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# The Rock Slab News



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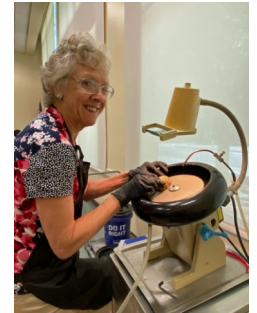
**The Searchers next meeting:**  
Jan 9th, 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## The President's Message

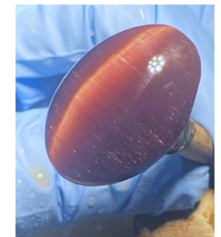
Hello Searchers,



**Donation:** Thank you to Pung Bayaa for her large donation of polished rocks and healing stones. These will be given as door prizes, and be available at the Searchers Show Table and Show Silent Auction.



**January General Meeting: Walt Wright** Thank you to Mr. Wright for bringing polished, ancient, fern fossils that were worthy of a museum collection. I enjoyed holding them in my hands. Thank you to **John Lien** for running the raffle for slabs.



**Searchers Show Saturday April 27, and Sunday April 28 :** The Show Committee **welcomes rock donations** to auction. Have you sorted your rough for **high-grade**? Need to make room for new rocks? Now is the time.

At the Show, the Workshop Searchers can **cut small geodes** with the trim saw. A new "Quarters for Cabs" game could be in the patio. Come to the Show and help make it lively and fun! All that is needed is your love of rocks, and a few hours of your time that weekend.

**Workshop:** Fiber optic glass cabochon by **Jenny Rohl**. Thank you to **Daniel Tula**, and **Anthony Palumbo** for cutting wood blocks. Thank you to **Bob Larzelere** for fixing the 18" Enan saw – twice!

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



## Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **February 6th at 6:30 P.M.**

Member Meeting- **February 13th** in the Anaheim Community Center

**We lost two special Searchers recently. They are searching in a higher place now.**

### Celebration of the life of Ester Reynolds

There will be a celebration of life for Ester Reynolds on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 6 PM. It will be held at Jimmy Peterson's house at 18611 Silver Maple Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

If you plan to attend please RSVP to Ester (Ester's daughter with the same name) at [DAK1622@yahoo.com](mailto:DAK1622@yahoo.com) or (818) 205-5088 by March 1<sup>st</sup>.



It is with great sadness I share that Ira Wheeler passed away Friday, January 26th after a 19-month battle with cancer. He loved his family, fishing, and ROCKS! Boy did he love rocks! Although we were not active in the club these past few years, he gave his all while we were active in the club, always lending a hand, and volunteering where needed. Ira was a wonderful husband, father, son, and friend to all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed. There will be a celebration of life this spring at our home. Further information will be shared as the time draws closer.

### **Rocks of Ages Designs**

**Teri-Lynn & Ira**  
**"recycling earths treasures"**  
[RocksofAges@ymail.com](mailto:RocksofAges@ymail.com)  
**714-425-0983**



## Searcher Presenters and News

### February Speaker: Stan McCall



#### Custom creative gem cutting

### Intro

Hello my name is Stan McCall, I am an accomplished lapidary and jewelry artist. I offer custom gemstone cutting and polishing services and jewelry repair.



**Welcome new Members: John O'Connor, Karen, Brayden and Brice Bettinger, Vincent Marasco, Yuval Dohn, and James David**

**The Anaheim Downtown Community Center will be closed from Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 12. The Searchers General Meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, when the center is open.**

**Los Angeles Museum of Natural History** – A show of large, faceted gems, each over 100 carats, until April.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K422x37j4oA>

### Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$65 for 5 gallons to members. \$75 for non-members.

## Upcoming Searchers Field Trips

|                       |  |                               |                              |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| January 17-22,2024    | <b>Quartzite, AZ</b>                   |                               | tentative                    |
| February 16 -18, 2024 | <b>Ludlow area</b>                     | Rick Webber                   | South Cady Mountains         |
| March 8,9,10          | <b>Barstow</b>                         | Victor Valley Gem and Mineral | Stoddard Wells Tailgate Show |
| April                 |  |                               |                              |
| May 18-19,2024        | <b>Coalinga, CA</b>                    | Bill and Margaret Hogarth     | Clear Creek Plasma Agate     |
| May 24-26,2024        | <b>Ventura, CA</b>                     |                               | CFMS/AFMS Show               |
| June 1-2,2024         | <b>Copper World, Mojave Wilderness</b> | Rick Webber                   | Chrysocolla                  |
|                       |  |                               |                              |
|                       |  |                               |                              |

### Field Trip South Cadys February 16-18th

Hello fellow Rockhounds and Anaheim Searchers.

We will be traveling to South Cady Mountains, Lavic area, north of Ludlow, off interstate 40 on February 16-18 th, 2024. (A scouting trip is scheduled for around Feb 4th and is open to anyone who is interested.)

Hector Road off ramp, follow old 66 hwy to RR crossing., (There are two RR crossings, the first you go past. It's the second one, right BEFORE you pass back under the freeway, that you turn right. estimate: 9 miles from Hector) stay left, 'Searcher' signs will be posted and cell coverage is strong when needed.

A scouting trip is scheduled for around Feb 4th and is open to anyone who is interested.

Updates will be posted if necessary and forecasted rain could postpone plans. Temps will range from 70\* to low 40's at night, so dress warm, layered, follow outdoor camping and rock-hound guidelines and prepare for warm fireside chats, bring healthy edibles, etc. Saturday night potluck is open to anyone interested in joining, all are welcome .

## Field Trip (Con.)

Campsite coordinates lead to several flat dry camping areas, one with fire rings here and there, plentiful collecting is easily accessible.

Colorful nodular and seam jasper and agate in red with blue and white chalcedony running through it.

The powerline Road directly north of the 40 fwy has unlimited possibilities.

There is a chevron station, a "rustic" motel and a small diner in Ludlow close by. Barstow has more hotels, more amenities.

Rick Webber, 714-585-5606 [richwebb3245@att.net](mailto:richwebb3245@att.net)

For field trip  
information  
contact: Bill  
Hogarth or Rick  
Webber



## Show News 2024

This year we will be doing more outreach at our show. Instead of 100 goodie bags, we will distribute 150 goodie bags. That means we need 150 dinosaur eggs. They are easy to make from used coffee grounds, flour and salt. Starbucks will donate used coffee grounds for free. Could you help make dino eggs? I can provide the dinosaurs. They need to be made in April. Let me know!

This year we will be doing two separate raffles, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. At the end of the day on Saturday we will draw winning tickets and notify the winners. We will also do the same on Sunday afternoon. Can you help with this? You would need to call winners who are not present and encourage them to come down and pick up their winnings. This is something that can be done sitting down.

From what I understand we will only have two Miss Anaheims to help at the show. This is a nice opportunity for family members and friends to come and help kids make rings, or distribute goodie bags to children when they come to the show. We could offer volunteer credit for any students.

We would like to encourage all Searchers to sell at the Searchers Sale table. Sell your creations, rough, slabs, and any rock-related items you'd like. We ask that you donate 15% of your sale price to the Searchers. Of course, if you would like to donate an item's sale price to the club we will gladly take it. This is an area where we could seriously increase our club earnings.

Be sure to sign up to help at the show. There will be sign up sheets at every general meeting. We have many opportunities, sitting, walking, working with kids, talking with adults, setting up and taking down. If every club member donated at least 4 hours to the show we would be able to do more and we would also be able to enjoy the show. Remember, the club is a non-profit run by volunteers. The show is our main source of club income. The club's income is used to support the workshop, club outreach, and scholarships. Be a good Searcher and donate your time!

### Show Committee Meetings

All Show Committee meetings will be in the Anaheim center from 1-2:30 p.m. so that people can also participate in the workshop. These are all Saturdays. I bring cookies, you bring a beverage.

February 3, 2024

March 2, 2024

March 30, 2024

April 20, 2024

Please try to schedule field trips around these meeting dates.

### Grab Bag Stuffing

March 2, 2024, 9-noon

Alternate rain date: March 16, 2024, 9-noon

Ideas? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Margaret at 909-815-3045, [hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com)



# Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

## 2024

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

### February 17-18, 2024 – Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-5PM  
Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies, Auctions, Grab Bags, Exhibits and hands on projects for kids. Admission \$6.00, Children 12 & under, scouts in uniform and Active Military Free. \$1.00 off admission with show flyer.  
Contact: (510) 693-9075, kelly-plumb900@yahoo.com  
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

### February 24-25, 2024 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94589  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Contact: (415) 254-1506, ddu-honvgms@gmail.com  
Website: <https://vjgems.com>

### March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4PM  
A SoCal tradition for 60+ years.  
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org  
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

### March 8-10, 2024 – Victorville, CA (Stoddard Wells area)

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
Stoddard Wells Tailgate. Take I-15 toward Barstow EXIT #157 stay on Stoddard Wells Road. Follow the signs 7 miles to Tailgate. GPS 34.671852347,-117-117133037  
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM daily  
48th Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate. This annual event is Free to vendors and visitors.

Vendors offering slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils, faceted and handcrafted jewelry, and lots of rough material. A family field trip to marble collecting site on Saturday from 9 A to 1 PM.  
Contact: (760) 243-2339, president@vvgc.org  
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

### March 9-10, 2024 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society of CA  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Mother Lode Mineral Society presents the 58th Annual Turlock Rock & Gem Show. Our theme this year is JADE.  
Also featuring Mizzie the Velociraptor, Rocks, Minerals & Fossils, Gold Panning, Big Fluorescent Room, Touch and See Table, Kids Activities and shopping from the wonderful Vendors. Admission \$8 – 12 and under free with paid adult. Free Parking.  
Contact: see web site  
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

### March 16-17, 2024, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111  
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Free to active duty, retired military, military dependents and first responders with valid ID. Children under 12 free with adult. Adults \$8. Save \$2 when you buy on-line at <http://www.scvgms.org>. Free parking.  
Contact: s(408) 265-1422, info@scvgms.org  
Website: [facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety](https://facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety) or <http://www.scvgms.org>

### March 16-17, 2024 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society  
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA 93245  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Lemoore Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show – We have vendors from California and several other states that are selling jewelry, fossils, lapidary rough rocks, carvings, and kids ac-

tivities involving rocks. An excellent show for anyone who is interested in rocks and jewelry.  
Contact: [https://facebook.com/events/999726084444006/999726087777339/?active\\_tape=about](https://facebook.com/events/999726084444006/999726087777339/?active_tape=about)

### March 23-24, 2024 – Angeles Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society  
2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp CA 95222  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Annual Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show: Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 FREE with paying adult. Amazing displays, vendors and demonstrations, silent auction, Fun and interesting activities for children. Treasure Hunt, Door Prizes! Food on sit. FREE PARKING. Great Fun.  
Contact: (209) 736-4892, dbrooks49@att.net  
Website: <http://CalaverasGemandMineral.net>

## February Birthstone – Amethyst



## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

This Searchers Gem and Mineral Society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial persons for the purpose of:

- Studying mineralogy and the earth sciences by means of association with other mineralogical societies and with their members.
- Presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, and similar programs.
- Field trips for exploration, study, and collecting of specimens.
- The encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts.
- The procurement and maintenance of collections of minerals, mineral products and related pictures, writings, and other information thereof.

All other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

To help achieve our purpose, The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society is committed to providing a social environment in which all members and guests are treated with respect and dignity. Each member has the right to attend meetings, club functions, club programs, and to interact with other club members in a non-threatening professional atmosphere that promotes equality and prohibits discriminatory practices, including harassment. We expect that all relationships among members and non-members who interact with our club will be business-like and free of bias and harassment. The activities listed below are not supportive of the Searchers purpose and are therefore strictly prohibited. Any member or guest who exhibits any of the behaviors listed below may be subject to consequences, including termination or denial of club membership.

1. Abusive or threatening language towards a member or guest.
2. Rude or offensive actions or language directed to a member or guest.
3. Verbal or physical harassment of a member or guest.
4. Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
5. Conduct endangering the life, safety, health or well-being of others.
6. Hate speech, bullying or taking unfair advantage of any member or guest.
7. Bringing into a Searchers event dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives, firearms, weapons or other similar items.
8. Verbal or physical disruption of Searchers meetings or events.
9. Theft of Searchers property.

Failure to follow the Searchers Bylaws or Standing Rules.

All Searchers members should report prohibited behaviors as outlined above to the Searchers Board of Directors. Upon receiving any such report, the Board will promptly investigate and take appropriate action.



# 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:** 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov  
**Workshop:** Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**Membership Dues:** Individual \$35  
 Each additional household member is \$10

**Valid Jan.1-Dec.31** The dues are prorated for new members. If new members sign up from October to December, their dues are good for those months, plus the entire next year.

**Bulletin:** Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: [editor@searchersrocks.org](mailto:editor@searchersrocks.org).

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 Anaheim, Ca. 92803

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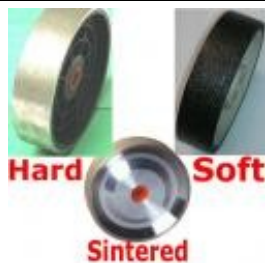
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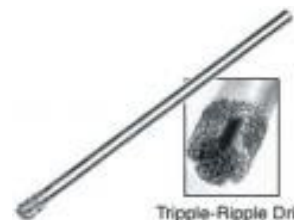
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