

# The Rock Slab News



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## The President's Message

Hello Searchers and Friends!

# Meeting Alert!

We will be back at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center in April. Since it will be closed for two weeks for annual scheduled maintenance, we will hold our General Membership Meeting at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**The workshop will be closed through April 16th**



## New Searchers Bulletin Board

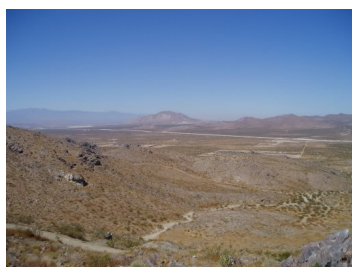
This month I thought I'd start up a new bulletin board for the club on meeting nights. We can share business cards, maybe "wanted" or "for sale" notes, etc. If you have something you'd like to post, bring it in for the board.

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

Heather Jaeckels 2017 President, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

## Jim Peterson - Searchers Rockhound of the Year.

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# Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
4-29-30	Joe Goetz	Stoddard Wells	planned
5-27-29		Kramer Junction	

## FIELD TRIP: Stoddard Wells April 29-30, 2017

Duration: Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. A potluck or a run into a Victorville restaurant will be planned for Saturday night. And later, weather permitting, a campfire back at camp (not in the restaurant)!

Material: There is jade, verde antique marble, blue dolomite, soapstone, tri colored marble and other collectibles in the area.

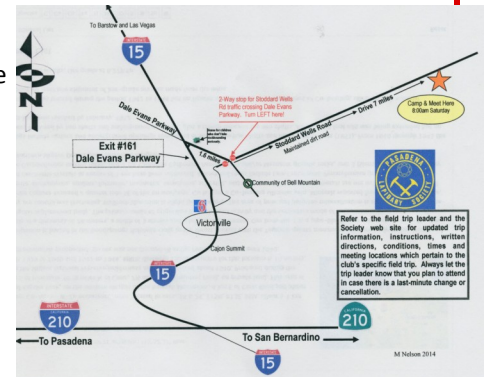
Bring: Bring all the usual things like a hat, sunglasses, lunch, sunscreen, water, rock hammer, a bag to put rock into and dress in layers. April can still be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon and downright cold at night.

Overnight options: It is close enough that a day trip is easy to do, however camping offers unique opportunities such as seeing the sunrise that can only be enjoyed while camping and not seen in town. As well as sunset can be spectacular after a day of collecting and exploring. At night seeing the stars in the sky is absolutely fantastic, you probably didn't realize just how many stars can be seen when the city lights are dim. Camping at the site of the Tailgate Mineral Show is actually quite nice. And for non-campers Victorville offers lots of lodging possibilities - even a close-by Motel 6.

Safety: Since the snakes have already come out because of the warm weather. The common sense things such as not putting your hands where you can't see or not walking between two large bushes because it is a place snakes like to lurk. And dress in loose jeans or pants and wear boots that go over the ankles and of course be aware and look carefully at your surroundings. It's about being careful and still having fun.

More details, maps and directions will be posted on the Pasadena web site. Watch your email and the web site for any change in plans. I hope to see you out there!

Lost somewhere..... Joe Goetz Pasadena Lapidary Society  
<http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org/Calendar.html>



For field trip information contact: Robert Burson V.P. Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, bursonrocks@verizon.net

## Trip Report Lavic Siding

Saint Patty's Day weekend cued right on scrip. Barstow and the desert disappeared under a green blanket of assorted grasses and a sprinkling of flowers. Even a lot on the stark black lava fields wore a fringe of green. Did someone move Ireland. Ok, so I have a slight generosity for my enthusiastic nature. It was well attended trip of about twenty five cars with multitudes of seekers attending this rocky event. Pasadinkys, Whittirites, Del Airrers and Searchettes took advantage of great weather to corner a bumper crop of early season treasure. Lavic Jasper is revered as top quality material. As I viewed some the results. I believe most scored well. The pot-luck turned into a five star spread, no question this was the best place to eat within a 40 mile radius . Sorry Peggy Sues we beat you this night. I still love you guys we just had more chefs. Robert christened his 2016 Jeep, so that was a magic moment. The lateness brought a impressive light display with full sky multicolored sunset. You should have been there really one for the photo gallery. Some traveled to the Jasper hills on the flanks of the Cady's which gave many the opportunities to hike back into the hills. Good time, great people, hope you agree.

# Searchers Show Update

## Searchers Show Needs

Our show is coming up on the first weekend of May. Be sure to come to the general meeting April 18 to sign up to help at the show. We have stations and jobs for all abilities! If you need to sit, help at the Searchers Sale table, membership, wheel of fortune, grab bags, or raffle tables. For variety, help in the kitchen, with security, or with the silent auction. Please sign up to help as much as you can; it takes a lot of people hours to keep our show running well. Our presence at our show is part of what makes our show so well liked by both vendors and visitors alike.



We need to borrow canopies for the lunch and other outdoor tables. We need baked goods to sell (individual portions, please, that don't require refrigeration). If you can, contribute children's and adult prizes, small and large. Anything rock related fits the bill!

Pick up some fliers and distribute them to your friends and local groups. There are fliers in the workshop and at our meetings. If you need more, be sure to contact me.

Join us! Keep making prizes for children and adults, and collecting materials for the grab bags! Questions? Call Margaret 909-815-3045, [hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com).

## Silent Auction Material

The show is now close at hand, and the good news is that we have quite a bit of material for the Silent Auction. But we still need your help. We want our Silent Auction to continue to be the best around, and although we have quite a large quantity of material what we don't have are much in the way of mineral specimens and fossils, so if you mineral and fossil folks could donate some that would help a lot. And the rest of you Searchers can still help us (and your club) by just donating one or two pieces of something especially fine. We already have quantity, but what differentiates us from other auctions is quality, and your donations are what makes the difference. So please try find one or two sweet pieces for the auction. Regards, Steve

**Show and Tell Description:** With the show a mere week or so away, we wanted to try out something different for this meeting, especially since it differs in time due to building maintenance. Members have suggested a "Show, Tell and Sell" meeting where members can bring their personal items/collection to, well, show and tell or even sell (or trade if you wish). This will give everyone a great chance to mix and mingle with their fellow members, see what they collect and maybe make a deal. It's a fun, social gathering.

## Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
4-18-2017	none	Show, Tell or Sell
5-9-2017	Justin Zzyzx	"The Minerals and Mines around Barstow California"

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

## Upcoming 2017 CFMS Gem Shows

### APRIL

#### April 1 - 2: CHICO, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4  
Contact: Kevin Wright, (530) 990-0211  
Email: [agateorca@ix.netcom.com](mailto:agateorca@ix.netcom.com)  
Website: [paradisegem.org](http://paradisegem.org)

#### April 1 - 2: 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: Nancy Pekarek, (310) 257-8152  
Email: [pekareks@hotmail.com](mailto:pekareks@hotmail.com)  
Website: [southbaylapidaryandmineralociety.com](http://southbaylapidaryandmineralociety.com)

#### April 7, 8 & 9: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: 9 - 5 daily  
Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524  
Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)  
Website: [www.vistarocks.org](http://www.vistarocks.org)

#### April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
5007 Fairgrounds Rd/Hwy 49 So.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Meredith Meehan, (559) 868-3535  
Email: [mcmc@sti.net](mailto:mcmc@sti.net)  
Website: [www.camineralmuseum.com](http://www.camineralmuseum.com)

#### April 22 - 23: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
Paso Robles Event Center  
2198 Riverside Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Tina Clark, (805) 305-0246

Email: [slrockhounds@gmail.com](mailto:slrockhounds@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.slrockhounds.org](http://www.slrockhounds.org)

#### April 22 - 23: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Road at Borchard Road  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734  
Email: [rmsorca@roadrunner.com](mailto:rmsorca@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.cgamc.org](http://www.cgamc.org)

#### April 29 - 30: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster High School  
44701 32nd Street West  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Website: [www.avgem.weebly.com](http://www.avgem.weebly.com)

#### April 29 - 30: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
307 Church Street  
Hours: 10 - 5 daily  
Contact: Dean Welder  
Email: [wdeanwelder@gmail.com](mailto:wdeanwelder@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.scrockngem.org](http://www.scrockngem.org)

### MAY

#### May 5 - 7: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival  
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street  
Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 12 - 10, Sun 12 - 6  
Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731  
Website: [www.yvgms.org](http://www.yvgms.org)

#### May 6 - 7: JACKSON, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society  
Kennedy Mine  
12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwy 49/88)  
Hours: 10 - 4 daily

Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388

Email: [mountaingirl@volcano.net](mailto:mountaingirl@volcano.net)  
Website: [amadorgemandmineral.org](http://amadorgemandmineral.org)

#### May 6 - 7, 2017: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Event Center  
1350 North Wells Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 359-6068  
Email: [sailondan55@aol.com](mailto:sailondan55@aol.com)  
Website: [www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

#### May 6 - 7: ANAHEIM, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30  
Contact: Margaret Hogarth, 909 815-3045  
Email: [hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

### JUNE

#### June 2 - 4: LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd.  
Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5  
Contact: Armando Perdoza, (909) 455-6800  
Email: [forestandson@yahoo.com](mailto:forestandson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)

#### June 3 - 4: ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts  
340 N. Escondido Blvd.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4  
Contact: Dawn Vickers  
Email: [dawnjvickers@gmail.com](mailto:dawnjvickers@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.palomargem.org](http://www.palomargem.org)

## April Birthstone - Diamond







# Searchers Society

## 58th Annual

# Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Ave, Anaheim, CA

Saturday, May 6th, 2017 / hours 10am - 5pm  
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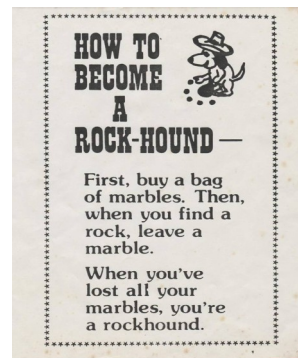
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## Field Trips planned for the Year

April 29th & 30th	Stoddard Well
May 27th thru 29th	Kramer Junction
June Daytrip	TBA
July Daytrip	TBA
August Daytrip	TBA
September	Opportunity ???
October Nov. 4th & 5th	Whittier Claim
November 23rd thru 26th	Afton Canyon



Note that these are joint club trips. If as these trips come up you are interested in going contact Robert Burson at (562) 706 4892. He will then let the field trip leader know how many Searchers will be joining the trip. Detailed plans should be available before the trip so you will know the trip details.

## Searchers Rockhound of the Year: Jim Peterson

He is undoubtedly the most complete rockhound I know. If you need an expert digger he is in the hole already braving out rock. He will give it to other members and then bring back rock for silent auctions and/or the work shop. Need a guest speaker? call him the last minute and he will do that for you. Very effective communicator. Almost never absent from any of the field trips. His rig anchors the field trip, the sign center, the potluck on Saturday night and is the convenient stop for new guests. Need an award for a member, plaque, sphere, belt buckle, clock he is your man. He is the consummate Rockhound! Board involvement-Jimmy has been 2nd VP (field trip) and Board of Director more times than I can remember.

Submitted by Robert Burson 2nd VP Field Trip Director



# Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

## General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

[www.searchersrocks.org](http://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, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

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

**Mailing Address:** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
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Anaheim, CA 92803

**Website:** [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

<b>Membership Dues:</b>	Individual	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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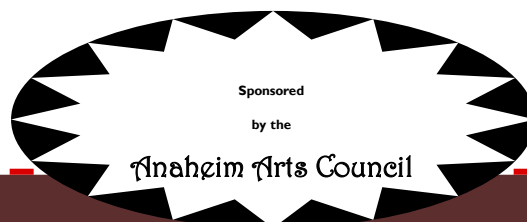
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