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The Searchers Club & Mineral Society, Anaheim, CA

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The President's Message

Hello fellow Searchers

The results of the November elections are in and we have several new members on the Board of Directors. I was elected a year ago to help the club get its operations in order. We made some progress, but there is much work still to be done. It is my hope that the new Board will continue making the necessary changes. As an example, the Searchers has not had an audit of its books and records in years, yet it is required annually by our By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1. I worked with the Board to make a change to our Standing Rules which would make it easier to perform the required audit. Even though this measure should have been non-controversial, it narrowly passed a vote of the membership. With this change in place it is my hope that the new Board will follow through with the required audit this December, and include all prior years for which no audits were performed.

Another issue came to light with this November's elections. Per Article VII, Section 1 of our By-Laws, the nominating committee is required to present nominations to the membership at the October meeting, and accept further nominations at that time. We did not have an October Membership meeting; it was replaced by the Boutique, thus no nominations were presented. Though nominations are allowed from the floor during the November elections, this process needs to be fixed so that members have adequate time to evaluate candidates for office and make an informed vote.

I did not seek the office of President when I was elected a year ago, but I accepted it none the less, and am thankful for the support I received from many of you. For those who sought and achieved positions on the Board this year, let's give them the support they deserve going forward.

Doug Flaugh

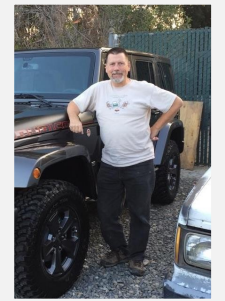
Thank You to Doug Flaugh

I wanted to extend a personal thank you to outgoing President Doug Flaugh for working so hard for the Searchers this past year. I particularly appreciate his professionalism and concern for the bottom line and the financial sustainability of the club. He has been invaluable to the Searchers show ordering the tables, setting up and taking down, loading and unloading, and loaning us lights for the patio security. He has quietly contributed knowledge, labor and skills behind the scenes for show raffle prizes and other club needs that we have all benefited from. Many thanks to this great outdoorsman and Rockhound!

Margaret Hogarth

Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Veterans!

Note: We just discovered that the VA lapidary shop has a faceting machine and now has someone available to teach them. Any faceting rough you could donate would be a great treat for them.



Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
January 2019		Quartzsite Arizona	always

For field trip information contact: Matt Buchanan V.P. Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, mattdbuchanan@gmail.com

January Field Trip: Quartzsite Gem and Mineral Shows

Location / Description

Quartzsite is located in western Arizona, just 20 miles east of the Colorado River on I-10. It's been a rockhound's paradise since the 1960s. These days, it's also a mecca to well over a million visitors each year, most of whom converge on this small town in a wave of RVs during the months of January and February.



At this time of the year, 2,000 vendors of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and everything else imaginable create one of the world's largest open air flea markets in Quartzsite. Eight major gem and mineral shows as well as vendors of raw and handcrafted merchandise peddle their wares to snowbirds, collectors and enthusiasts, making Quartzsite the place to be the first two months of each year.

Population / Elevation

Quartzsite 1,900 people / 876 feet above sea level



Weather / Climate

Quartzsite has a classic low desert climate with extremely low relative humidity and very high summer temperatures. On the average, it receives less than 4 inches of precipitation a year. Stores, shops, restaurants, theaters and homes are air-conditioned year round in Quartzsite. June, July, August and September temperature are in the 100 plus area.

Read more: <https://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html#ixzz5XuvidKKF>

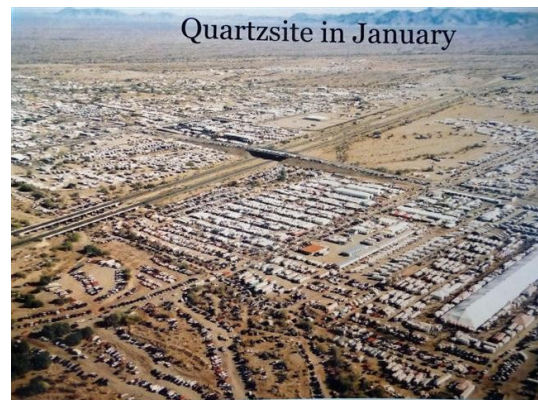
Shows and Events

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral
January 01 - February 28, 2019

Prospectors Panorama
January 01 - February 27, 2019

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry
January 16 - January 20, 2019

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
January 04 - January 13, 2019



Jewel Tunnel Imports Open House

Dec. 8th 2018

13100 Spring St, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Jewel Tunnel once more is having their annual open house for Gem and Mineral Societies. A great place to shop. They will be open from 10 to 4PM



Searcher's Show News

Show News

Field trips are a good opportunity to pick up small (walnut sized or less) beautiful or interesting pieces for our grab bags. Lately I've been collecting chalcedony nodules, jasper, small lava rocks that look like moon rocks, rhyolite with nice color and designs, cherry opal bits, and some small pieces with chrysocolla color. These all add some interest to our grab bags, and give a nice variety. If I find larger, showy pieces, these go to the Wheel of Fortune. As I review my stash, I set aside good material for the silent auction. You can help, too! These small collections help the show experience so much! If we all contribute we will have a good supply of material for our 500 grab bags and other Searcher activities. You can bring material to the meetings or to the workshop and I'll arrange to pick it up. The Show Committee will start meeting in January:

- Jan. 5
- Feb. 2
- Mar. 2
- Apr. 5

Our show meetings will be from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Anaheim Center. The Senior Center is past the workshop, through the large wooden gate. Join us! We are a hard-working but fun-loving group dedicated to supporting the Searcher's main fundraiser.

I Keep on rocking!
 Margaret Hogarth
hogarth.m@gmail.com
 909-815-3045

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
12-1-18	No meeting	Christmas Party

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2018-2019 CFMS Gem Shows

DECEMBER 2018

December 1 - 2: BARSTOW, CA
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Danny Watts, (760) 373-1309
Email: dvwatts@msn.com
Website: www.mdgms.net

JANUARY 2019

January 19 - 20: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Laura Manser (559) 308-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com [Show Page](#)

FEBRUARY 2019

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 16 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidarvclub.com

February 23 - 24: VALLEJO, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive

Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

MARCH 2019

March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Beth Farmer, (510)-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vngms.org
Website: www.vngms.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!

March 8, 9 & 10, 2019
80th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
POMONA, CA
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society
[Show Page](#)

For Vendor Forms: showdealers@pasadenalapidary.org
Or call: (626) 260-7239

Details will be posted as they develop.

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494
Email: bud.mcmillin.B7YJ@statefarm.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
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March 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, (408) 629-5735
Email: sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvngms.org

March 23- 24: ROSEVILLE, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: James Hutchings, (916) 995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com [Show Page](#)

March 30 - 31: TORRANCE, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Kathy Polliard, (310) 533-4931
Email: kjpolliard@yahoo.com
Website: southbaylapidaryvandmineralociety.com [Show Page](#)

APRIL 2019

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa off Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan
Email: mgmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org> [Show Page](#)

December Birthstone: Turquoise, Tanzanite, Zircon



Searcher's Holiday Banquet

Mimi's Café



December 1st 2018 at 5 P. M.
Price \$25
17231 17th St., Tustin, CA 92780



Questions: Veronica's cell # (714) 501-9959 or return email angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com)

Checks made out to: "Searcher's Society" or "Searcher's Gem and Mineral Society"

Cash or Check payments need to be sent to: P.O. Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92803

Deadline for payments and sign-up needs to be no later than: Monday November 26th
(bring at event otherwise)

Gift exchange: only those who bring a wrapped gift may participate in the gift exchange, and the gift should preferably be related to rocks/rock-hounding/minerals if you can
(minimum \$10 or more value)

Soups and Salads: All entrees come with a choice of Caesar salad or a cup of soup.

Drinks: The dinner menu comes with basic drinks (ice tea, water, soda, etc...); special drinks or alcoholic drinks must be ordered and paid for separately by the member.

Dinner Choices: French Pot Roast, Roasted Turkey Dinner, Citrus Salmon or Chicken Cheddar Mac

Desserts Options: Choco Chip Bread Pudding, Crème Brulee, Molten Lava Cake, French Silk Slab Pie



The Amazing Quartz Crystals from Tasikmalaya Regency, West Java Province, Indonesia

By : Sujatmiko

Tasikmalaya Regency is located in West Java Province, Indonesia. Its capital city, Tasikmalaya, can be reached from Bandung, the capital city of West Java Province by car that takes about 3 hours (Figure 1). The finding of quartz crystals in this regency occurred last year in 2017 when among gemstone samples received from this regency there were three types of quartz crystals that after being briefly surveyed to the field, it can be concluded that they occurred in three different geological environments that are found in an old submarine volcanic rock formation of Lower Miocene age, approximately 20 to 25 million years ago.



Figure 2: Various forms of single quartz geodes associated with basaltic lava flows.

The first type of quartz is found inside single geodes associated with basaltic lava flows (Figure 2). The quartz crystals fill the inner walls of geodes and consist of three major colors respectively colorless, yellowish / citrine and purplish/ amethyst. The size of quartz are also vary from sugar-like or drusy to crystals up to several centimeters. The second type of quartz is found inside multi geodes associated with silicified coral/karst limestone that are oftenly found as lenses in the submarine volcanic rock formation.

The third type of quartz is in the form of quartz crystals associated with fracture fillings or veins (Figure 4). Due to its color that is almost similar to the color of snow, it is then called *Snow Quartz*. This type of quartz is found abundantly in the southernmost part of the regency that is known rich in metallic mineral resources. In addition, this snow quartz that has been proven scientifically to having piezoelectric power is becoming popular among practitioners of Yoga, Reiki, Meditation, Pranic healing, and others.

The finding of these three types of quartz crystals in three different geological environments is a phenomenon that is rarely found in other part of Indonesia. This brief article is expected to be beneficial and hopefully will add insight to the members of Reseacher. Please feel free to write me if you have any questions or need further detail.

Best Regards
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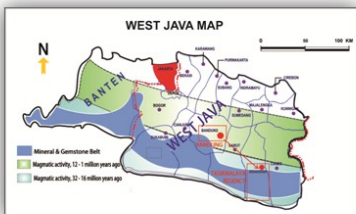


Figure 1: West Java map showing the location of Tasikmalaya Regency and belt of mineral and gemstone.



Figure 4: Cluster of snow quartz crystals with a twinned mother crystal surrounded by smaller crystals (ruler in centimeter)



Figure 3: Single quartz geode filled with flower chalcedony and covered by almost colorless drusy quartz (ruler in centimeter)

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 6-10 PM and Saturday 3-7 PM

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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