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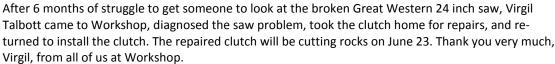


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The Searchers next meeting: July 11, 2023 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers!



On June 14, Lydia Pattison held a cabochon-making workshop. Before the Covid shut-down, Lydia was the assistant shop supervisor. In between helping three new Searchers, she shared maintenance tips for the genies and the saws. Thank you, Lydia, that was appreciated! Would anyone else like to share their expertise in Workshop? It is important to share skills with the next generation of rockhounds.

The new 18 inch Highland Park saw, and two 14 inch table top saws are paid for and will be shipped. They should arrive by the end of June. If you have any time to help un-crate on a Thursday afternoon, please contact Caleb Guyer, caleb.guyer@gmail.com

Do you have carpentry skills? The 18 inch Highland Park saw will need a dolly, custom built. Two strong, wood dollies (made by past members) are in the Workshop, a workable design is available to inspect. If interested, would you contact Caleb?

On August 8, the Searchers will hold a general meeting event for sales and trade. Tables and chairs are supplied by the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, and members bring rock-related items. Refreshments are a welcome donation. Throughout the year, the club receives donations of equipment and rocks. These will be offered at the August meeting. The club's tradition is to sell donated items at low prices to members, keeping the hobby affordable.

Also at the August 8 General Meeting, the membership will vote on the purchase of a new, but never used, 18 inch Loratone saw from a private party. The discussion will be about what is best for the club, and who might be interested in purchasing the saw from the club.

Welcome to new members: Theresa Fitzpatrick, Erika Flores, Jose Bomero, Manny Solorio Sr., Manny Solorio Jr., Wayne Chase, Tom Koch, Allison Chase with Fin, Asher and Du, and Maria Gonzalaz-Tan.

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere,

President





Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- July 4th at 6:30 P.M.

Member Meeting-July 11th in the Anaheim Community Center

Minutes - Board Meeting, June 6, 2023

Meeting in-person at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center

Attendees: Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Jenny Rohl, Margaret Hogarth, Bill Hogarth, Gwen Sharp, Caleb Guyer, Rick Weber Absent: Sue Gevedon, Nancy Bird

- 1. May 2, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, May 9 General Membership Meeting minutes, approved with spelling corrections
- 2. Club Communication: Board voted unanimously to approve the following measures for general meetings.
- a) Speaker presentation before the Searchers' business part of meeting if a member vote is required. The President is to keep meeting on track of timeline. Make sure to leave time for adequate discussion by the members.
- b) Written agenda for these general meetings, president recognizes people before they can speak.
- c) Board members raise their hand and ask a question that would re-direct a presenter who has gotten off topic
- d) Before a presentation, president to ask speaker if they have any other topic they would like to address, and if so, would they please put that topic at the end of the presentation
- e) Hold ourselves accountable to reduce heated discussions at meetings. During the meeting, club members can redirect any unwanted discussion by asking questions to proceed ahead with the discussion.
- 3. Great Western 24-inch saw –Caleb will continue to ask for repair advice from club members. The motion to sell the saw is tabled for a future meeting.
- 4. Analytics from Google discussion on visits to website around the time of the Show.
- 5. Mary Basco donation -60 + pieces 13 or so are high-grade. Of these, sell 6 at the silent auction during general meetings. Save 7 for auction at the Show and the remaining to be sold at the Searchers table at the Show, the Show Raffle, and general meetings.
- 6. Searchers' need a volunteer to run the website. Searchers' also needs a volunteer to maintain the Square and ATT Hotspot. President to write up the job descriptions, make members aware of the need, put in the July Slab.
- 7. Dale Palas assessment done by Steve Duncan, Jimmy Peterson, and Robin Larzelere. Dale is requesting \$2,135 for a new Lortone 18-inch saw with blade. The board voted to purchase the saw and ask for authorization by the membership to purchase it in August.
- 8. New Saws: purchase progress. Highland Park has received the Searchers' check and cashed it.
- 9. 1st VP Programs Gwen Sharp: June Program: Dick Weber, Argyle Mine in Australia and pink diamonds.
- 10. 2nd VP Field Trips: Bill Hogarth and Rick Webber On hiatus for the summer hot months.
- 11. Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer requested up to \$800 to purchase new Genie wheels for the shop. Board authorized the purchase.

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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.

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

Searcher Presenters and News

July Speaker: Tina White, an Earth Sciences instructor at various LA colleges and member of the Sierra Pelona Rock Club.



TOPIC: Geology of Stoddard Wells

Tina's presentation starts off with some "big picture" history of the geology of southern California, then moves on to the specific the types of rock found in the area - why they're there, what they look like, and if they are particularly interesting. Then on to the rocks and minerals for which rockhounders search!

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Minutes from General Meeting, June 13, 2023, Downtown Anaheim Community Center

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:10 PM.
- 2. Raffle: There was a special fluorite sphere and a zeolite from a donation sold at the silent auction at the meeting.
- 3. Delvers Parking Lot Sale: Saturday June 17, 2023
- 4. BLM Comment Period: On Mojave plan is coming to a close.
- 5. Workshop Special Class: Lydia Pattison will five a special class on making cabs on June 15.
- 6. Donation: Dick Brubaker donated a garnet and hematite bracelet.
- 7. Schedule changes in the future: Speaker presentations will be moved to the beginning of the meeting when we a are going to have a vote or discussion at the general meeting.
- 8. Federation: CFMS meeting to be held in June at Lodi. Nancy will represent out club. The show will also be there in Lodi for the CFMS.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Presentation:

The presentation was given by Dick Weber about diamond mining at the Argyle Mine in Australia.

The Carlyle Mine was the largest diamond mine in the world for 37 years. It had rare pink diamonds, not found anywhere else. The mine is in the Kimberley's. In 1969 miners started to look for the source of alluvial diamonds found on some of the creeks. In 1979 they found huge amounts of diamonds in Smoke Creek where it dumped into Lake Argyle. The diamonds were finally found in non-sandy tuff in an area 1.2 miles long. They drilled 200 bore holes to determine how rich the deposit was.

The mine turned out to be the richest diamond mine in the world. It is a fly-in, fly-out mine. There are no reliable roads into the area. They mined 17 million karats per year. The deeper material was higher in quality so they drilled deep and mined from the of the deposit up. The operation was controlled remotely from the top. Of the diamonds that were mined 25% were fine diamonds, 25% were chocolate diamonds and the rest were industrial diamonds.

The mine was owned and operated by Rio Tinto and was closed in 2021. There will be a 5-year reclamation project to complete the mining at the Argyle.

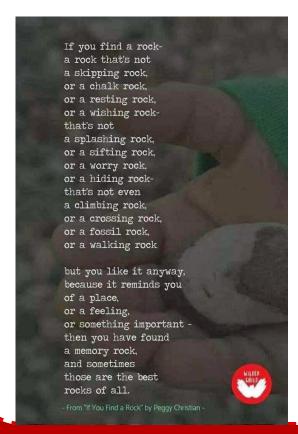
Upcoming Fields Trips

The monthly overnight field trip season is over with the rise in temperatures. We are planning day excursions to beach sites, museums, and points of interest to rockhounds, and perhaps a long-range trip later in the summer, stay tuned to the Slab. Sometimes these events come up quickly and we coordinate through email blasts. If you haven't received one recently (say about the Mojave Trails National Monument, MTNM?) then it's likely we don't have a good email for you. You can change/update/add your contact information in an email to the Searcher's mailbox: anaheimsearchers@gmail.com.

Since the desert is heating up, field trips there are on hiatus until October. We're thinking of some "local" day trips if anyone's interested, let me know (Bill Hogarth, whogarth@gmail.com or 909.264.1122). Some suggestions:

- 1. Palos Verdes Peninsula
- Bluff Cove: White quartz, black petrified wood, bluish rock called glaucophane.
- Long Point: Barite crystals (see photo)
- Acton Canyon prospecting between Palmdale and Santa Clarita.
- South Carlsbad State Beach for a variety of beach agates Kramer Hills is one of those desert spots that will be hot, but has a lot of nice float specimens for those interested in braving the heat.







Searchers Long Range Trip 2023

We are continuing to plan a long range trip. The current plan looks like it starts in mid-August. Below are a list of potential collecting sites and camping locations (when known). All of this is subject to change at this point, a firm plan and schedule will be available by the August Slab. The whole trip looks like it will be between 2 and 3 weeks long, keep in mind that you do not need to do the whole trip, you can join when you want and split off when you want. I have a small group of Searchers who have expressed an interest, if you are interested and haven't told me yet drop me an email at mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com

Biggs Oregon August 15th(?)

China Hollow Mine (pay site)
Beers Mountain Mine (pay site)
Stay at local campground (?)

Prineville Oregon

Polka Dot Agate Mine (pay site)
Lucky strike Mine (pay site)
Richardson's rock ranch (rock shop)

Glass Buttes Oregon

Glass Buttes obsidian
Hampton Buttes petrified wood
Congleton Hollow colored limbcasts
Dry camp at Glass Buttes

Near Burns Oregon

Stinking Water plume agate Dry camp near Stinking Water

Near Homedale Idaho

Graveyard Point Plume
Succor Creek (Wild Horse Mine)
Owyee picture jasper

Camp at nice RV park in Homedale

Delta area Utah

Dugway Geodes
Agate and Picasso Marble near Joy
Camp at RV park in Delta

Hanksville area Utah

Shootering agate and Coprolite

Camp at BLM Star Springs Ranchcampground

Home



contact: Bill Hogarth or Rick

Webber











Club Updates and Information

Extension to Respond to MTNM Advisory Group

The deadline to add your voice and feelings about rockhounding in the Mojave Trails National Monument has been extended for **15 days until July 5.** Physical and email addresses can be found within the press release.

https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-extends-public-input-period-mojave-trails-national-monument-management-plan

Apparently the attendees at the recent town hall meetings have been predominantly rockhounds and they pointed out that they are, for the most part, individuals and small clubs who do not have lobbies and lawyers to preach their case. They requested an extension and got it!

More info about all this can be found in past issues of the Slab, the San Diego Gem And Mineral newsletter, the Pegmatite, LA-Rocks and many other places. There's even a Facebook site:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080065726172.

You can try the BLM site itself which has more info than you'd believe:

https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022347/510

Thank you for the info that the deadline is extended. When submitting to the eplanning link, if you don't have Outlook, you may have to cut and past the link into the "To:" line of the email. I emailed, and snail mailed in my comments. Sincerely, Robin



Mojave Trails Monument Management Plan

Comment period now open SDMG welcomes signatories to its letter

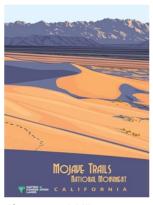
The SDMG letter is composed of two files:

1. Current version of the draft letter

https://bit.ly/mtmmp-draft-ltr

Updated frequently, but w/o signatories.

2. Current version of the letter's exhibits https://bit.ly/mtmmp-exh Big file, many pages, also updated frequently.



If you would like to sign onto to SDMG's letter Contact Lisbet at editor@sdmg.org

Scoping period now open for Mojave Trails and the CDCA Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is accepting comment letters NOW on the Mojave Trails Monument Management Plan AND the California Deserts Conservation Plan (CDCA). The CDCA Plan will be amended to serve as the primary (we think) authority for deciding what activities will be permitted in the monument.

A make or break moment.

The current comment period may be the single most important opportunity for rockhounds to tell BLM what they want for Mojave Trails. SDMG will submit a comment letter to BLM on June 29, 2023. It asks BLM to expressly include rockhounding as a permissible activity in the monument management plan AND what collecting areas should stay open. (Anything not written into the plan will be off limits.)

Not light reading.

Apologies in advance, dear reader, for torturing you with excruciating detail. Fortify yourself with a strong cup of coffee and please hang in there. To write an effective letter on behalf of rockhounds, we studied the bureaucratic minutiae so you don't have to, unless you want to. By all mean, do write your own letters! The more letters BLM receives the better. BLM's deadline is July 5, 2023. For information on how to submit a letter directly to BLM, visit the BLM National NEPA Register web page at: https://bit.ly/blm-nepa2023.

Your feedback on the SDMG letter and participation is appreciated.

We are happy to consider your suggested emendations to improve the letter and fill in the gaps, especially on collecting areas. Thank you in advance for giving us feedback.

Please consider being a signatory to SDMG's letter.

Organizations and individuals are welcome. It will help for BLM to know who you are, if you include a few details like your club affiliations (see samples at the end of the letter).

Volunteer opportunities to help the Searchers

At General Meetings:

Volunteer to at 6:30 pm give out door prize tickets
Volunteer to take money for raffle and give out tickets, ask attendees to sign in
Volunteer at 6:45pm to do the zoom on your smart phone
Volunteer to take payments with the Square tablet
Bring a snack
Make coffee
Bring in the library

Square and ATT Hot spot (one hour a month, several hours for the 2024 Show):

- 1) For the 2024 Show: Update and charge: two Samsung tablets (no password needed), the ATT hotspot, and three Square devices. There is a bag with the items, you can take home to do the work, and bring to club events that need Square. Be at the 2024 Show on Saturday and Sunday morning to make sure the tablets are working, and volunteers can take a credit card to make a charge. Update the Eset virus software on the tablets.
- 2) Log into the Square account and make any changes to the categories for the 2024 Show.
- 3) Keep one tablet and one device charged for each regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (not December). Make sure the Treasurer has the equipment ready to take payments.

Searchers' Website (two hours a month)

Update the Google calendar with events

Learn the easy-to-use WIX interface. Make small fixes to the web pages.

Show News

Do you know what our highest expenses are for our 2023 show? Brookhurst Center staffing, table rental and security. Together these total over \$5,700. Our expenses (supplies, services, decoration, and advertising) total over \$9,100. Putting on a show is a massive accomplishment and is completely due to our hard-working Show Committee and club volunteers. You make it happen! Our net income from the show is over \$8,400. That will go a long way to keep our workshop up on supplies and equipment and allow us to give scholarships. Did you know that our Silent Auction accounts for almost one third of our total income? It is important! That's

Did you know that our Silent Auction accounts for almost one third of our total income? It is important! That's why you hear the club asking for QUALITY material. Junk material creates hard physical work for our volunteers, disappointed customers, and dilutes the value of hidden treasures.

The Searchers Sale table sold over \$1,100 worth of goods, with over \$800 going directly to the Searchers! Let's develop the Sale table next year. We are working on better display of items so that it doesn't look so jumbled. The club made \$7 selling plain tumbled rocks for use in the garden. Let's try to sell more slabs and tumbled material next year. As always, we are looking for creative ways to use rocks. You can help!

Thank you for promoting our show on social media. Our goodie bags are a complete success. We had a great turnout this year. Our prizes and goodies are a big part of that.

Thank you again to our dedicated workers; the success of the show truly is in your hands.

Margaret Hogarth

SUMMER ROUGH ROCK SALE!!

SAT JULY 15th

8am-2pm

Monica D.B. House

1125 W Olive Ave, Fullerton 92833

(714) 515-9140

\$1-2/lb * Bring own buckets/sprayers

Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

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

July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM Culver City Gem and Mineral Society

Culver City Gem and Mineral Society Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90203

60th Annual Fiesta of Gems – 2023 Theme: Druzy

Free Admission – Free Parking – Free Hourly Drawings

Hourly Drawings
Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
Website: http://culvergityrocks.org/

Website: http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 - Nipomo,

Orcutt Mineral Society Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444 Hours: Aug 4 & 5 - 10 AM - 5 PM, Aug 6 - 10 AM - 4 PM

The 55th Annual Rockhound Tailgating Rock & Gem Festival Free Admission and Free Parking Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com

Website: http://www.omsinc.org

August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society

Roebbelen Event Center, @the Grounds – Roseville, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

61st Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show

Bring your Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Meteorites and treasures, for a no-cost Scientific Identification. General Admission \$8, Seniors 60+ \$7, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Discount coupon.

Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com Website: https://

www.rockrollers.com/index.html

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society Annual Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show

500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM

Gems and minerals, jewelry, activities for kids and much more. Free admission.

Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com

Website: https://www.tvgms.rocks

August 26-27, 2023 - Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA 91007

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact: (626) 260-7239

Website: https://pasadenalapidary.org

September 16-17, 2023 - Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: (831) 801-5887, susiehar-

low@gmail.com

Website: http://cvgms.rocks

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an "active military" I.D. Free, FREE PARKING

Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net

September 16-17, 2023 - Reno, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society Reno/Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno

Contact: (775) 229-4420, sailon-dan55@aol.com

Website: www.renogms.org

September 16-17, 2023 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Gems by the Sea Show. Admission: \$5, Children 12 and under Free. Free parking.

Contact: 2023show@slogem.org Website: http://slogem.org

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley,

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

57th Annual Earth's Treasurers Show: 25+ vendors, gem and mineral exhibits, Gold panning, lapidary arts demonstrations. Kids Corner, food and ice cream trucks. Admissions — Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an "active military" I.D. Free, FREE PARKING Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net

October 7-8, 2023 – Signal Hill,

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society Signal Hill Library, 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755 "Gems on the Hill" Annual Show

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM = 4 PM Contact: (562) 253-1390, lbmineral-

gemsociety@gmail.com Website: http://www.facebook.com/

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July Birthstone: Ruby







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.
- 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. I-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.

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