



BRECCIA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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March 18-19, 2023 Show

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 5:00PM

Mark your calendar!



We invite you to display at our 2023 show.

Please see the next page for details.

SCVGMS Show Display Case Entry Form

Annual Show Date: March 18 and 19, 2023

Case setup on March 17th after noon, and case tear-down on March 19th at 5PM

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: _____

Competitive Case Information (Cases to be Judged by AMFS Uniform Rules)

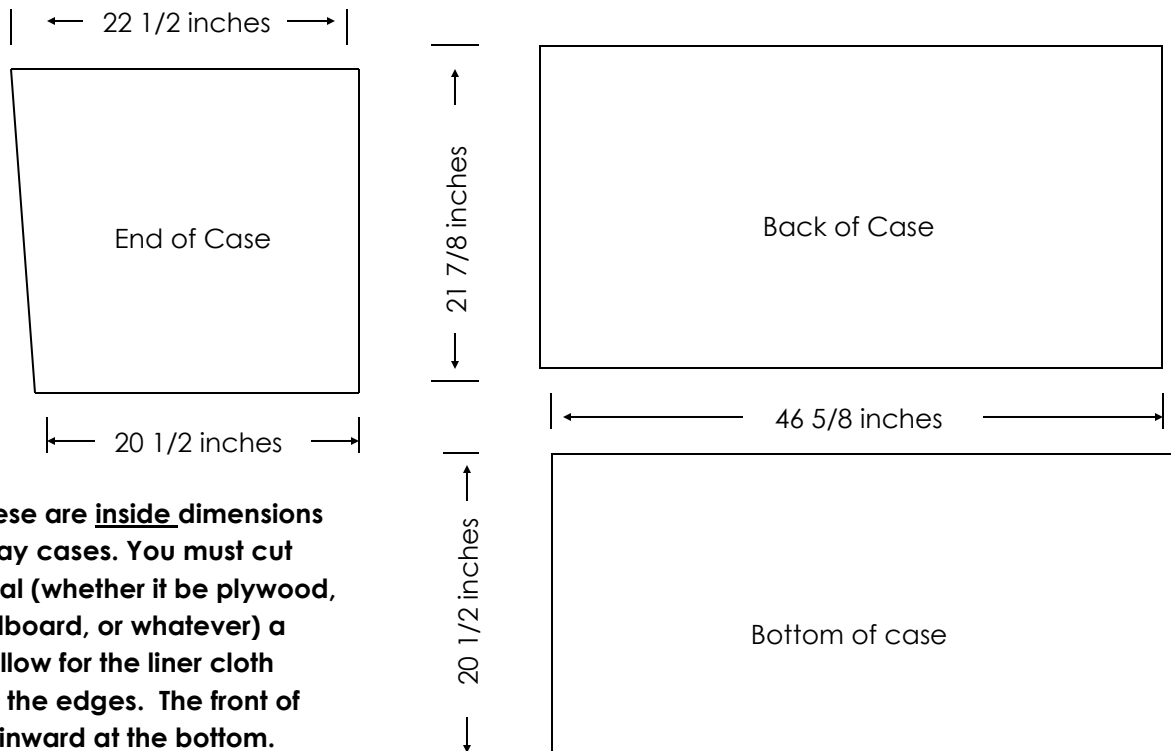
Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

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

Please return the completed form to Stephen May, 1092 Candlewood Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Email: stephenmay0990@gmail.com Phone: Cell- (408) 306-6782 Home- (669) 248-3993

SCVGMS Display Case Dimensions



Please note—these are inside dimensions of our club display cases. You must cut your liner material (whether it be plywood, cardboard, hardboard, or whatever) a little smaller to allow for the liner cloth which folds over the edges. The front of the case slopes inward at the bottom.

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March 30: Board Meeting

March 18-19 SCVGMS Show!

Field Trips

For field trip information:

Contact Stephen May for details.

Email: Stephenmay0990@gmail.com,
Phone: 669-248-3993 or 408-306-6782

Sunshine

If you know of anyone needing some sunshine in their lives, please email



Margo Mosher at
margomosher@yahoo.com.

Membership Dues Are Due!

SCVGMS membership dues are due for the year 2023. Your dues are essential to the operation of SCVGMS. They are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

Please send your check to "Treasurer, Santa Clara Gem and Mineral Society, Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054 or to Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Drive, San Jose, CA 95124"

Thank you.

Editor's Message

By Jo Borucki

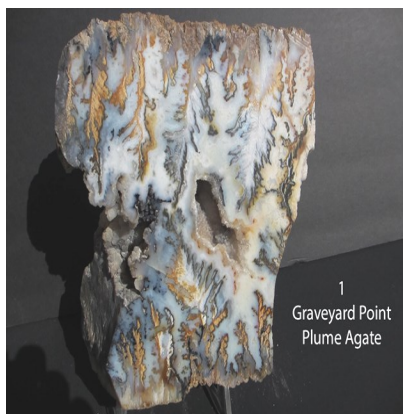
This is my last Breccia. Michele Smith asked me in January if I would create Breccias for the first three months of 2023, and I have done so ending with this issue. I was not able to get much information from anyone so this Breccia is very short.

I have enjoyed being the editor these past six plus years. I have been one of the real challenges and joys in my life. I have learned much as I researched for the articles that I wrote through the years. I have enjoyed meeting members of SCVGMS and participating in the various activities of the society.

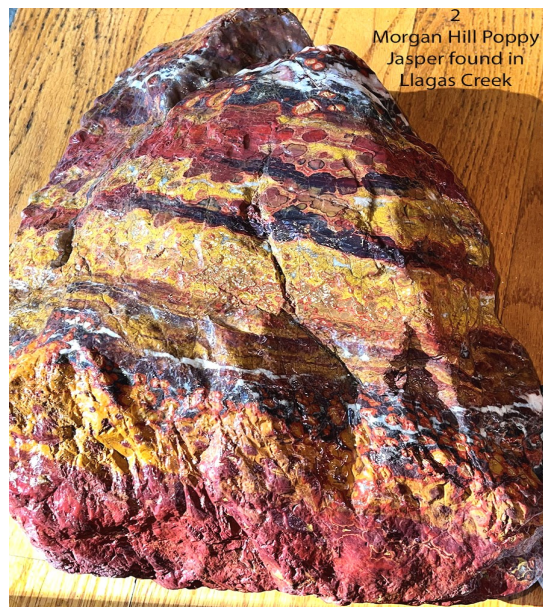
I hope that the next editor has as much fun and as great a learning experience as I have gained in my tenure as editor. I wish you all much joy as you explore all the facets of this great hobby of rocks and minerals.

Bragging Rights

The February theme was “**Your Favorite Thing**”. We had five excellent entries. **Lynn Toschi** was the **winner** with his **Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper**, shown to the right. The other four entries are shown below.



Graveyard Point Plume
Agate
Missy Fox

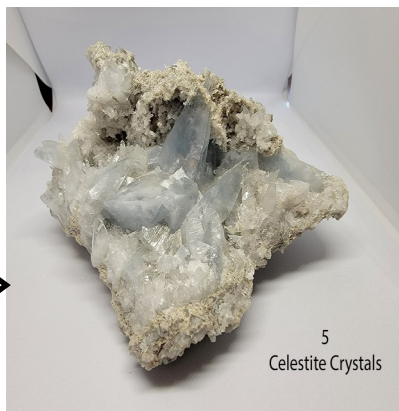


Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper
Lynn Toschi



Celestite Crystals
Bruce Poehlman

Turquoise and Pink
Quartz on Hard Disk Platter
Starfish on White Coral
Deb and Noel Runyan



Rhodonite Napkin Rings
Howard Young

The theme for March is “**Items related to rocks and minerals and beginning with the letter ‘T’.**”

Please email your entries to Alan Achor at kayakbb7@gmail.com.

Information on Shows for 2023

March 18-19, 2023 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 5:00PM

Contact: 408-265-1422 www.scvgms.org or facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety

March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate

Contact (760) 245-2330 - leave a message Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

March 11-12 2023 – Turlock, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society Mother Lode Mineral Show

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5

Contact: bwendx2@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.co>

March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club Lemoore Gem & Mineral Show

Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA

Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Website: <https://facebook.com/>

March 25-26, 2023 – Angeles Camp, CA Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show

Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp, CA 95222

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: (262) 348-6804, clairemathison1@gmail.com

Website: <http://calaverasgemandmineralsociety.net>

Website Links

Your Window to the World of Important Websites

Click on the blue area of whatever site you want to visit!

Link to Our SCVGMS Website: <http://www.scvgms.org/>

Note: After you click on the above link, if you want to see the Breccia and other news items, scroll down and click on "Download", shown under the Newsletter option.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS): <http://www.amfed.org>

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

To access the news from the **American Lands Access Association:** www.amlands.org

SCVGMS Facebook Page: [http://www.facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety](https://facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety)

February 28, 2023

General Membership Meeting

Call to Order - 7:36 with Pledge of Allegiance

Glad to have our esteemed members back who were Missing In Action at Tucson Quartzite.

Program for the evening is Hallelujah Junction, The Many Forms of Quartz, by Our own Diamond in the rough, Rick Kennedy.

Board Meeting to follow general meeting.

New Members (Secretary) : Secretary absent. No new members, no applications.

Member Displays (Michele, Let's have them hear from someone besides me): Members to present.

Kyle brought in various rocks collected locally to show. Guest, Kiam, brought in rocks to identify. Colorful jasper.

Jobs that need to be fulfilled:

- Installation Dinner: Volunteer - No volunteers. Rick to assist new volunteers
- Silent Auction (coordinate with DRC, help set up): Volunteer - Kyle to assist Michele
- Ice Cream Social: Volunteer - No volunteers
- Correspondence (Secretary): Secretary or in this case the duty has been given to Frank.

Federation News Letter. Applications for Show Cases.

The Vice Corner (Michele Smith): Forbidden Activities that ought not to be engaged in by Society Members. "Do not ask vendors for 'special discounts', cause I'm a member". Treat our vendors with respect because they make our show happen."

Field Trips (Stephen May) :

Thursday, June 1st, (4 slots only), Rainbow Ridge, Virgin Valley, Nevada – 8 hour drive, Opal, fee dig \$700.00 – 2 people 8-hours sorting

August 25, 26 Davis Creek, California – 6 ½ hour drive, Obsidian, Rainbow, Pink, Silver, Mahogany, Electric Blue, Needles

Bragging Rights (Alan Achor) – This month, 'Your favorite Piece 5 Entries: The Winner: Lynn Toschi with his Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper. Next Month: Starts with the letter 'T';

Rockhound of the Month – Frank Mullaney, continuing as Treasurer, helping each of the club positions fulfill their duties, coordinating with the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, thankless and difficult.

DRC (Michele): Date for next sale? April 29th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lynn delivering a recently obtained collection.

Hospitality: Introduce Guests; 15 Members and 1 Guest were in attendance.

Sunshine: Margo Mosher. -Lost 2 members, Rosemarie, Jesus and Damon.

Show News & Requests (Jim or Missy Fox):

- Expo building
- 7 external security personnel
- We have free parking
- Trailers, tires replaced
- On site cleaners, fairground personnel required

Federation Report (Karen Welder): If any news.

Dean and Karen absent due to weather issues on 17

Snack break (5 minutes, Cal): Snacks briefly before the program.

Program (Rick Kennedy): "Hallelujah Junction, The Many Forms of Quartz"

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9 : 10 PM.

Board Meeting

February 28, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:18 p.m.

Roll call: Noel Runyan (Board), Deb Runyan (Board), Jim Fox (Board), Missy Fox (Board), Rick Kennedy (Board), Paul Kidman (Alt Fed Dir), Stephen May (Pres), Frank Mullaney (Treasurer), Michele Smith (Vice Pres), *Position Open* (News Editor)

Absent: Dean Welder (Parliamentarian), Karen Welder (Fed Dir), Cynthia Porter (Sec),

Reading of the Minutes from January 26th board meeting (M,S,P – FM, JF)

Correspondence: (Frank Mullaney) Covered during the General Meeting

New Members: No new members, no applications

Treasurers Report: (Frank Mullaney): attached. Accept the treasurers report as presented (M,S,P – RK, JF)

Committee Reports:

Federation – (Karen Welder, unavailable) No updates.

Field Trips – (Stephen May) Thursday, June 1st, (4 slots only), Rainbow Ridge, Virgin Valley, Nevada – 8 hour drive, Opal, fee dig \$700.00 – 2 people 8-hours sorting. August 25, 26, Davis Creek, California – 6 ½ hour drive, Obsidian, Rainbow, Pink, Silver, Mahogany, Electric Blue, Needles

Old Business:

Festival – Jim and Missy Fox;

-Contacted Amber, her daughter Mia would like to demo at the show

-All demo persons will provide their own materials.

-Volunteer hours, rewards, work hours towards entry in Continuing Education-Camp Paradise. Requirements, 8 hours or more, attend 3 meetings during the last year. Verify with tax persons, more research needed, voting deferred.-New Directories. Michele to visit publisher to straighten out issues. Send soft copy to Cynthia. Cynthia to send to members for verification.Moving the SCVGMS Tax year to end December 31. (M,S,P – RK, MS)New business:

-Lon working on trailers. Tires, wheels, rusted screws. Allow Lon to buy new bungee cords, load straps, other materials needed for trailer repair up to \$150.00. (M,S,P – FM, PK)

Trophies found. Let members take trophies. Keep certificates. Return porch light display to Lynn Toschi. If not, give lamps to DRC for sale. Tumblers offered to Deg from the Margo and David Moser, willing to hold on to one, they belong to the DRC. Willing to do some tumbling. More discussion needed. Letter authorizing Lon to move trailer, or insurance costs of the mover. Voting to pay the mover \$560.00 (M,S,P – RK, MF)

March: Tucson, Quartzite, Show Review – Panel Discussion

April: Unknown plus Ice Cream Social

May: Silent Auction

June and July: Undetermined

August: _____ and Ice Cream Social

September and October: Undetermined

November: Silent Auction

December: Installation Dinner

-2024 Mineral Show, March 16, 17. Print 5,000 cards, (M,S,P – FM, NR)

Next Board meeting is March 30th

Meeting adjourned: _10:02__ pm (M,P – FM, NR)

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SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Stephen May (408)306-6782
 Vice President: Michele Smith (408)374-1897
 Secretary: Cynthia Porter (408)978-5848
 Treasurer: Frank Mullaney (408)691-2656
 Editor: TBD
 Federation Director: Karen Welder (408)353-2675
 Alternate Fed. Director:
 Paul Kidman (408)356-4995

Board Members at Large

Jim Fox (408)356-7711
 Missy Fox (408)356-7711
 Deb Runyan (408)866-7564
 Noel Runyan (408)866-7564
 Rick Kennedy (408)529-9690

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder (408)353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
 Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
 Michele Smith
 Show Chairpersons 2023: Jim and Missy Fox
 Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May
 Founder's Day Picnic Chairman: Jim Herbold
 Founder's Day Raffle: TBD
 Founder's Day Bingo: TBD
 Hospitality: TBD
 Installation Dinner: TBD
 Member Displays: Rick Kennedy
 Refreshments: TBD
 Silent Auction: TBD
 Sunshine: Margo Mosher
 Trophies: Frank Mullaney
 Librarian: Deb Runyan
 Webmaster: TBD

Note: Some of these committee heads may change. Michele Smith and Stephen May are working to fill all positions.

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 with meet and greet time beginning at 7:15 followed by the meeting 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.

The next General Meeting is on March 28 at 7:45 PM at the Cabana Club and on Zoom and the Board Meeting is on March 30 at 7:30 PM on Zoom.

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). **Our Newsletter**, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. **The deadline for all articles is the Sunday after the general meeting. The Breccia editor is yet to be determined.** Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

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