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YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING
OLD WHEN YOU BARELY DO
ANYTHING ALL DAY, AND NEED
TO TAKE A NAP TO CONTINUE
DOING BARELY ANYTHING.

Events

September 22, 6:30 PM: Member Sale

If you have something to sell,
please contact [Jim Herbold](#).

September 22, 7:30 PM: The
General Membership Meeting will
feature **Stephen May's** field trips
overview, with minerals. The
Bragging Rights theme is "Blue".

October 6, 7:30 PM: Board
Meeting on Zoom. All Members are
welcome to attend. If you want to
attend, please contact [Jim Herbold](#).

October 27: The General
Membership Meeting will feature a
DRC Silent Auction.

DRC Silent Auction

The Donation Receiving Committee
will provide all the items for the
auction on **October 27**.

Our regular November Silent
Auction will be held during the
meeting on **November 24**.

Editor's Message

Last month I mentioned hot days. This month I have also had two nights when the temperature did not get below 70. Thank goodness for the heat pump I installed last winter, when my furnace died, as it includes air conditioning.

Thanks to **Jim Fox**, who has been supplying me with 3 [Touch Table](#) rocks each month for several months. He has so many more that I should be able to keep the Touch Table articles going for at least a year.

In honor of the kids that have been showing up at the meetings and the Fair, I am including information on [Mini Miners Monthly](#), and [Crack the News](#), an AFMS-sponsored newsletter for-kids/by-kids.

Frank Mullaney thanks the volunteers that [worked at the Fair](#), offers a possible [wire wrapping class](#), and asks everyone to [pay their dues](#).

I am including [The Tater Family](#), from the CFMS Newsletter, and [SoCal Jaspers](#), from Culver City Rocks' newsletter, The Nugget.

Do you have anything you could contribute that other members might enjoy? The deadline for submissions is the Sunday after each General Meeting.

Deb Runyan, Breccia Editor
editor@scvgms.org, 408-628-7789

Sunshine

Sonia Dyer had nasal surgery. She is recovering but must take it easy for a while. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at the meetings soon.



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

Field Trips

Note: Driving times are from Campbell and are approximate.

September 26–27 (Saturday–Sunday): Field Trip to Mina, NV, ~8-hours

Hawthorne, Mina region in Nevada

Materials: Microcline Feldspar, Copper minerals, Black Quartz Crystals, Epidote, Epidote in Quartz, Epidote in Calcite, Grandradite and Grossular Garnet. Fossils, and possibly Petrified Wood. The roads in Nevada have been thrashed in the last few years. The actual sites and available material will depend upon access issues determined just before the actual trip.

Sponsors: Co-Op Field Trip, CFMS, and Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society

October 9–11 (Friday–Sunday): Field Trip to Jamestown & Bagby, CA, 2.5-hours

Materials: Red- Blue- and Pink Dumortierite, Maraposite

Sponsors: Co-Op Field Trip, and El Dorado County Mineral and Gem

For questions about field trips

Contact: Stephen May, Stephenmay0990@gmail.com

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

Things to Think About

If a rock gets wrapped in paper in the middle of the forest, does anyone look for a pair of broken scissors?

What happened to the rockhound who went to Las Vegas?

He lost his Chert.

And.....

Never lend a geologist money.

They consider a million years recent!!!

President's Message August 2026

Hi, folks! I hope and trust that all is well with you.

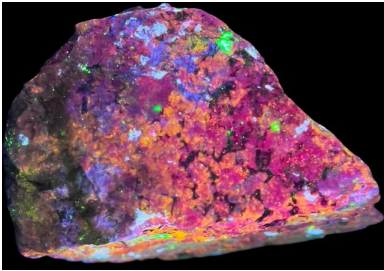
I recently had an opportunity to acquire a very fine fluorescent mineral, and I ended up not making the purchase/trade. The experience gave me an opportunity to reflect on my mineral acquisition preferences.

I have a friend on the East Coast who deals minerals as a side hustle. He's been an invaluable resource for me when I have had mineral identification questions over the years. I have known for a long time that he has the mindset of a mineral dealer, not a mineral collector. Pretty much every time I have sought his opinion on a mineral ID, he has tried to acquire the piece from me. We have attempted to make trades in the past, and the deals have always fallen through. I've never felt confident in my own ability to know the correct retail value of my pieces, and I have known that he's very shrewd at acquiring minerals on the cheap and selling them for very high prices. I don't hold this against him, but I've been reluctant to let go of my nicer pieces in trades with him.

A few weeks ago he texted me about 20 pictures of excellent specimens that he recently acquired. They were all available for sale or trade. One piece was clearly the star of the batch. It was a specimen of what is called "Parker Shaft Soup", something I've described in a recent Breccia writeup. This mine shaft has produced the rarest and most sought-after fluorescent pieces from the entire mine complex. The primary mineral that is known from this location is margarosanite, a rare lead calcium silicate that is only found in one other place on earth (Sweden). Below is a picture of the piece - it measures 4" x 4.5" x 3" and it explodes in color when illuminated under shortwave light. It contains margarosanite (white), nasonite (grey), pectolite (orange), prehnite (yellow orange), xonotlite (light blue), willemite (green), and axinite (deep red). Nasonite is particularly rare - I do not have an example of it in my collection.

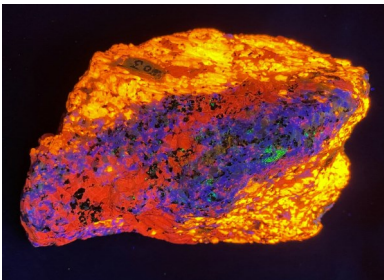
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It's a beautiful rock, right?

I won't go into all of the details of our interaction, but my friend put a price on the piece that would have made it the most expensive rock that I would have ever purchased. I'm not saying it wasn't priced correctly, but it was a big number. He was willing to trade for the piece and that began a back-and-forth where he asked if I was willing to part ways with a number of my best pieces. In short, I wasn't. The funny thing is that I'm fairly well-convinced that some of the pieces that he was trying to get me to trade were actually more valuable than the one I was interested in. We never engaged deeply enough to confirm this because I did not want to lean in too hard and corner myself into a deal that I was not ready for.

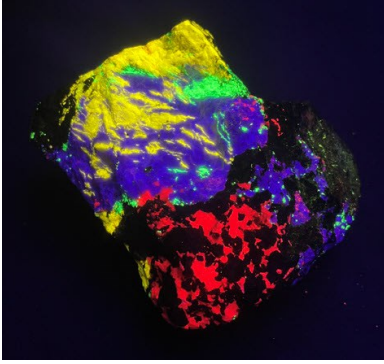


"Second Find" wollastonite with hardystonite, calcite, and willemite, from Franklin, NJ. A keeper for sure.

The next morning I let him know that I was going to sit tight with my pieces, and he let me know that he had already sold the rock for the price he was seeking. I was not surprised, but I was also not disappointed about not making the deal. I enjoy my collection very much and I know that some of my best pieces are quite good. This experience reaffirmed that I don't need to spend thousands of dollars on a rock to put together a great collection over time. I'd rather continue hunting for great pieces at (relative) bargain prices. That element adds to the fun and excitement of collecting minerals. At least for me that's true!

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Another keeper - wispy esperite, hardystonite, calcite, and willemite from Franklin, NJ.

So I'll keep my eyes open at gem and mineral shows, and if I come across a great rock at a reasonable price, you'll probably see it in an upcoming message in Breccia!

That's it for now, enjoy!

Jim Herbold

SCVGMS President

Junior Activities

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Jr. Activities

"Crack the News" Seeks Cub Reporters

"Crack the News" is an AFMS-sponsored newsletter for-kids/by-kids. Editor Denis Gertenbach (of the Flatirons Mineral Club, Colorado) welcomes submissions of brief rock-, fossil-, or lapidary-related articles, field trip reports, poems, cartoons, photos, and more. Kids who send material earn a "George the Geode" badge and are eligible for awards during the annual AFMS bulletin contest. They can send brand new articles or articles they may have already published in their club newsletter.

Help nurture the cub reporters in your society! Full details, along with past issues of "Crack the News", are posted on the AFMS website at <https://www.juniors.amfed.org/juniors-newsletter>. The latest edition was just recently released and is posted there. Check it out!

From the CFMS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

Jim Fox's Touch Table

Apache Gold

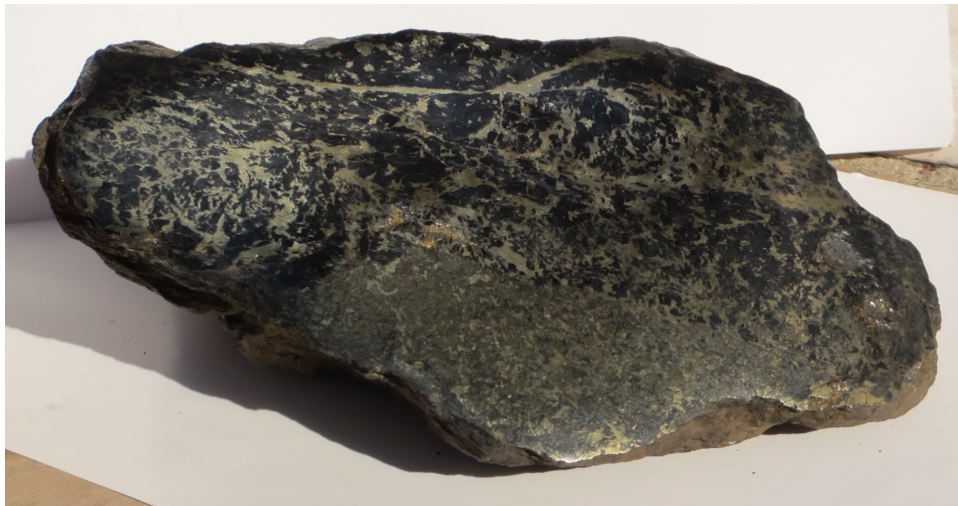
Apache Gold is a beautiful black rock with shiny, metallic, gold-colored streaks. It is found in the United Verde Mine in Jerome, Arizona. The name Apache Gold is a reference to the Apache Indians who lived in Arizona, and the gold refers to the color of the streaks.

The host rock is a black shist, the shiny gold colored streaks are chalcopryite. Chalcopryite (also sometimes known as Fool's Gold) is the most important copper ore.

Shist is a common coarse-grained rock with a Mohs hardness of 5.0.

The name Chalcopryite is a combination from the Greek word "khalkos" meaning "copper" and "pyrite" meaning "strike fire" and is composed mainly of a copper iron sulfide. Some chalcopryite ores contain some silver or gold—enough to pay for the costs of refining.

Because of their bright golden color, gold and chalcopryite are often confused. One definite way to distinguish them is by their streak color. Gold has a streak color of yellow, whereas chalcopryite has a streak color of green-tinged black.



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Aurora Borealis Obsidian

Aurora Borealis Obsidian from Glass Butte, Oregon, is an obsidian with multicolored iridescence caused by inclusions of magnetite nanoparticles.

Obsidian is a naturally occurring volcanic glass formed as an extrusive igneous rock. Obsidian is produced when felsic lava extruded from a volcano cools rapidly with minimal crystal growth. ... Felsic lavas have the highest silica and lowest magnesium concentration. Felsic lavas are the coolest and erupt at temperatures less than 750 degrees Celsius. The high silica concentration of felsic magmas makes them very resistant to flow. In fact, felsic lavas usually only form stiff domes or very limited flows.



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Charoite

Charoite is a relatively rare rock which has a complex composition of hydrated potassium, sodium, calcium, barium, strontium, hydroxy fluorite and silicate. It was first described in 1978 and is named for the Chara River in Siberia, Russia, which is the only place in the world where it is found.

Charoite is lavender to purple in color with a pearly luster. It is strictly massive in nature, and fractures are conchoidal. It has an unusual swirling, fibrous appearance, that is sometimes chatoyant. The fibrous appearance along with its intense color, can lead many to believe that it is synthetic or artificially enhanced.

Though reportedly discovered in the 1940s, it was not known to the general collecting world until its description in 1978. It is said to be opaque and unattractive when found in the field; a fact that may have contributed to its late recognition.

The black in these charoite pieces is aegirine crystals, the yellow is canasite and the yellow-brown prismatic crystals are tinaksite.



Bragging Rights

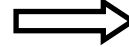
August's Bragging Rights Theme was "Orbicular Jasper".



Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper, Kyle van Woerkom



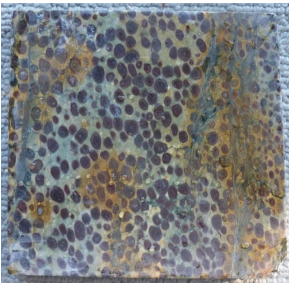
Ocean Jasper, Madagascar, Jim Fox



Kambaba Jasper, John Hawk



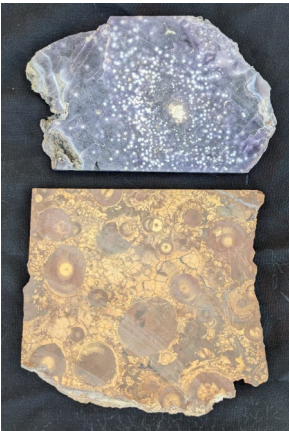
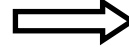
Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper sphere, Neil Delfino



Oolitic Jasper, Nevada, Neil Delfino



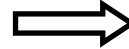
Morgan Hill Poppy Jasper, Neil Delfino



Purple Agate/Oolite Jasper, Anne Ruiz



Orbicular Jasper, Joan Schramm



Sorry, I did not get a photo

The winner is Jim Fox's Ocean Jasper.

September's Bragging Rights theme is "Blue".

Mini Miners Monthly

From: Darryl Powell <powellpublicationsgroup@gmail.com>

This month's "Mini Miners Monthly" is ready for you to enjoy!

Please go to this DropBox link to safely download it to your computer.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hx9f9i9et6a0jd40ozk85/Mini-Miners-Monthly-August-2026.pdf?rlkey=ogg8yxa5xglto1xsb9bkh1l74&st=haw57m6f&dl=0>

We continue to receive contributions from some of our young readers. Please enjoy their contributions in this issue. If you have an article, artwork, story, or pictures to share, please email them to me, Darryl Powell, for inclusion in future issue(s) of "Mini Miners Monthly".

Blessings to all

Darryl

aka Diamond Dan

Membership Dues for 2026 Are Due

SCVGMS membership dues are due for the year 2026. Your dues are essential to the operation of SCVGMS.

Dues are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

You can now easily pay online, at <https://www.scvgms.org/product/membership-dues/>

Or

Pay Frank at a meeting

Or

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

Thank you.

Are You Interested in Wire Wrapping?

I have an instructor who is willing to teach Wire Wrapping. She is Margaret Kolaczyk, a very knowledgeable instructor, who has taught at Camp Paradise in the past.

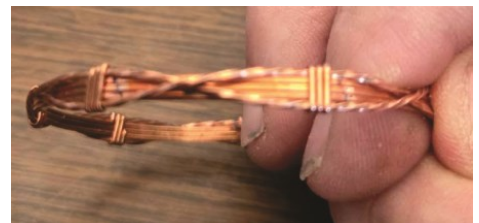
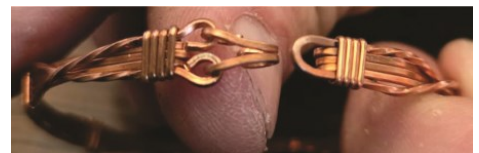
You will need your own tools and wire, and there will be a nominal fee.

The class will be taught at the Cabana Club.

If you are interested in doing this please let me know.

Frank Mullaney 408 691-2656 or email rockyfiv@gmail.com

Here are pictures of what she did at the Santa Clara County Fair.



Website Links

Your Window to the World of Important Websites

SCVGMS Website: <https://www.scvgms.org/>

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

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

American Lands Access Association (ALAA): www.amlands.org

BLM Rockhounding: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/rockhounding>

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

"CO-OP"—The Cooperative Field Trip Chairmen Association's Website: <https://www.co-opfieldtrips.com/field-trips>

GemKids: <https://gemkids.gia.edu/>

Mindat.org (world's largest open database of minerals, rocks, meteorites): <https://www.mindat.org/>

Smithsonian Science How Webcast Archives: <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/education/school-programs/grades-3-5/smithsonian-science-how/smithsonian-science-how-webcast-archives>

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History: <https://www.youtube.com/@nationalmuseumofnaturalhistory>

Beyond 4Cs 23 Amazing Sites For Free Gemology Courses & Resources: beyond4cs.com/free-gemology-courses-and-resources/

Common Minerals & Their Uses: <https://mineralseducationcoalition.org>

Official State Fossils: https://netstate.com/states/tables/state_fossils.htm

Ultimate Beginners Guide to Rock Tumbling: rocktumbling.co/beginners-guide

American Geode: <http://www.americangeode.com/>

The American Opal Society: <http://opalsociety.org>

Rock Tumbler Library: <https://rocktumbler.com/questions.shtml>

Information on Shows

2026

September 18–20 – Reno, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
CFMS Annual Show & Convention
Reno Convention Center

Hours: Fri & Sat 9–5, Sun 9–4

Contact:

[showdirector@renogemandmineral
society.org](mailto:showdirector@renogemandmineral
society.org)

Web: renogms.org

September 19–20 – Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral
Society

Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Rd.

Hours: Sat & Sun 10–5

Web: cvgms.rocks

September 19–20, 2026 – Chico

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral
Society

Silver Dollar Fairground
2357 Fair St.

Hours: Sat 9–5, Sun 9–4

Contact:

shows@featherriverrocks.org

Web: featherriverrocks.org/show-2

September 19–20, 2026 – Arcadia

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Center

50 W. Duarte Rd.

Hours: Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4

Contact: (626) 260-7239,
marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com

Web: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

September 26, 2026 – Lake Elsinore

Lake Elsinore Gem and Mineral Society
32113 Corydon Rd

Hours: 10–4

Contact: (909) 208-6956,
berylman50@aol.com

September 26–27, 2026 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Alex Madonna Expo Center
120 Madonna Rd.

Hours: Sat & Sun 10–5

Contact: 2026show@slogem.org

Web: slogem.org/gems-by-the-sea

October 3–4, 2026 – Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem and Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds

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1890 Briggs St.

Hours: Sat 9–5, Sun 9–4

Contact: 530-722-7133

sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com,

Web: shastagemandmineral.org

October 10–11, 2026 – Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
and Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Ave

Hours: Sat & Sun 10–5

Contact:

impresciaconstruction@gmail.com

650-575-3144

Web: <https://pggs.org/>

October 17, 2026 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First United Methodist Church

22700 Sherman Way

Hours: Sat 10–5

Contact: barnettcelia53@gmail.com

Web: <https://rockchippers.org/>

October 17–18, 2026 – Santa Rosa,

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

Memorial Hall, 1351 Maple Ave.

Hours: Sat 10–6, Sun 10–5

Contact: vcommons@outlook.com,
408-691-7823

Web: <http://srmgs.org/>

October 24–25, 2026 – Sacramento

Sacramento Mineral Society

The Scottish Rite Temple,

6151 H Street

Hours: Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4

Contact: 916-622-5819,
gemshow@sacgemshow.com

Web: <https://www.sacgemshow.com/>

October 24–25, 2026 – Orange, CA

American Opal Society

Velvet Rose Event Center, 300 S.
Flower St

Hours: Sat 10–6, Sun 10–5

Contact: 714-501-9959,

info@opalsociety.org

Web: [https://opalsociety.org/
Opal_Show_Current/
opal_show_current.htm](https://opalsociety.org/Opal_Show_Current/opal_show_current.htm)

November 7–8, 2026 – Ridgecrest

Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society

Desert Empire Fairgrounds

520 S. Richmond Rd.

Hours: 9–5

Contact: showchairman@iwgms.org

Website: <https://iwgms.org>

2026 Santa Clara County Fair

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the County Fair:

Jim Fox for this touch and feel table.

Margaret Kolaczyk for demonstrating how to do Chainmaille and Wire Wrapping.

Donna Kelley for demonstrating how to Knapp Arrow Heads and other useful tools.

Bob Kout for his Tumbled Stone Table.

Steven May for his two display cases.

John Vinton & Jose Sul for demonstrating how to create Cabochons.

Lon Mullaney for taking the items used at the fair back to the trailers.

Murphy Alexander for staying late and helping with teardown.

Dustin Bastianelli, Shuang Li & daughter, Nick & Victoria Samoray, Wei Wang & daughter, Deb Runyan, and Margo Mosher for volunteering to talk to the Fair goers.

It was a great event. Again, thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

See you all next year at the same time and place. We have some ideas for making it even better.

Frank Mullaney

**Scientists have grown
human vocal cords in a
petri dish.**

**The results speak for
themselves.**

Arguing with a women is like reading
the Software License Agreement.

In the end, you ignore
everything and click
"I agree".

The Tater Family

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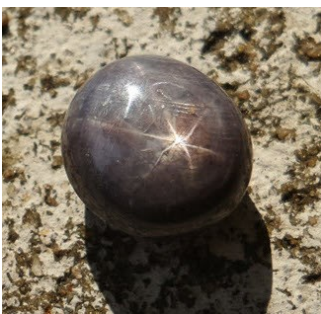
Have you heard the story of "The Tater Family"?

Members of the family are found (though perhaps by another name) in almost every club. There is the head of the family, **Dick Tater**, who wants to run everything in the club. His brother, **Ro Tater**, wants to change everything and his sister, **Agi Tater**, is always stirring up trouble. Agi Tater's son, **Hesi Tater**, pours cold water on almost every proposal that is made, while cousin **Vege Tater** helps the proposal to die, even if it is adopted. Then there is **Iri Tater**, who doesn't seem to get along with anyone. **Imi Tater** wants the club to do what everyone else is doing, and **Spec Tater** is content to sit on the sidelines and let someone else do all the work.

But then, thank goodness, not all of the members of the Tater Family are trouble makers. There is **Facili Tater**, who is a charming person and very helpful. **Cogi Tater** thinks things through carefully and plans well. His bother, **Medi Tater**, makes a positive contribution at meetings that he attends, and **Common Tater**, perhaps the most down-to-earth and the friendliest of the Tater Family, is helpful and supportive.

From Canaveral Moonstone vis Cobb-I-Stones, 6/1995, via CFMS Newsletter, March 2026

Raw Sapphires



Mineral Report: SoCal Jaspers

Joel Kuennen, Mineral Chair for Culver City Rocks



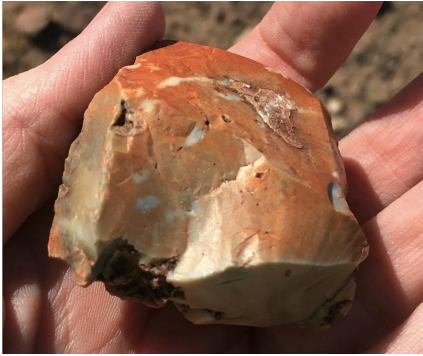
Jasper is a lapidary favorite—tough, richly patterned, and full of color. As a microcrystalline variety of quartz, it's part of the chalcedony family but differs in its opacity and often in dramatic inclusions. Jasper forms in a wide range of geological environments and can take on nearly any color or pattern depending on local mineral content, deposition, and volcanic activity.

This staple of the studio forms when silica-rich fluids—often from volcanic ash, hydrothermal fluids, or the chemical weathering of rocks—percolate through cracks, cavities, or porous rocks, and precipitate microcrystalline quartz (chalcedony) over time. Unlike clear quartz which forms at higher temps, chalcedony crystals are microscopic and form under 320 degrees, giving jasper its smooth, soft-looking texture. What makes jasper distinct is the presence of impurities—like iron, manganese, or clay minerals—which give it its rich colors and patterns. Iron oxides (like hematite or goethite) produce reds and yellows, manganese gives black or deep purples, and other elements cause greens, blues, or browns.

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Southern California is rich in diverse and collectible jaspers due to lots of volcanic activity, weathering, and currently dry environments. Now, it's important to know that the names below are really marketing terms rather than proper geological terms. But, it'll at least give you a good idea of what you can find when getting out of LA for a short summer road trip:



Mojave Jasper

Found in the Mojave Desert, this jasper can range from red and orange to green and purple, often with banding or brecciated patterns. Its hardness and vivid color make it great for cabochons.



Lavic Jasper

Sourced near Lavic Siding off Route 66, this jasper is known for its bright reds, oranges, and yellows—classic “picture jasper” material with swirls and layers reminiscent of desert landscapes.

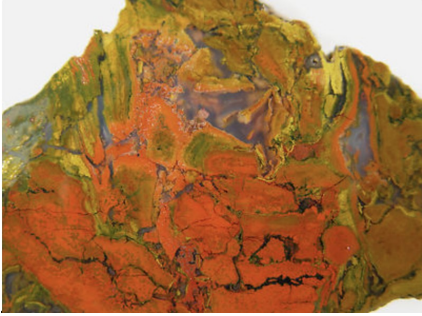


Pisgah Jasper

Mined near Pisgah Crater, this material often shows orbicular patterns and wild brecciation, with black, gray, red, and cream tones. A fun challenge for intermediate cutters due to its internal fractures.

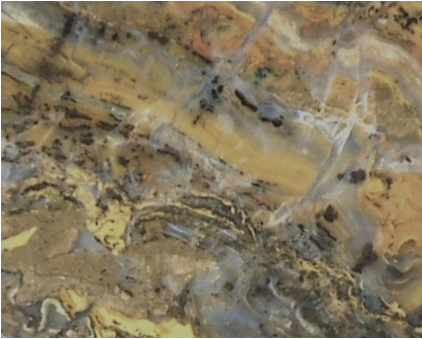
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Cady Mountains Jasper

From the Cady Mountains near Barstow, this jasper ranges from clean pastel tones to bold polychrome banding. You'll find poppy jasper types here, with orb-like red spots in contrasting matrices.



Rainbow Ridge Jasper

Technically just outside SoCal near the border with Nevada, but often collected by locals—this jasper features swirling bands of pink, black, gray, and green. Beautiful when polished and suitable for slabs.



Dalmatian Jasper

A misnomer geologically (it's actually an igneous rock with feldspar and arfvedsonite), this speckled black-and-white material is still beloved by lapidaries. It polishes well and takes whimsical shapes. Found throughout the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Joel Kuennen, Mineral Chair

From May 2025 issue of The Nugget, newsletter for Culver City Rocks.

<https://culvercityrocks.org/nugget-may-2025/>

SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

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Secretary: Cynthia Porter, 408-978-5848
Treasurer: Frank Mullaney, 408-691-2656

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Missy Fox, 408-356-7711
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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 held the fourth Tuesday of every month with meet and greet time beginning at 7:00 followed by the meeting at 7:30 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 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.

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