Ventura Gem and Minerals Societies) are hosting this year's show at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in Ventura California, May 31 - June 2, and we'll have a HUGE building to fill with exhibits.

We ask that all Federation-affiliated club newsletter Editors and all club federation Director help get the word out to their local members and encourage all to attend and to exhibit, either with a competitive or non-competitive display. Exhibitor application forms were included in the Show Packets distributed at the annual Fall Director's meeting in Visalia, and they're available on the show website at [www.cfms2013.com](http://www.cfms2013.com), along with preregistration forms and other documents and information related to the show. We're also attaching both competitive and noncompetitive forms to the edition of the CFMS newsletter, along with the pre-registration form. Don't delay - enter today. It's fun—and rewarding. We hope to see you joining us by the sea for a great CFMS Show and convention.

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### **SCVGMS SINGLE ITEM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**    *One entry per form, please.*

NAME OF COMPETITOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Entry \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER:    \_\_\_\_\_Mineraleers    \_\_\_\_\_Cutaways

\_\_\_\_\_Silversmiths    \_\_\_\_\_Fossileers    \_\_\_\_\_Carvers

\_\_\_\_\_Facet Cutting    \_\_\_\_\_Stringers

TYPE OF ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application on or before April 3, 2013 to:**

**SCVGMS Single Item Competition Chairman  
Frank Mullaney  
5705 Begonia Drive**

# It is Time to Renew Your Membership

For those of you who wish to be ahead of the game, you may remit your 2013-2014 dues now. Please use the form below when you pay your dues. We hope that this form will help catch changes in your address or email.

Dues are due by May 31, 2013. They are past due on June 1st, 2013.

## Membership renewal form

Please provide the following information along with your dues payment.

Please print clearly"

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My address and email address is correct in the 2012 directory \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Street Address or P.O. Box # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: Choose which every membership is least expensive for your personal or family situation.

\_\_\_\_ #Adult @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_ #Junior @ \$5.00 (8-17) \_\_\_\_ 1 Household @ \$30.00

Dues renewal fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks must be made out to: SCVGMS**

**Please turn in or mail this form and your payment to:**

**SCVGMS Treasurer, C/O Chuck Boblenz, 655 Santa Coleta Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94085**

# ROCKS IN A HARDPLACE

Mike & Chris Whittier  
Modesto, CA  
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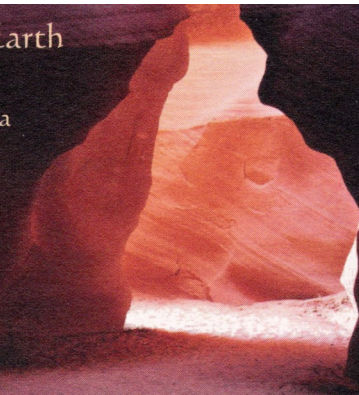
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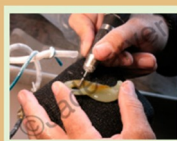


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# Always Vigilant!

By Owen Martin, Safety Chair; via AFMS Newsletter, March 2013 edition

In a recent article I mentioned a tactic I sometimes use when conducting safety meetings at work. I mention to the group or class that before I walked in to the room I let two five and half foot diamond back rattlesnakes with heads the size of my fist loose on the ground and then closed the door. Then I tell them that they can leave. Everyone thinks I'm joking and yet there is a definite hesitation before anyone starts to get up.

The point being that you should always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings so that those metaphorical snakes don't reach out and strike you.

The discussion exercise that follows is about "safe behaviors" and how we can teach ourselves to recognize hazards in our work environment. Thus we will keep ourselves safer.

In our daily lives most of us have adopted a variety of safe behaviors both in and out of work. Holding the handrail on the stairs, wiping your feet dry on a mat when you come in from the rain, buckling your seat belt, not leaving candles unattended, etc. What we unfortunately see at work though is that our coworkers do all the right things here, but when they go home safety goes right out the window.

First things first, speeding home and rolling through stop signs. Something we don't do in our company trucks! Then on Saturday morning it's time to weed-eat the lawn, usually in flip flops, shorts and wearing sunglasses. Maybe my favorite is cooking on the stove while barefooted! Nothing like hot oil flying off the stove and landing on top of your foot to ruin a romantic dinner...

And, we all know how to use PPE (Personal protective equipment) and how to keep an eye out for hazards in our workplaces. So I simply want to encourage you to take the same precautions at home as you do at work. Check behind your car before pulling out. Put on safety glasses when mowing. Use ear plugs when using a chainsaw. Use an oven mitt and not a towel when getting something out of the oven. Do these things consciously and soon, like with seatbelts, you will do them automatically and thus keep yourself a little bit safer every day.

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## SCVGMS General Meeting - February 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm at the Cabana Club.

Meeting was concluded at 8:56pm.

Minutes from the January 22, 2013 meeting were approved as printed in the *Breccia*.

General meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

**Announcements:** Members and guests were welcomed. Reminder of upcoming Board Meeting at Ruth Bailey's home.

**New Members:** No new members

**Scholarship Recipients:** Christa Arthur, Robert Neusel, Carlos Rojas, and Dustin Williams all from SJSU attended and spoke regarding their career plans.

**Awards:** *Rockhound of the Month for January* was awarded to Jill & Brian Borders for meeting preparations. *Braggin' Rights Junior contest winner* is Josef Mosher for his large smoky quartz crystals.

**Field Trips** (Karen Welder): Mariposa Apr 14th bus trip - deadline is March 1, need 8 more people. The bus will leave from the VTA park-n-ride lot at Camden Ave & H85.

**Member Displays:** See David Marshall's report in the *Breccia*.

**Program for the evening:** Rick Kennedy described his experiences at the 2013 Tucson show.

**Correspondence :** Trailer storage bill, fliers for the CFMS show, Pleasanton Gem Faire passes, Briarwood Elementary School invitation, Underground Gold Miners Museum Annual Gold Show newsletter.

**Sunshine:** (Please let Margo Mosher of any member news and special events).

## **Study Groups:**

**Cutaways and Carvers** (Randy Harris): Mar 9th, \$5 shop fee, call first

**Stringers** (Sundari Naidu/ looking for a new leader): nothing

**Smithies** (Pat Speece): 2nd Monday of month.

**Faceters** (Max Casey): give him a call

**Mineraleers** (looking for a leader):

**2013 Show** (Frank Mullaney, Randy Harris): passed around sign-up sheets. Lot's to do. Be sure to help on the two set-up days. Need a lunchroom supervisor else just coffee and juice. Committee meeting at Ruth Bailey's on March 12th. Pat Speece needs more serpentine for give-away cards

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Day:** Thanks to June Harris for organizing it and the following club members that helped: Frank Mullaney, Karen & Dean Welder, Randy Harris, Sonia Dyer, Chuck Boblenz, Rick Kennedy, Amy DeMasi, Erik Welch. There were 7 other volunteers. 180 Boy Scouts signed up, 148 completed the requirements, and 2 partially completed.

**Founder Day** (Michael Paone): Sunday June 23 - preparation help would be appreciated.

**DRC** (George and Jane Yamashita, Pat Speece): no report.

**Hospitality** (Julaine Mullaney): 50 Members and 15 Guests were in attendance.

**Socials** (Jaquelyn Calderon): Great pizza party

**PLAC** (Bill Spence): BLM resolved plan for motorcycle access to Clear Creek BLM, the soonest it may open is late August.

**Federation Report** (Ruth Bailey): Weekend after Memorial day in Ventura, there's an agate dig.

**Dues Deadline** is June 1st.

## **SCVGMS Board Meeting - February 28, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm at the home of Ruth Bailey,

hosted by David Marshall. Meeting was concluded at 9:06pm.

Board meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

### **Roll Call:**

*The following board members were present: Pres. Frank Mullaney, VP Rick Kennedy, Secr. R.K. Owen, Treas. Chuck Boblenz, Editor June Harris, Fed.Dir. Ruth Bailey, Alt.Fed.Dir. Randy Harris, Directors Lisa LaRocca, David Lowe, Michael Paone, Bill Simpson, Hist. Michael Paone, Parl. Dean Welder*

*The following were absent: Director David Marshall*

**Prior Board Minutes:** Read and approved the minutes from the January 24, 2013 board meeting (Randy H, Ruth B).

**New Members:** Marcia Rosen, Andrew Coffaro (Dean W, Rick K, P)

**Correspondence:** no new correspondence since the general meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Chuck Boblenz. Motion to pay the bills as presented (Randy H, Dave L, P). The treasurer presented a financial comparison between 2011 and 2012 (see B20130224 TR).

### **Committee Reports:**

**Show 2013:** next meeting Mar 12 @ 7:30pm at Ruth Bailey's home. No response from Metro advertising. Motion to hire two **security guards** at quoted price of \$704 for the show (Randy H, Rick K, P). June H found a change to the Webelos & **Cub Scouts belt loop requirements** - needs some mineral specimens: Motion to authorize June H to spend up to \$500 for minerals for the Kids Area Cub Scout program (Randy H, Ruth B, P). Motion to print updated worksheets for the Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Girl Scouts (Randy H, Lisa L, P). Motion to work with **Goldstar** and give them 35 tickets per day (RKO, Bill S, P). Motion to authorize Frank M to print 5000 more **2013 show business cards** (RKO, Lisa L, P). Discussed which image to use for the 2014 show business cards. Motion to purchase 10,000 **2014 show business cards** (June H, Rick K, P). **Speakers** Donna Kelly & Richard Wade are coming to the 2013 show. Motion to get **hotel accommodations** for Richard Wade (Randy H, Lisa L, P). Motion to have the **2014 show on Apr 12-13, 2014** to avoid Easter weekend (Michael P, RKO, P). Motion to purchase an additional **table covering roll** (Randy H, June H, P). Discussed Kids Area fluorescent minerals display.

**Field Trips:** Discussed the Mariposa bus trip - not likely to reach minimum number of participants.

**Historian** (Michael P): Club history video is ready at You Tube (search for SCVGMS 2012 -or- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6EBUODSs9s>)

## Old Business:

1. **Scholarship** (RKO): have responses from the four SJSU students who have accepted and attended the Feb mtg. Still attempting to reach the Stanford recipient (see B20130124 OB#1).
2. **Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge day** (June H): The date was too soon to the show, will consider moving to the Fall next time (see B20130124 OB#2).
3. **Insurance** for trailers and liability insurance was discussed (see B20130124 OB#4).
4. **Education Through Sharing** (Randy H): name & write up will be sent in a couple months due to a busy schedule. Ruth will write up the requirements (see B20130124 OB# 5).
5. **Projection Screen** (Frank M): sent email to Cabana Club managements (see B20130124 NB #5).

## New Business:

1. Motion to reimburse entrance fees for up to three club members for the **Feather River Lapidary Society tumbling contest** (June H, Randy H, P).
2. **2014 Show Contest** - Motion to proceed with special contest for 2014 show (Randy H, Rick K, P).
3. **Phone Plan** - Motion to buy off the current plan and go with the T-Mobile plan of 1000 minutes for \$100 per year plus about \$45 for a phone ( Lisa L, Dean W, P).

### Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Treasurer's Report February 28, 2013

Beginning Balance		\$24,753.47
Receipts		
Kids Area	\$2499.00	
Show Dealers	\$1645.00	
Dues	\$ 145.00	
Stringers Study Group	\$ 67.00	
Initiation	\$ 2.00	
Total Receipts	\$4358.00	
Expenditures		
2013 Show theater advertising	\$1200.00	
Boy Scout Day Expenses	\$ 236.16	
2013 Show Fire Marshall	\$ 187.00	
Boy Scout Day Fire Marshall	\$ 187.00	
County Taxes	\$ 167.31	
Feb. Meeting Pizza	\$ 128.90	
2013 Show Got Rocks printing	\$ 97.54	
Boy Scout Day printing	\$ 70.61	
2013 Show Kids Area	\$ 68.77	
Breccia printing	\$ 46.93	
Miscellaneous	\$ 43.45	
2013 Show: Dealer Expenses	\$ 32.61	
2013 Show Dealer Expenses	\$ 19.04	
Membership renewal forms	\$ 4.78	
Total Expenditures	\$2490.60	
Ending Balance		\$26,0620.87

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Michael Paone  
Founder's Day Raffle:  
Founder's Day Bingo:  
Hospitality: Julaine Mullaney  
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy  
Librarian: Jiang Zheng  
Meeting Setup: **OPEN**  
Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy  
Member Displays: David Marshall  
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee): Bill Spence  
Program: David Lowe  
Refreshments: Jacquelyn Calderon  
Show 2013: Frank Mullaney,  
and Randy Harris  
Show 2014: **OPEN**  
Silent Auction: Julaine Mullaney  
Social: Jacquelyn Calderon  
Sunshine: Margo Mosher  
Trailer Custodian: Herb Vogel  
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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 March 26, 2013, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.  
Our next board meeting will be on March 28, 2013 at Randy Harris' home, 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 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.

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