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The Searchers next meeting:
January 14th 2025 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Happy New Year Searchers,



The Searchers are posting to **Instagram** and **Facebook** more frequently. If you have an interesting rock related link or photo, please share it. Instagram: searchersgemandmineral or Facebook: Facebook.com/groups/searchersrocks

Thank you to Bruce and Johanna Wight for photographing some of the high-grade items for the 2025 Show Silent Auction.

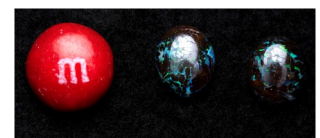
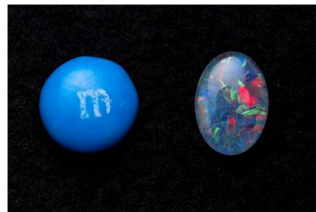
Please bring donations of slabs to the general meetings. The monthly raffle slabs are finished in March.

Yuval Dohn and Gwen Sharp are in charge of the membership list this year. And dues are due: January 1, 2025. Please pay online, with cash at a meeting or workshop, or send a check in the snail mail. At least one check a year doesn't make it into the P.O. Box, so please keep that in mind when mailing in checks.

Since no members responded to the December Newsletter question about where to make donations. The board will decide at the January board meeting.

Quartzite is coming up! Searchers are attending Wed. Jan. 15, 2025 to Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025.

If anyone would like to volunteer to organize the Imaginology Event on Saturday April 19, 2025 and Sunday April 20, please let me know. Same request for the Saturday May 17th Pearson Park Children's Festival (4 hours).



Robin Larzelere, President

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **January 7th at 6:30 P.M.**

Member Meeting- **January 14th** in the Anaheim Community Center

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Board Meeting Minutes, Nov. 5, 2024 In-Person meeting 6:30 p.m.

Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Sue Gevedon, Gwen Sharp, Margaret Hogarth, Rick Webber, Nancy Bird, Caleb Guyer absent: Regina Tula

1. Consent Calendar:

- A. Oct. 1, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, Sept. 10, 2024 no General Membership Meeting Minutes taken.
Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:

- A. 2024 Operating Budget has enough extra money to grant a scholarship to the Saddleback Community College. Nancy Bird provided the paperwork. The board members directed that it be brought to the membership for comment at the Nov. General Mtg.

New Business:

Board vote to designate Margaret Hogarth as agent for the 2025 Show's business.

Unanimously approved.

Options for storage of Club documents (currently 6GB on Google Drive):

- 1) WIX storage – pay for 50 GB of storage, \$144 per year. 2GB is current storage
- 2) Google Drive – need to back up, 100GB is \$2 per month (need someone's credit card)
- 3) Buy an external hard drive (Seagate) \$65 1 TB Robin to purchase and do a backup, storing drive at Workshop Unanimously approved.

C. Start the review of 2020 By-Laws. (Article X describes process if they are to be amended.) Please read the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. Discussion on if a committee needs to be formed, and what needs to be amended. Possible amendments: Robin to ask membership.

1) Juniors are paying dues, however the By-Laws say juniors don't pay dues. Discussion.

2) Article I says the Club's assets are not to be used for individual gain. Does this need to be amended?

Members are using the workshop, then selling what they make.

Every activity of the club should support the purpose of the club. We are a non-profit run by volunteers.

Put the purpose of the Show in the By-Laws. Ask for volunteers – Committee for By-Laws review. Interpretation of By-Laws: If an individual gains directly from selling assets of the club, that is not allowed.

Paying a workshop fee and making something, the member has paid to use the assets. If they sell what they make, it may or may not be for profit. That is the risk they take. Vendors pay for a table at the Show, they pay for the asset, they may or may not make a profit. That is the risk they take. Other clubs require all vendors to be members.

Pasadena club does not pay their speakers. Speakers can not be paid if they are members, technically.

Culver City, you can't be a member and sell at their Show.

Add volunteer requirement for hours and contributions to Show Searchers' Table.

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Searcher Presenters and News

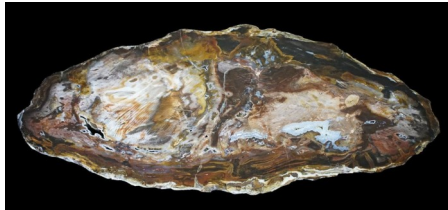
January Speaker: Jim Mills

“How Wood Becomes Petrified”

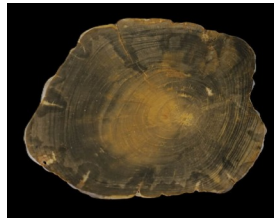


Jim and his spouse and partner Beth Myers own Mills Geological, an online business specializing in the sale of botanical fossils - especially petrified wood. Jim graduated from UCLA in 1965 with a degree in Earth Science specializing in Geomorphology (the evolution of landforms). He is retired from a career with the National Park Service.

Jim and Beth live in rural San Luis Obispo County where they curate a large collection of several thousand specimens of petrified wood and plant fossils.



Juniper (*Juniperus sp.*)
Kalamazoo Creek Tuff Formation, Oligocene
Cherry Creek, Nevada



Ancient conifer (Araucariaceae Family)
Middle to Late Jurassic
Chinchilla/Wandoan District, Queensland,
Australia



Conifer (Pinales Order)
Columbia Plateau Basalts, Miocene
Yakima Canyon, Kittitas County, Washington

Photos taken from Jim Mills Website: <https://www.millsgeological.com/>

Camp Paradise

For Camp Paradise, we will have registration online and students will be able to pay electronically too. Registration opens **March 15, 2025**. The camp dates are **August 17-23 2025 and August 24- 30, 2025**. **The fee for Camp Paradise will be \$550 per person**, per week; still an amazing bargain. The second change is scheduling. We break down camp on Friday afternoon of the second week. Our students were losing ½ day of classroom time. To compensate, the schedule will include one evening of class the second week only. (reprinted from the CFMS Newsletter December 2024)

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. Jim Peterson 714 904-8573
Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

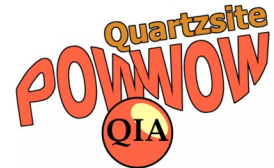
Slab donations for the General Meeting Raffle are needed. Please bring them in November and December - January needs Slabs.

Upcoming Searchers Field Trips

Searchers 2024 -2025 Field Trip Schedule			
www.searchersrocks.org Field Trip tab for detailed information closer to field trip date			
Date	Location	Leader	Notes
Nov. 29-30, 2024	North Cady's	Rick Webber	Rex Nishimura nearby in Afton Canyon, CA
Dec.			
January 15-20, 2025	Pow Wow Quartzite	Rick Webber	Quartzite, Az. Jan. 15th, 19th local trips with Alva Richardson (Alvarite) confirmed
February , 2025	South Cadys	Rick Webber	
March 7,8,9 2025	Burro Creek	Rick Webber, Alva Richardson guide	Arizona confirmed
April	American Girl Mine, Tomb Co Ghost Town, wulfennite	Rick Webber	Yuma, Az.
May/June	Crystal Cave Mine	Rick Webber, Steve Bischoff guide	Clark Mountain, CA higher elevation
May/June	Lavic Siding	Bill and Margaret Hogarth	Mojave desert

Field Trip will be Quartzsite Annual Show January 15th to 19th 2025

This is an annual event that is put on by the Quartzsite Improvement Association. They started this show back in 1967. With an estimated attendance of 1000 and about 100 vendors that year for a three day event.



Today we have well over 600 spaces and nearly 250 vendors that come from all over the world to attend and sell just about everything imaginable made with rocks, gems, and minerals. This event last 5 days long and will have an attendance of nearly 5,000 everyday.

We offer Free Admission and Free Parking with 2 Shuttle Buses running all day to help get people from their cars to the Vendors. We will also be providing 2 ATM's on-site - both located in the cafeteria area.

Show address: 235 East Ironwood, Quartzsite AZ 85346

Phone Number : (928) 927-6325

Email Address: Powwow@qiaarizona.org

For field trip information contact: Rick Webber

DATE	MATERIAL	LOCATION	DEPARTURE	DIFFICULTY	TOTAL MILES
1/15/2025					
Wednesday	Epidoic Banded Pink Marble	Bouse	N	25	1-2-3
Wednesday	Brown Jasper	Brenda	E	40	3-3-3
1/16/2025					
Thursday	Bubble Gum Fossil	Quartzsite	N	25	2-2-1
Thursday	Pastelite	Palo Verde, CA	W	100	4-3-3
1/17/2025					
Friday	Porcelain Jasper	Houser Beds	W	120	5-3-3*
Friday	Chipboard Rhyolite	Brenda	E	40	5-5-3*
1/18/2025					
Saturday	Mushroom Rhyolite	Aguila	E	160	3-3-2
Saturday	Agate Hill	Lake Havasu	N	170	2-2-3
1/19/2025					
Sunday	Red, White, Blue Agate	Brenda	E	50	3-2-2
Sunday	Birdseye Rhyolite	Stone Cabin	S	50	2-2-2
	*Requires high clearance vehicles				

With many thanks to the Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club. They have been a show sponsor for many, many years now. Please check out their booths located at 422, 423, & 442.

For more information about the trips phone Alva Richardson, Wagon Master (503) 313-0205

www.QRGMC.org

All trips are subject to cancellation or revision.

Field Trip Report

Field Trip report for Post Thanksgiving weekend of Friday, Nov. 29, 30 and Sunday 12-01-024; North Cady's---Baxter Wash, Basin road

Friday was arrival day and set up camp for Searcher folks, cool, non breezy conditions (67* to 41*). Jimmy got out, up Baxter Wash a ways, past Rex's camp (20 minutes in) to survey the area.

I think Rex (Pasadena Lap, G&M Club) had about 30 campers and 12 4wd vehicles in all at his camp. We had that last February and had a blast. Bart jumped ship (LOL) and (I think) may have visited 6 different sites that weekend.

We had a more relaxed group camped next to our usual place, 10 minutes in from the I--15. Firewood kept us warm, sharing food, and chatting as it dipped to 43*.

Saturday morning, eight of us, in 4 cars followed Jeremy Berg, up past 'known sites', about an hour or so, past Top Notch (historical claim--inactive) to a new spot he calls 'Candy Land' as he described the multiple colors being exposed on the surface geology gave him an indication that there was similar rock formations that were 'agatey' with silicate or quarts mingled into intricate patterns.

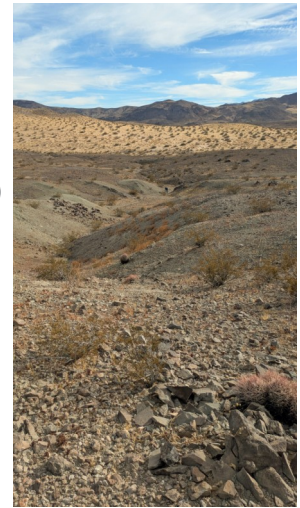
I really couldn't see or understand what he was talking about right away, but after a while you kinda get it, he keeps saying ya, Rick "see that vein popping up here and there", I'm trying :))

Upon arrival to our destination, multiple (mini) desert canyons and washes provided different combinations of nature's fine collection of volcanic creations, each one unique and fascinating. Further up the hill, one of Jeremy's guests stumbled into an amethyst chunk sitting on the surface, a nice big piece with lots of color. I collected a bucket and a half and will bring some to January's meeting. I will admit that Jeremy has a nose and a good eye out in that area he has become very familiar with, which saves a lot of time if you're looking to bring some stuff home to cut and polish or just admire, now.

I understand more of his 'science' of 'discovery'. You gain a real appreciation for that desert geology wisdom which comes the hard way, by working at it. That area begs for another trip out there, better prepared !!

We left Jeremy, ran past Rex and home to base camp for Saturday Pot Luck and fire pit fun with lots of stories.

North Cady's has many fluorite sites, green crystals, etc, Pink Hills, Yellow Plume/Fluorite, Geodes, across the wash is Honey Pot and Jewelry Box, where 'Angel Wings' (green lace), abundant areas of chalcedony and color combinations littered all around, on the surface. It's really fun to walk around and see all the volcanic combinations littered around and into the canyons and dry stream beds. Some larger rocks, if found, can display an intricate druzy matrix that begs for cutting and polishing. The miner's camp, down from the Top Notch fluorite mine, must have had a flurry of activity in its day. Bob wanted to stay and dig for gold and silver last time but Debbie wasn't having none of it; who needs a hot shower?, out there in all that natural beauty?



Field Trip Report Con.

Sunday morning, we headed up a different path, we followed the RR tracks to some beautiful topography as the tracks lead into Afton Canyon. Jimmy headed up a wash that looked promising and we did see an area that was being explored but the 'green covered' rock was not palatable enough, but I did bring a big rock home for Bob, although he has neglected to come by and claim it, storage fees will be assessed !! After further analysis, I think we were close to the Afton Canyon Fluorite Deposit, Cat Tail Fossils and Mixing Bowl. Rick needs to get his Garmin Overlander skills up to par to find the 'goods' out there in the desert!

Working on it ! We did visit a scenic site where three markers were present of deceased individuals. Outlaws, Sheriff Deputies, Miners, Rock dudes, Chupecabre, non-binary, only God knows who or why they are there.

Bob is investigating, any clues, bring them to our next campfire.

Thank You very much! We do need input to keep these field trips going, don't be shy, let's make it happen, the best stuff is ahead :))

Rick

Minutes continued from Page 2

D. New projector with stronger LED light for a brighter screen. Unanimously approved for \$200 limit, ask again if higher. Projector should have all inputs (multiple inputs HDMI, USB)

Donation letters sent out: A combo grinder/saw from Walt Smale (declined a letter), three bags of polished rocks from Katie Goodman, two jewelry stands from Barbara and Anna Jewelry Designs, Hesperia, 50 lbs. of rough rock and minerals from Rex Halverson, Palos Verdes, Walter Smale donation 2 (no letter wanted), antique saw anonymous donation

Reports:

- **President** – Robin Larzelere

1. Jade carvings are Soapstone.
2. Add Jamie's Board Meeting Minutes from 2012 to 2020 to Google Drive.
3. Monthly Balance Statement, Income and Expense, and Forecast report
4. Recommendations for audit: Karen Kremer, Sue Gevedon, alternates Debbie Tanner, Gwen Sharp. Board vote.

- **Treasurer** report Jamie Cassidy-Curtis

- 1. October Treasurer's Report.

- **1st VP – Programs** – Gwen Sharp – Daniel Nishimura, Rex's son for short talk

2nd VP – Field Trips: Rick Webber – Afton Canyon on Friday November 29 and Saturday November 30. Looking for a sponsor for a December field trip. Alva Richardson is a new person that can be guide on field trips. Bill Hogarth will get info about field trip to Rainbow Ledge near Ridgecrest from the club that has a claim there.

● **Show Report: Margaret Hogarth** Budget for 2025 Show presented. The Show needs to street signs. Need an estimate of advertising on Facebook/Instagram. Show Committee would like to use Brookhurst local network to broadcast through that Center's speaker system. Flyers need to be put at Walt Lombardos, Anaheim Library, Steam Events, Imaginology

Workshop Report: Caleb Guyer

CFMS Report: Nancy Bird

Searcher's 2024 Holiday Party

About 30-40 Searchers came to the holiday party at the Anaheim Community Center. In addition to ham and turkey, we had a wide selection of delicious foods at the potluck, including some homemade chocolates made by Veronica, and seasonal specialties. The gift exchange left many Searchers very pleased indeed.



Upcoming Local Shows



Ventura Gem and Mineral Society

MARCH 1 & 2, 2025

Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday 10 - 4

Gems & Minerals • Fossils • Jewelry

Silent Auction • Exhibits Dealers Kids' Activities • Demonstrations

Raffle • Country Store • Plant Sale FREE Admission

Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Ventura, CA 93001

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Invites you to their **49th Annual**

Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate

Victorville, California

Friday—Sunday, March 7, 8, and 9th 2025

9:00am to 5:00pm Daily

For more information contact the

Tailgate Chair: Mark Lantz(760) 243-2330 tailgate@vvgmc.org



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Spin the Wheel and more...

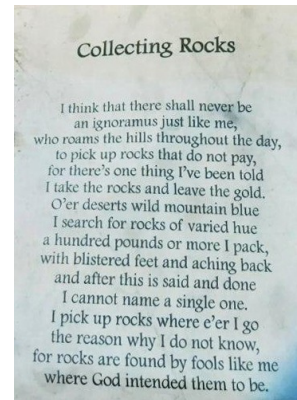
Come visit us for Handcrafted and Faceted Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings and Equipment, Minerals and Fossils, TONS of Rough Material and LOT 'S of surprises.

NO saving spaces. NO competing with tent or VVGMC 's fundraising activities: drinks, grab bags, spin the wheel or auctions.

Saturday FAMILY Field Trip: 9am to 1pm

We'll be collecting Tri-color marble!

Verde Antique is less than 1 mile from the tailgate area!!



Collecting Rocks

I think that there shall never be
an ignoramus just like me,
who roams the hills throughout the day,
to pick up rocks that do not pay,
for there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.
O'er deserts wild mountain blue
I search for rocks of varied hue
a hundred pounds or more I pack,
with blistered feet and aching back
and after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.
I pick up rocks where e'er I go
the reason why I do not know,
for rocks are found by fools like me
where God intended them to be.

Two Tumbling Techniques: Bob Rush and Margaret Hogarth

Margaret Hogarth's Tumbling Technique

The nature and quality of the rocks makes a big difference in how polished rocks get. Some sedimentary rocks will never get shiny, but the tumbling will round the edges like beach rocks. Some rocks will get shiny but there are parts that just don't have the ability to get shiny. Follow your experience with lapidary work. The same qualities that make good cabs make lovely, shiny rocks.

I am no expert, but here's what I use:

[https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Silicon Carbide Grit.html](https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Silicon_Carbide_Grit.html)

Step 1: 60/90 grit

Step 2: 120/220 grit

Step 3: 400 grit

Step 4: CPP - Tumbling Polish

[https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Tumbling Polish - CPP Polishing Powder.html](https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Tumbling_Polish_-_CPP_Polishing_Powder.html)

Step 5: Plastic pellets

[https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Plastic Pellets.html](https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Plastic_Pellets.html)

This is my current setup, six 15-pound barrels. I use a 5-step process but I use the 6th barrel for glass, shells, etc. It's a little dirty, sorry. Day 5 of 7.



I make beach glass in step 6 with 60-80 grit.

I polish shells in step 6 depending on their condition and thickness with polish and pellets.

I fill the barrel no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Bring water up just to the top of the rocks. A few points may be sticking up.

In my large barrels I put about 2 heaping tablespoons of grit in each. I add 1 tsp laundry detergent to the large barrel. Sometimes you can find some at the Dollar Store. I bought a large box of powdered Tide at Costco that will last a long time.

If, after stage 3 a rock doesn't look like it will shine, I pull it out and use the rocks for fairy houses, etc.

Best practices:

In a setup like mine, use collars on the drive shaft to keep the barrels from rubbing each other. Your barrel nuts will last a lot longer.

Using a brush to clean the tops of your barrels will make them last longer, too.

With wear, the edges of the barrels get thinner and sharper. We are thinking about replacing barrels with Extreme Rock Tumbler products at <https://extremerocktumblers.com/collections/all?page=1>.

Cleaning:

I dedicate barrels and classifiers to each step. Barrels, lids, and classifiers are labeled step1, step 2- step 5. Clean grit off the rocks very carefully so you don't contaminate the next step.

I work outside, in a garden bed with a "piano bench" type table and a hose. I move around every few months.

I pull out the rocks with a slotted spoon and my fingers into classifiers. I stack the classifiers to catch all of the rock chips that fall through. [https://www.amazon.com/SE-GP2-5-SET-Patented-Stackable/dp/B00C7YCQIQ/ref=asc_df_B00C7YCQIQ/?tag=hyprod-](https://www.amazon.com/SE-GP2-5-SET-Patented-Stackable/dp/B00C7YCQIQ/ref=asc_df_B00C7YCQIQ/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=310000693118&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=8441500775658604205&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcml=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9031211&hvtargid=pla-451077198913&psc=1)

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For step 5, I use the largest-holed classifier over a very small classifier so I can capture and re-use the polishing lentils.

I use a brush on the lid, barrel inside and out, plus, in order to remove as much of the slurry debris as possible each time. This will make your equipment last much longer.

Useful site:

Plastic tumbler, 17 pounds: <https://extremerocktumblers.com/collections/all?page=1>
<https://rockhoundresource.com/11-essential-rock-tumbling-tips-get-better-results/>

Bob Rush's Tumbling Technique

Fill tumbler almost full with various sized rocks, a generous amount of 60 grit and detergent.

Detergent helps when you go to clean the tumbled rocks.

Tumble for one month.

As it tumbles, the silicon carbide grit breaks down smaller and smaller pieces.

It's okay to dump the water in the trees.

At the end of the month, clean off, and add more tumbled rocks to make full.

Add CPP polish (part number: POL-CPP) from Johnson Brothers and detergent. Tumble for one month to 5 weeks.

https://www.johnsonbrotherslapidary.com/Polishing_Powders.html

Show News

Our fliers are getting printed. We have volunteers cutting nodules/geodes to 90%, we have a volunteer to sew \$5 bags, I'm tumbling like mad, and we are looking very good for the 2025 show.

Here is our schedule of Show Committee meetings. If possible, please don't schedule field trips on these dates.

Show Committee Meetings for 2025

Sat. Jan. 4, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 1, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m.

Sat. Mar. 1, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 5, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m. (meet by Zoom. The Center is closed the first two weeks of April for maintenance.)

Sat. Apr. 19, 2025, 1-2:30 p.m.

We're not sure of the community center location at this time. It might be in the workshop, the board room, or the Anaheim Senior Center section at the end of the walkway, beyond the workshop.

We can also work by email. Everyone is busy and stressed, over communication is our friend. Please submit any suggestions to a committee member.

We are discussing moving storage units to a nearby unit that doesn't have an asphalt lip in the doorway. Being able to smoothly roll out our materials and equipment would help us immensely, especially our elderly backs! We are also working on educational materials to display during the show.

We do need prizes for all ages, which could include nice slabs. We need quality material for the Silent Auction. We need nice raffle items. We are all volunteers. Supporting the show means you are supporting the workshop and the club. Thank you for your support.

Margaret Hogarth



Help Needed

Geode cutting was very popular at our show. We have been gathering donated or purchased geodes/nodules for the 2025 show. We need volunteers to cut the geodes to 90%. It is best to use a blade at least the thickness of 0.05 inches. You may use the workshop equipment to do these cuts! If you would like to help, please let Margaret know. You will be given a bag of 10 or 20 (for smaller geodes) geodes/nodules. We have plenty of time to make these. At the show, the remaining 10% is cut on a trim saw. Remember, helping the show is helping the club! hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045. Thank you, Margaret



Upcoming 2025 CFMS Gem Shows

2025- Shows

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

January 18-19, 2025 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 246 Chestnut St., Exeter, CA 93211
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Tule Gem & Mineral Society Gemboree
Contact: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 15-16, 2025 – Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Antioch Lapidary Club Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show. Admission \$7, Admission is Cash Only. All vendors take credit/debit cards.
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 22-23, 2025 – Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
59th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
Contact: (415) 254-1506
Website: <http://vjgems.com>

March 1-2, 2025 – Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93003
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
62nd Annual VGMS Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. Kids' activities; jewelry-making demos; exhibits; raffle prizes, hourly silent auctions; dealers in fossils, mineral, lapidary materials; gold panning, Second-Hand Treasures Store of gently used items, books, and plants. Free admission but the Fairgrounds charges parking if using the Fairgrounds lot.
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org

Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 7-9, 2024 – Stoddard Wells, CA
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
1-15 toward Barstow. EXIT #157, stay on Stoddard Wells Road. Follow the signs 7 miles to tailgate
Hours: Daily 9 M – 5 PM
49th Annual Show; Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate; Friday-Sunday 95p; Free to vendors and public; Vendors offering slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils, rough material, handcrafted and faceted jewelry. Family field trip on Saturday 9a-1p at local collecting site.
Contact: Dave Duncan (831) 406-0214, president@vvgmc.org
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

March 15-16, 2025 – San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Daily
Children under 12 free with adult. Active Duty/Retired Military/Military Dependents/First Responders Free with valid ID Card. Scouts in Uniform Admitted Free. Adults \$8 – save \$2 when you buy online! <http://www.scvgms.org>
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March 22-23, 2025 – Angels Camp, CA
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd., Angels Camp, CA 95222
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
The Calaveras Gem and Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds Frogtown. Admission is \$4 for adults; kids 12 and under are free, if accompanied by a paying adult. There will be numerous exhibits featuring jewelry, carving, faceted gemstones, and polished rocks. There will be demonstra-

tors in disciplines such as fastening gemstones, wire wrapping, chair fabrication, and rock carving. Dealers will be selling jewelry making supplies and tools, beads, minerals, handcrafted jewelry, meteorites, fossils, ETC. Snack bar and food trucks on site. Free parking and shuttle service from fairgrounds gate up to the show building.
Contact: (209) 736-4892, annchristiansen7132@comcast.net
Website: <https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/show.html>

April 12-13, 2025 – Placerville, CA
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: (530) 676-2472
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

April 12-13, 2025 – Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd., Mariposa, CA 95338
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Mountains of Minerals! Mountains of minerals, rocks, fossils, jewelry, supplies, geode cutting, silent auction, raffle, and FOOD!
Contact: mgmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

January Birthstone – Garnet



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



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

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.

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