



BRECCIA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Volume 71 Number 4, May, 2023

Table of Contents

Page 1

Table of Contents

Events

Page 2

Will You Be the Next Breccia Editor?

Page 3

Field Trips

May 23rd Silent Auction

Membership Dues Are Due.

Page 4

Website Links

Welcome to New Members

Rockhound of the Month

Page 5

Camp Paradise

CFMS Show and Convention

Page 6

Bragging Rights

Sunshine

Member Displays

Pages 7

Information on Shows for 2023

Page 8

General Meeting Minutes

Page 8 and 9

Board Meeting Minutes

Page 10

SCVGMS Information

Events

Our **April 25** meeting featured a **presentation on fluorescent minerals sweetened with a ice cream social** so that there was something for your eyes and mind, and something for your taste buds. **Jim Herbold's** topic was "**Fluorescent Dinosaur Bone Fossils**".

Permineralization occurs when the spaces filled with gas or liquid during life become filled with mineral-rich water and the minerals precipitate out of the water, occupying the empty spaces. This process can result in very detailed, colorful, and beautiful fossils.

Further detail in his presentation was to focus on specific examples of fluorescent mineralization. Such fossils are highly sought and increasingly valuable. Jim's PowerPoint included pictures of many beautiful examples, Thank you, Jim, for a fascinating and informative presentation.

Our first rock and mineral sale for 2023 was on **Saturday, April 29**. There were lots of rocks and some tools and minerals to choose from, plus fun for all as we looked for treasures.

The meeting on **May 23 will be a Silent Auction**. Please bring the items that you would like to donate to the auction and cash or checks to pay for the items that you buy. They can be almost anything from rocks, jewelry, books, cookies, honey, tools, and even more. Start putting things in a bag or box to bring next month. More stuff means more money to the SCVGMS and a lot of fun for all!

Both rock sales and silent auctions are chances for all of us to rockhound for treasures without getting dirty or the necessity of driving long distances for a field trip.

Will You Be Our Next Breccia Editor?

The Breccia has been published regularly since July 1953. I love being its latest editor, but I have done so for about seven years, and it is time to pass this privilege on to another person. It is a privilege, a challenge, and an opportunity to learn and to develop new skills.

One of our members expressed a concern to me that may be a reason that it has been difficult to find an editor to replace me, and that is that the Breccia has special features such as articles, puzzles, and cartoons. Usually I include two or three articles, sometimes a puzzle, and occasional cartoons or jokes. These extra features take a lot of time, but they are not necessary. The Breccia's most important function is to inform members about current and anticipated activities and to report on those activities just completed. Any thing else is frosting on the cake. A good cake does not need frosting, and a Breccia that keeps the membership informed of club activities does not need articles, puzzles, and cartoons.

I could add all these special features because I am retired with the extra time for this considerable amount of extra effort. What have I done to include the extra features? Articles have come from various sources. I have written some of them. Writing an article takes a lot of my time because I must research first and then from what I have learned, try to write something that is accurate and readable. As far as I can see in reading other rock club publications, I am one of the very few that has written my own articles, and therefore, this is not a necessary requirement.

I found that I liked making puzzles, but they are definitely not necessary. To help in creating crossword and word-search puzzles, I have used an online utility available mainly for teachers. In turn, the utility can include in their library, the puzzles that I have created. It's a good trade-off.

Many people have contributed articles for the Breccia. Our main contributor and excellent author is Professor Philip Kesten from Santa Clara University. I included one of his articles in every 2022 issue of the Breccia and have many more available, because Professor Kesten has very generously offered many more articles for publication in the Breccia!

I receive via email several publications from editors for other rock clubs, and in return, I email the Breccia to them. We use each other's articles making good articles available to a wider range of readers.

If a new editor has the time, there is help as I have just described above, for adding articles, puzzles, and even cartoons and jokes. Several of our members have sent me good jokes and cartoons, and as I snicker happily, I add them to the Breccia. Thank you!

A new editor with limited time may decide to include only club business as I have done in this Breccia. A new editor with some extra time may decide to add extra features. It is up to whoever will be the next Breccia editor. Can you be that person?

Field Trips

May 20th Saturday: (Tentative Trip) Clear Creek in search of Plasma Agate, Jadeite, Chromite, Garnet and others

June 1 Thursday(4 slots only) and Tuesday, June 6: Rainbow Ridge, Virgin Valley, Nevada – 8 hour drive, Opal, dig fee is \$700.00 – 2 people 8-hours sorting

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

For questions for the above listed field trips:

Contact Stephen May for details. Email: Stephenmay0990@gmail.com

Phone: 669-248-3993 or 408-306-6782

May 23 Silent Auction

Please come and participate in our silent auction, always fun and surprising as to what will be auctioned. The items that we all bring will be displayed on the tables and offered for bid. Each item has a bid sheet. The last name on the list wins the item, and pays the cashier. Bring just about anything. Items do not have to be gem or mineral related. We have auctioned off homemade candies and cookies, plants, pottery, tools, and thingamajigs. Bring your items, find an empty spot on a table, fill out a the paper that will be with your item, and get ready to have fun. Remember that your items are a donation to the club and that all money collected goes to help the club. We thank you in advance!

There will be three bidding time periods. The president will announce the start and the closing of each period. At the end of each time period, one of the three tables will be closed, signifying that the last name on any bid sheet wins the item, and if you are the high bidder, you can take the item and pay the treasurer. Cash or personal checks are both fine, and all proceeds go to the club treasury.

Come early to add your item to the fun, and to see what other people have brought that you might like. Bring your items to be auctioned, cash or check and a tote bag for the goodies that you have bought.

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.

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>

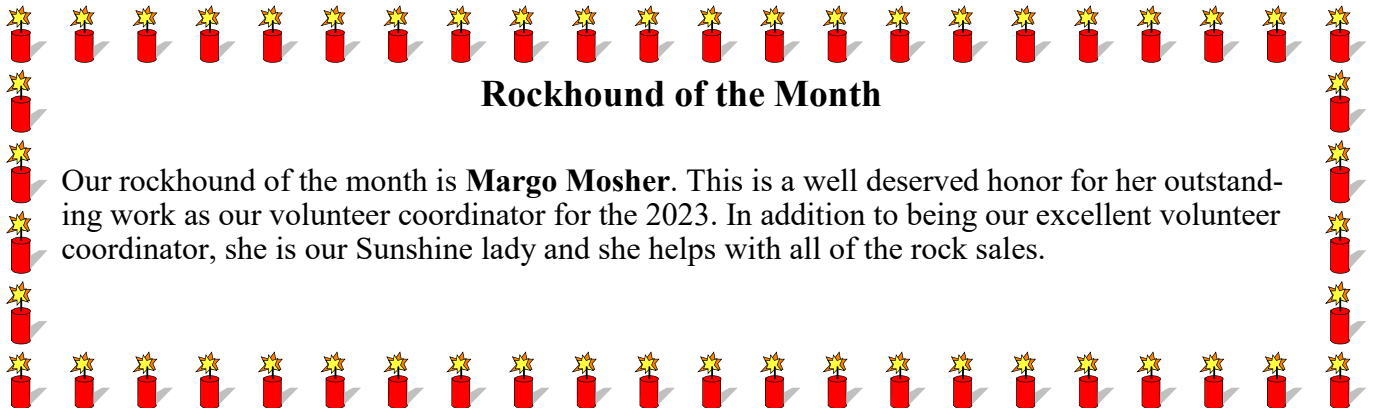
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS): <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

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

SCVGMS Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety>

Welcome to New Members!

Maxi Casey is interested in Faceting. **Tamara Bell** is a returning member, and she is volunteering to help with our installation banquet in December. **Kiam Choo** is interested in cabbing, polishing, and has volunteered for our next show as hospitality. **Diane Mai** enjoys geology, minerals, and rockhounding. A big welcome to you all!



Rockhound of the Month

Our rockhound of the month is **Margo Mosher**. This is a well deserved honor for her outstanding work as our volunteer coordinator for the 2023. In addition to being our excellent volunteer coordinator, she is our Sunshine lady and she helps with all of the rock sales.

Camp Paradise
Week 1: August 20 to August 26th 2023
Week 2: August 27th to September 2nd 2023

Classes – Beginning Faceting, Beginning Lapidary, Advanced Lapidary, Soft stone Carving, Beginning Silversmithing, Intermediate and Advanced Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beading, PMC-3-clay, Fused Glass, Enamel, Cold Connection, Intarsia. All classes are subject to change.
Please Note: Class assignment preference will be given to first time students.

For more information about time, location, lodging, etc., contact:

Camp Paradise Registrar
Glenda Keil

[Camp-Paradise-2023-Registration-2](#)

Glenda : 1 (916) 448-8341, gkeil@comcast.net



Save the Date — June 23-25, 2023

CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION
LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, 413 E. LOCKEFORD ST.,
LODI, CA 95240

Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM
– 4 PM

Bragging Rights

There was no bragging rights contest for April. The next Bragging Rights will be at the June 27 meeting **and the theme is an item related to rockhounding that is green in color.**

Please email a photo of your green treasure to Alan Achor by 4:00PM on Monday, June 26 to have it included in the contest. Alan's email address is kayakbb7@gmail.com.

Alan Achor-Bragging Rights Chairman

Sunshine



Stephen May's mother passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen and his family during this difficult time.

David Mosher fell and badly bruised his tailbone. He is in a lot of pain and unable to cab for awhile. Since this is his favorite hobby, he is pretty bummed. Best wishes to you, David, for less pain and a speedy recovery.

If you know of anyone needing some sunshine in their lives, please email **Margo Mosher** at margomosher@yahoo.com.

Member Displays

Please email a photo of the items that you wish to display to Michele Smith by the Sunday before the general meeting, so that the people who attend the meeting on Zoom rather than in person can view your items. **Please bring your items with you to the Cabana Club, if you are attending the meeting.**

Don't know what to display? Any type of rock, mineral, or fossil (identified or not), your latest project, information on a field trip, ideas for a display case, or anything to do with rocks is appreciated. Sharing items helps to educate all who are attending. Show off what you love, so that we can enjoy it with you.

Chairman: Rick Kennedy

Information on Shows for 2023

May 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street,
Hours Friday 6PM-10PM, Sat Noon -10PM
Contact: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.yvgms.org>

May 6-7, 2023 – Lancaster, CA
Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds,
2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster, CA
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: marylandoriole@gmail.com
Website: <http://avgem.weebly.com>

June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA
Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Craft Show at Kennedy Mine,
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson CA
Hours 10-4
Contact: (916) 698-9853,
mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.org>

June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
The Convention Center at the California Center for
the Arts, 340 N. Escondido, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA
Delters Gem & Mineral Society
Delters Parking Lot Sale
14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA
Hours: 10-4
Website: <https://deltersgemclub.wordpress.com/>

June 23-25, 2023, Lodi, CA
CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi, CA
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Contact: rocksbob@sbcglobal.net
Website: <https://cfmsinc.org>

July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA Culver City Gem
and Mineral Society Culver City Veteran's Mem
Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 Contact: lex-
yhunter@aol.com Website: [http://
culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/](http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/)

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA Orcutt Min-
eral Society Nipomo High School,
525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444
Hours: Fri. & Sat 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA Roseville Rock
Rollers Gem & Mineral Roebelen Event Center
@the Grounds – Roseville,
700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA
Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA
Hours: 9-5
Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.tvgms.orcks>

August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge
50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA
Contact: (626) 260-7239 Website: [https://
pasadenalapidary.com](https://pasadenalapidary.com)

General Membership Meeting

April 25, 2023

Call to Order - 7:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to our Ice Cream Social.

Program for the evening is Fluorescent Minerals, hosted by Jim Herbold, winner of the First Place Display Case at the 2022 Fluorescence Displays competition.

New Members: Maxi Casey who is interested in faceting.

Positions that have been filled:

- Installation Dinner: Volunteer – Tamara Bell and Michael Paone

Positions yet to be filled:

- Ice Cream Social for August
- Editor (Jo Borucki continues to fill in as editor for 2023 until someone else is found).
- Show Chairman for 2024

Correspondence (Frank Mullaney): Secretary or in this case the duty has been given to Frank.

Safe deposit box fees are payment paid and current.

The Vice Corner (Michele Smith): Land Management – Practices: Leave No trace. Leave things better than you found them by picking up trash and filling in holes etc.

Member Displays: None

Field Trips (Stephen May): Updates

- Saturday, May 20th (Tentative): Clear Creek Management Area, South of Hollister. Jadite, Plasma Agate, Petrified Wood, Serpentine, Druzy Quartz, Cinnabar, Spessartite Garnet, and perhaps Benitoite. It may become a 1 mile walk in due to current conditions and restrictions.
- Thursday, June 1st, (4 slots only) and Tuesday, June 6, (2 scoops available) Fee per scoop is \$700 for 2 people and \$900 for 3 people for 8 hours of sorting. Rainbow Ridge, Virgin Valley, Nevada 8 hour drive
- August 25, 26 Friday and Saturday-Davis Creek, California – 6 ½ hour drive, Obsidian, Rainbow, Pink, Silver, Mahogany, Electric Blue, Needles
- Last week of July and first week of August Fairgrounds Booth: looking for volunteers to man the 20 X 30 booth each day Wednesday- Sunday

Bragging Rights (Alan Achor) – This month color GREEN postponed until June's meeting.

Rockhound of the Month – Margo Mosher: Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator for the 2023 show above and beyond!

DRC (Michele): DRC Sale, Saturday, April 29th, Michele's house. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00

Hospitality: Introduced Guests. There were 24 Members and 1 Guest in attendance. Heather Romero is interested in crystals and fluorescent minerals

Sunshine: Margo Mosher.

Federation Report (Karen Welder): No update except that Santa Cruz had a spectacular show,

Ice Cream Social (15 minutes, Stephen): Snacks before the program.

Program (Jim Herbold): Fluorescent Minerals

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Board Meeting

April 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

Roll call: Noel Runyan (Board), Deb Runyan (Board), Jim Fox (Board), Missy Fox (Board), Rick Kennedy (Board), Paul Kidman (Alt Fed Dir), Stephen May (President), Frank Mullaney (Treasurer), Cynthia Porter (Secretary), Michele Smith (Vice President), Jo Borucki Temporary News Editor
Absent: Dean Welder (Parliamentarian) Karen Welder (Federation Director)

continued on page 9

Board Meeting Minutes continued from page 8

Reading of the Minutes The March 28th board meeting minutes were read and approved. (Frank M./Noel R.)

Correspondence: (Frank Mullaney) None to report

New Members:

1. Maxi Casey (Faceting)
2. Tamara Bell (Returning member, volunteering for installation banquet)
3. Kiam Choo (Cabbing, polishing, Volunteer for show Hospitality)
- 4 .Diane Mai (Geology, Minerals, Rock hound father)

Treasurers Report: (Frank Mullaney)

Motion to reimburse Cal Hansen for trailer moving and water refreshments supplied to show tear-down crew). (Jo B./Michele S.) Approved

Committee Reports:

Federation – (Karen Welder) Unavailable

Field Trips – (Stephen May) See General Meeting Minutes.

Old Business:

Founders Day Picnic: Saturday, September 16th – Jim Herbold, Sign-up sheet to help

New Business:

Upcoming Programs:

- May- Silent Auction
- June- Clear Creek Field Trip Presentation
- July- CFMS Minerals Video presentation?
- August- Obsidian and other fragile stones and Ice Cream Social
- September-CFMS Fossils Video Presentation?
- October- Australian Opal?
- November- Silent Auction
- December- Installation Dinner
- Suggested for July, September, October CFMS video presentations on 1. Minerals 2. Fossils and Australian Opal Presentation (months to be determined by availability of Australian Opal presenter.)

2023 Scholarships Only one awarded at present due in part to delayed communication on our end and lack of student follow up the University side. One student attended a meeting and worked the show and his check has been awarded. Suggested that we consider giving the other 2 students an option to give a presentation at a meeting as well as volunteering for the club at the Fairground event in July and August. Rick Kennedy will follow up on this with the professor at San Jose State to see what might be possible. (Missy F./Jim F.) Approved

Next board meeting: May 25th

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 pm

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

P.O. Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054

Website: www.scvgms.org

Email: info@scvgms.org

Phone Number (408) 265-1422

Like us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety>

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: Jo Borucki (temporary) (408)245-2881
 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

An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. **General meetings are 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 May 23 at 7:45 at the Cabana Club and also available on Zoom. The Next Board Meeting is at 7:30 on May 25 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 Jo Borucki** who may be contacted by email at joborucki@yahoo.com or by phone at (408)245-2881. The Breccia is proofread by Pat Speece and by Sonia Dyer. Exchange bulletins may be sent to Jo Borucki, 1196 Sesame Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or emailed to joborucki@yahoo.com. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders