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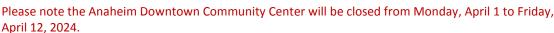
The Searchers next meeting:

March 12th 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

The Searchers General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, and then on Tuesday April 16th, ,2024.



History of our club: The first Show was held in Anaheim on April 30 and May 1 of 1960 at the Anaheim Optimist Club on 113, West Chartres St. There were 30 cases: one case had gigantic replicas of earrings, bracelet, tie clip and bola tie that were encrusted with precious gem material, a case of spheres, a display of hearts made from various gem materials, carborundum specimens case, and a case of onyx and picture wood, and one of petrified wood. Throughout the show were "dry plant and rock arrangements". The club had about 100 members. (copied from the Anaheim Bulletin Newspaper, April 28, 1960.) Fred Wiltsie was President at the time. He lived in Anaheim and had a Tool and Precision Grinding Company in Anaheim.

From the State of CA Articles of Incorporation filed on Oct. 18, 1966: Don Blood of Orange, Leroy Cook of Fullerton, and Dale Zech of Garden Grove are the founding members of the Searchers Gem and Mineral non-profit corporation. Our club "charter" is our By-Laws. A charter, or By-Laws, tells what the purpose of the club is, what activities it will be responsible for, and how it will run the activities.

11 years and counting: In 2009, Veronica Purpura joined the Searchers, volunteered to be 2nd VP, and vendor co-chair in 2011. For two years there was no Show, due to Covid. Veronica continued to support the Show in this critical position. I would like to recognize her substantial contribution of 11 years of volunteer service. Thank you, Veronica.

Vendor Satisfaction Survey: In the summer of 2023, the Show Committee sent out a Satisfaction Survey to vendors. 10% responded and were enthusiastic with their praise of the Searchers' Show. The Show Committee meeting the week before the 2023 Show had more than 20 attendees. That kind of support made the 2023 Show fun, and made the Show a success. Shall we aim for 30 this year?

To date, the club has 78 paid members, 16 are juniors.

Preview of 2024 Show items: Matching Arbors donated by Johnito, Gerry, and Richard, 8 inch trim saw, Gemstone Vibratory Tumbler.

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President









Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- March 5th at 6:30 P.M.

Member Meeting-March 12th in the Anaheim Community Center

General Meeting Minutes February 13th

Why is our "Searchers" show so Popular?

- Free parking free admission
- Large attendance
- Safe environment
- •Venders can make some good income
- •We have security for the whole weekend and searcher volunteers help to keep everyone safe too.
- •Show Volunteer: Sign up's are now open for volunteers to help at the show. The more we have volunteering the more the show runs smoothly and it's not just a few people doing everything. Contact Margaret.

We have flyers for the show that can be picked up on workshop days for anyone who desires to share the show with community.

Materials for grab bags have been purchased. 300 bags with polished and rough to give away or people can buy. On Saturday March 2, 2024 we will have a bag stuffing gathering. Contact Margaret for time and place. NOTE: March 16th if it rains on March 2nd.

- •Vendor lists were discussed in great detail for the show.
- •Veronica's floor plans are for indoor and patio.
- Vendors: 20 spots indoor and 20 outdoor.
- •There is a wait list of over 50 people.
- •We also need volunteers for items to display in hospitality display case.
- Contact Karen for the show if you'd like to donate to hospitality door prizes to draw every 1/2 hour. This keeps more of our customers at our event by having raffles every 1/2 hour to hour and the more people staying at the show the more they will stick around to possibly buy. Some examples of items to donate are jewelry, slabs crystals ect.
- •Veronica discussed her process for vendor selection. First, she will email interested parties. Next, wait two weeks for a response and then follow up with a phone call.
- •Vendors expressed finding better ways to contact them to ensure the process of becoming a vendor is fair and expedited, so all have the opportunity who wish to vend at our show are considered.
- •There was a discussion about a misconception that our show is free for us to run. We do have a Grandfather clause with the venue that assist the club but it doesn't cover the total cost of the venue as some had thought. Margaret writes a grant built from this clause but club still pays for the staff and the venue security.
- •Jimmy mentioned Esther's celebration of life should be listed in the slab and to contact her daughter for times and location for those who'd like to pay their condolences.
- •Treasures Report: Jaime shared as of January we have \$23847.92 in bank with 1000 memberships.
- •Field Trips

At Lavic and North Cadies 22 people went.

Keith and Eddie go out a lot and find new places for future trips.

•There was no workshop report but everyone is welcome every Thursday night from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm and every Saturday from 2pm to 7pm at the Anaheim Senior Center.

Welcome new Members: Bruce, Cheryl, Crystal and Christopher Ueno, Darlene Moore, Tom Liu, Mark, Helen, Drake, and Asher Maeseele, Vicent Marasco, and Wayne Herrman



Searcher Presenters and News

March Speaker: Walt Lombardo

Virgin Valley Opal, Nevada's Precious Gemstone



Walter Lombardo is a geologist with more than 35 years' experience in mineralogy, mining and mineral exploration. He worked for American Borate Company in Death Valley (Billie Mine), for Cyprus Minerals Company in the California Mother Lode (gold), and several small exploration companies in the Southwestern U.S (gold). For sixteen years he managed the Southern Nevada Office of the Nevada Division of Minerals. And before retiring from the industry, he was a project manager for a company involved in worldwide exploration for uranium, gallium and germanium.

Walter is the owner of Nevada Mineral & Book Company, a natural history gallery and earth science bookstore located in Orange, California. He has lectured nationwide on topics related to mineral resources, mining & mining fraud, mineralogy and gemology.

Walt Lombardo
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http://geologicpublications.com

Workshop Request: For those who left rocks on the shelves at Workshop, please come pick up your rocks before Thursday, April 18, 2024. Rocks left after that date will be donated to the Silent Auction.

Celebration of the Life of Ester Reynolds

There will be a celebration of life for Ester Reynolds on March 23^{rd} 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 $\underline{DAK1622@yahoo.com}$ or (818) 205-5088 by March 1st.



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

March 8,9,10	Barstow	Victor Valley Gem and Mineral	Stoddard Wells Tailgate Show	
April				
May 18-19,2024	Coalinga, CA	Bill and Margaret Hogarth	Clear Creek Plasma Agate	
May 24-26,2024	Ventura, CA		CFMS/AFMS Show	
June 1-2,2024	Copper World, Mojave Wilderness	Rick Webber	Chrysocolla	

Fellow Searchers and any interested rockhounders;

As we look forward to future field trips and adventures to productive and fascinating areas, there are very many options. Some require a visit to the area before we post it.

Others are well known and more easily accessed. Please email me or text me if you have any suggestions or just a desire to explore. April is wide open for opportunities!!

Trona Onyx; American Girl Mine, Tumco, Hedges Ghost town & Cargo Muchacho mtns; Bagdad mine, Broadwell lake agate & Siam Siding Chapinite; Burro Creek

Gem Hill, 210 fwy/14 fwy Rosemond; El Paso Mtns (so. of Opal Peak); Imperial County, south of Salton Sea

Many areas do not require 4wd or high clearance vehicles. Happy trails to you, until we meet again, may they be many !! :))

Thank You Rick Web-

ber email Richwebb3245@att.net Cell 7145855606

Field Trip Stoddard Wells Tailgate Show

The next field trip is to the tailgate show near Barstow. Here is the information where it is.

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



Rock and Gem Estate Sale

March 23-24 (by appointment)
March 29-31 (public sale)
San Clemente, California

Join us for a special estate sale featuring the **private collection of Sheila and Gary Martin.**This will be a rare chance to see the diverse array of gems and minerals from all over the world, collected by these two industry professionals.

The collection of Gary Martin and his wife Sheila is being sold. Gary was a past president of SOCGEMS, and he and his wife ran the Designs by Nature shop in San Clemente. I've attached a link to the flyer for the sale below my signature. It is an excellent detailed flyer that gives you a good idea about what will be available, be sure to look at all the tabs. You will notice that the first weekend is for Dealers and/or clubs who will buy large quantities, and the second weekend is for the rest of us? The pictures make it clear that there is some very fancy material there.

Here is your chance for some urban rock "collecting"

Regards, Steve mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com 714 724 7102

Rock and Gem Sale

For field trip information contact: Bill Hogarth or Rick Webber

Field Trip Report Feb. 16-18th

Hello fellow searchers and rock hounds., Amidst a challenging winter forecast for Lavic, our trip to south Cady's yielded calm and pleasant conditions.

Early Friday, our journey southward of Lavic Rd. (Route 66), MCAS boundary and near to the extensive lava fields of Prisgah crater was spectacular and very plentiful. Then our journey was into an area north of Highway 66 east of Lavic to Ludlow as shown on page 70, 71 gem trails. Plentiful and accessible best describes the noted areas, sites A - G. Saturday morning took our group up Crucero Rd. and left near Broadwell dry lake (Site 23 - Ludlow Gems), behind Sleeping Beauty mountain. Here, we dug for red/yellow jasper in



seams and abundant float combinations (very remote and beautiful) this site was especially known for its Christmas Tree Agate specified and located ,by Jeremy. And then Saturday afternoon brought us back to the quarry cove and the southern section of Caty mountains that we had visited on Friday. The beautiful scenery and geological anomalies are endless and words cannot describe the personal experience. Friday and Saturday night were welcome campfire cheer and the sharing of stories and food. Our

group had 9, 20, and 12 people over 3 days. Sunday I visited Hector Hills and collected abundant chalcedony nodules and red/yellow jasper combinations.

The real treasure here is the display of different brecciated color combinations of jasper nodular and seam agate and chalcedony and calcite specimens that can be cut, polished and or just admired as is.

Special thanks to Ed, Keith, and Jeremy for leading the group to different locations that would have been hard to find without them!

Also thanks to Bill, Margaret, and Steve Duncan for their encouragement along the way.

Best Wishes, Rick Webber













Sharing with the Pasadena Club

We had the opportunity to join Rex Nishamura and other Pasadena Club members on a portion of a field trip last weekend. We met off highway 95 about 5 miles north of Vidol Junction. We camped near the Turtle Mountains Wilderness area. After a short drive to the parking area outside the wilderness area, we walked for miles in the Turtle Mountains in perfect weather. The area is gorgeous and pristine. We very carefully tried to not disturb the area. We didn't dig. We found some very pretty chalcedony. We left the group to their further adventures on Saturday while we joined the Searcher group at Lavic Siding. After an adventure-packed Saturday rockhounding with the Searchers, we met up with the Pasadena group again on Sunday near Powerline Road, where we explored several sites along the road with various jaspers. They are such a nice group of people! We swapped club and show talk and inspired each other talking about exhibit case ideas. I so appreciate hearing others talk about how to encourage lapidary arts at the show. It takes a village to come up with creative ideas of what to do with our rocks that will help the clubs.

Field trips are what we enjoy most. We love exploring, being in nature, appreciating beauty, seeing new sights, and meeting new people. Many of our field trips can be accessed for a day. Join us if you can! Margaret Hogarth

24 inch Lapidary Saw offered by Silent Auction, March 12, 2024 Meeting

The saw blade and motors are in good condition, with a new, GFI cut-off switch, and a re-tapped clutch. The saw cuts softer material and smaller, hard rough. The saw needs adjustment to consistently cut 9 inch deep stones. A new set of pulleys is included and a custom-built, rolling cart. The saw was modified from a hydraulic feed to a screw thread feed by club members – the saw's original manufacturer was Great Western. The saw total width (including the cart and pully housing) is 29 ¾" wide. Starting price: \$750 The saw must be picked up by March 31 from the Anaheim Downtown Community Center.



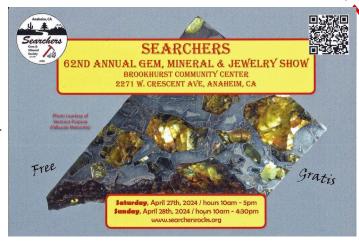




Show News 2024

Things are shaping up for the 2024 Searchers show. Dealers are sending back their contracts. The facility, security, food truck, tables, and truck are all booked. We have the fliers printed. Grab bag stuffing will be Saturday, March 3, 2024 at 9 a.m. unless it rains. Our rain date is Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9 a.m. Both will be at Karen's house.

We are working on better display of our Searchers' Sale Table items. This year we will be providing art materials for sale: polished rock bits, tumbled glass, both bits and larger pieces. We have old pottery



pieces from the Mediterranean, and also old tumbled Mediterranean glass for sale. We encourage Searchers to sell at the sale table: slabs, rough, and rock-related creations. Searchers will donate 15% of sales to the club, or donate the entire proceeds. We also encourage donations to the Silent Auction and prizes for the regular door prize ticket drawings.

Activity sign-up sheets are available at the meetings and at the workshop. This is a non-profit club run by volunteers. The show is our major fundraiser. Proceeds from the show support the workshop, scholarships, and outreach materials such as polished stone and ring blanks. We do receive a grant from the city of Anaheim for

the rental fee of the Brookhurst Center, but we have to pay for all of the staffing. The show is quite expensive to put on. By donating your time, material and/or prizes, you help to support our club. Volunteering at the show is fun. We have so many free and low-cost activities it makes our attendees very happy. We have made many life-long friends by volunteering. Searchers are great people! Please help support our club.

Questions? Contact Margaret Hogarth, hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045



Quality Rocks Needed for Silent Auction at the Show

Most of you know that the Searchers put on an excellent show and that we are justifiably famous for our Silent Auction. Here is your chance to do something to support your club. The Silent Auction needs donations of quality materials. You can bring donations to Robin at either the monthly meetings or at the shop. If Robin is not at the shop Caleb will take the material. You can also bring material directly to the show if that works better for you.

The key word here is **quality.** I know that when I return from a collecting trip and am reviewing material there are always a couple of pieces that when I look at them I go "Sheesh, I wonder what I thought I saw in this one?" These are the ones that become yard rocks. These are **NOT** the ones we need for the Silent Auction. They can stay in your yard? We would much rather have one or two nice pieces than a 5-gallon bucket of yard rocks. So....look through the rock pile, pick out a couple of sweet pieces, and donate them for the auction, please. Needless to say, 5-gallon buckets of fine material are happily accepted.

Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2024

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

March 1-3, 2024 – Newark, CA The Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley

Newark Pavillion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark CA

Hours: Friday 11 AM – 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM 75th annual Mineral Gem and Jewelry Show and sale. 40+ dealers selling everything used in the lapidary arts, exhibits, demonstrations, minerals. Live auction on Saturday

Website: http://mgscv.org

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

Dealers and exhibits, demos, gold panning, kids activities, raffle & silent auctions, Country Store an plant sale, free resources for teachers. 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 daily48th 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 17, 2024 - Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society 123 West Alvarado St., Ste B, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Hours: 12 Noon – 3 PM Annual Fallbrook Rough 'N Cut – Mineral extravaganza! Mineral specimens, lapidary rough and cut, gem rough and cut, fossils, slabs, buckets and buckets of rocks, and more. Once a year event – never the same but always wonderful.

Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org Website: http://www.fgms.org

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 Educational exhibits, rocks that glow in the dark, how to make arrowheads and other demonstrations. 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

Contacts: (408) 265-1422, info@scvgms.org Website: facebook.com/ santaclaravalleygemandmineralso-

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 activities involving rocks. An excellent show for anyone who is interested in rocks and jewelry.

Contact: https://facebook.com/ events/999726084444006/999726087 777339/?active_tape=about

March 16-17, 2024 – San Jose, CA Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral

Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111 Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show presented by the Santa Clara Valley Society featuring educational exhibits, rocks that glow in the dark, how to make arrowheads and other demonstrations. Save \$2 when you buy online at http://www.scvgms.org. Free Parking. Contact: (408) 265-1422

Website: http://www.scvgms.org

March 22-24, 2024 - Clovis, CA

Fresno Gem and Mineral Society 748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis, CA 93612 Hours: Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
The 4th Annual Central Valley Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Fresno Gem and Mineral Society, presents a great show for viewing, learning about and purchasing minerals, fossils, gems, beautiful handmade jewelry and much more!

Website: https://fgms.rocks/

March Birthstone – Aquamarine







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.

Anaheim, CA

Searchers

Mineral Society

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: <u>www.searchersrocks.org</u>

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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