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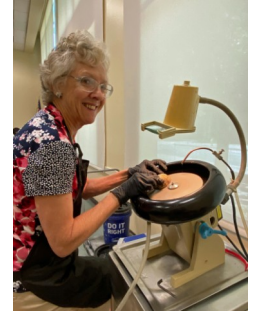
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The Searchers next meeting:

June 13, 2023 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

What does the Board of Directors and Invaluable Volunteers do for the Club?

The Board members have a "To Do" Calendar with over 50 action items that involve: paying fees, taxes, and dues on-time with the State and City of Anaheim, keeping insurance policies current for the Club and for the Show, working City of Anaheim charity events to "pay for" our meeting hall and workshop time at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, putting on the annual Show at the Brookhurst Center, accepting rock and mineral donations including assessment, pick up, cleaning, and finding storage space, maintaining an active website presence including a Google Drive account with all Club documents, a gmail account, and a Facebook account and keeping track of monies with a business checking account. The Board members attend monthly board meetings, monthly general meetings with speakers and zoom, organizing and leading field trips, and holding a summer picnic and winter party. (Margaret and Bill Hogarth, Rick Weber, Gwen Sharp, Nancy Bird, Sue Gevedon, Jenny Rohl, Caleb Guyer, and Jamie Cassidy-Curtis)

Invaluable Volunteers: Linda Horn who produces the newsletter, Debbie and Bob Tanner who maintain the membership list, Steve Duncan who handles emails and donations, John O'Neill who solves Square and website problems, and Caleb Guyer who supervises the workshop twice a week with help from Jim Thorpe, Jenny Rohl, Daniel Friend, Jimmy Peterson and me.

Why do we do this? Because we all love rocks and minerals!



Welcome to new members: Joshua Lloyd, Carole Johnson, Peter Stull, Charlita "Leeta" Meadows, Jeremiah Meadows, and Reuben Perez.

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



Searchers Club Meetings

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

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

Minutes - Board Meeting, Tuesday April 4, 2023

Meeting vis Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

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

April 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, April 11 Regular meeting minutes approved with typo fix.

Pearson Park Children's Festival – Saturday May 20, 2023 Robin will ask for volunteers at the upcoming meeting next week.

New saw purchases – Caleb presented the saw purchase for 2, 14- inch saws and 1, 18-inch saw from Highland Park for \$8,891 plus tax and shipping. The board approved this purchase since the new saws will fit into the storage space in the Center. In addition, the board approved looking into the purchase of an 18-inch Lortone saw for Dale Palas as long as it is in good condition and isn't more than \$1,500. These purchases will be presented to the membership at the upcoming May general meeting.

Raffle at General Meetings, new volunteer needed. We will revert back to the way we were doing it and promote it better during the meeting

May Program: Dr. Will Gelnaw, Cooper Center Paleontology

May trip: Lavic Siding for beginners, hoping for a good turn-out.

CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird will be attending the CFMS show in Lodi, June 23-25, 2023.

Minutes – General Meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

Raffle: Regular raffle resumed as well as a silent auction this month. Door prize drawing continues.

Saws: The proposed 18-inch saw as well as two 14-inch saws was debated and then voted on by the membership. The purchase was approved. The original vote for the 24-inch saw was rescinded and passed by the membership.

Imaginology: April 15-16. Was staffed by Robin Lazelere, Melissa Meaux and Karen Kremer.

May 20, Childrens' Festival: Pearson Park, we need volunteers!

Cal State Fullerton Award: Gwen Sharp and Robin Lazerlere attended the award banquet where our donation was awarded to two students who helped out at our show on Saturday.

Field Trips: Lavic Siding, May 20 and then into the South Cady's for Sunday.

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 by Dr. Will Gelnaw of the Cooper Center for Paleontology which houses fossils from Orange County. He identifies fossils found in Orange County, mainly from construction projects. There is a museum that is reopening at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park in Buena Park.

In the past mammoths, bison, horses and sloths inhabited Orange County. There is a 50-year back-log of material that has been collected and stored at the John D. Cooper Center. They are assembling a digital collection to be viewed online of the fossils that are stored in the center.

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Searcher Presenters and News

June Speaker: Dick Weber



Dick Weber is a retired exploration geologist and mineral collector. He has worked and traveled as a geologist throughout most of North America. The Weber's also spent a year in New Zealand and Australia examining the geology and visiting numerous major mining areas of that region. He has been an active member of the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club for more than 20 years, serving as president and treasurer. The Weber's enjoy exhibiting their speci-

Geology & History of the Argyle Diamond Mine Western Australia

The Argyle Diamond mine was discovered in 1979 in an extremely remote area of Western Australia. One of the richest diamond mines in the world, it was the source of almost all of the world's natural pink diamonds. At the time of its closure in November of 2021, it was known as one of the largest diamond producers in the world.

Geologist Dick Weber was able to visit and photograph this mine during his year-long "walkabout" in Australia. He will tell the fascinating story of the exploration that led to the discovery of this deposit. Dick will describe the geology of the formation of the lamprolite pipe that forms the host rock for these unusual multicolored diamonds. He will also explain their unique connection with our own U. S. diamond deposit in Arkansas.



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Some of the oldest fossils in Orange County are in the Bedford Canyon Group and are from the Jurassic. These include sea turtles, ammonites, clams, oysters and snails.

Later fossils that have been found are laurel leaves, club foot moss, a little rhino, oreodonts and a crocodilian. There were also musk deer in the area.

Miocene fossils include palm fronds in the Topanga Formation. Also, marine fossils have been found from this period that include shark teeth and vertebrae. There was even a very large vertebra found from a megalodon shark. In deep trenches lantern fish lived.

In the Mio Pliocene shark teeth were found as well as large walrus with no big tusks. In the Pleistocene there were no ice sheets here and the ocean was warmer than it is today. Large mammals roamed the landscape including, mammoths, Harlans ground sloth and the long-horned bison.

There are really no public lands to collect fossils on in Orange County. If you do happen to find something: leave it, document it, photograph it and report it. Volunteers are needed help with fossil prep work. Contact copa@ocparks.com.

Check out our "new" Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/searchersrocks/>

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"

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.

FIELD TRIP REPORT Lavic Siding Trip Report, May 2023

For the last couple of years we have ended the desert camping season with a trip to Lavic Siding and surrounding area. Being the first trip after the annual show, we try and publicize it as a one-day trip to new members, and young folk who happen to get excited at the show. This year was no exception with 6 young rockhounds and 2 older ones hitting the desert for the first time, and joining 7 experienced Searchers for a great trip.



And what a time it was! While we advertise that we can usually find space for those without high clearance vehicles we never thought there would be 6 people looking for seats – but we found them! We also found rattlesnakes, horned lizards, lightning with rain and wind, and a poor tortoise shell. Everyone went home with pounds of “special” jasper, agate and other material. The only negative was that the temperature on Saturday was north of 100°! (We were prepared with plenty of water, fruit and snacks.)

Friday found the “early birds” (John O’Connor, Gwen Sharp, Virgil Talbot, and Bill and Margaret Hogarth) scoping out area in the South Cadys that we would hit with the whole group – it was fine - then going north from Ludlow toward Broadwell Dry Lake and then left back into the hills of the eastern Cady’s looking for a seam of agate that John O’Connor found in an old magazine. Several members went looking and they all brought back something, but did not find that “official” seam. Oh, and did I mention that the Dairy Queen is now open again in Ludlow? Don’t ask how I know. There was a great lightning show over the Cadys with rain later that night.

Saturday the newbies arrived bright and early (6 kids and 3 adults) and we took them to the Cady foothills for some colorful jasper. These were mainly Junior High kids and It’s amazing how they want to hammer rocks open. They were all very nice, well-behaved citizens of nature and were enthusiastic about finding nice specimens and learning about the desert first hand. In fact, the best agate of the day was found by one of them.

After lunch we went to the western side of the Lavic rock field and scouted for more jasper. But it was just too hot, so when 5 of the young ones were offered a swim at the parent’s pool when they got home, they decided that quitting time was at hand. Soon only the early birds plus Bert Vogle, who arrived that morning were left, and we all went back to camp, rested, had a potluck dinner, and watched the lightning again (no rain this time).

Sunday we checked out the Hector Hills and found some amazing pieces of agate and other material, but we were tired and were packed up by noon and on the road home.

For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber



Show News

Our Show Committee is so great; they work super hard, make improvements to our process, and wholeheartedly support the club. Our show had a great turnout, especially Sunday morning. Our prizes were fun and wonderful. The geodes were sparkly and impressive. The Miss Anaheims were a significant help both days of the show, and the CSUF scholarship winners helped with ring-making on Saturday. The Silent Auction was full of treasures and happy customers. The food truck had steady business and we really enjoyed our lunches.

How can we improve? We need you to help! Do you like the club? Do you like the workshop? Do you like going on the fieldtrips? Help at the show. We need you!



Photos from Searchers 2023 Show



Anaheim Children's Festival – May 20, 2023

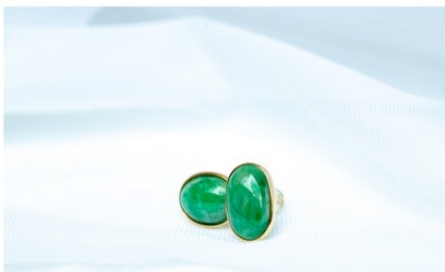
On a lovely spring day, Carole Johnson and Robin Larzelere worked the Ring-Making table with the help of Explorer Cadet, Britney. (Volunteering for the City of Anaheim, the Cadets were training in law enforcement.) Like Imaginology, there were many happy faces with rings on their fingers. The Muzeo staff also loved making rings. Muzeo is across the street from our Workshop, an easy walk on their lunch hour, and they accepted an invite to come over on Thursdays.



Upcoming Local Shows, Sales & Events

BSOC | 21st Century Jade: Why It is Prized and How It is Tested and Valued with Renée Newman

Talks



Event details

June 24, 2023 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Bowers Museum
2002 North Main Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706
United States
714-567-3600



The Delvers are holding a Parking Lot Sale on June 25th, 2022....bigger and better than last year.



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Extravaganza

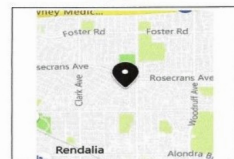


Free
Admission

June 25, 2022
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Parking
Lot Sale

**Holy Redeemer
Lutheran Church**
14515 Blaine Avenue
Bellflower, CA 90706



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Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2023

June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA
 Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
 Gem and Craft Show at Kennedy Mine,
 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, VA
 95642
 Hours: 10 AM -4 PM
 Contact: (916) 698-9853, moun-
 taingirl@volcano.net
 Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.org>

June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA
 Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
 The Convention Center at the California
 Center for the Arts – 340 North
 Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA 92025
 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM
 – 4 PM
 Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
 Website: <http://palomargem.org>

June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA
 Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
 DELVERS PARKING LOT SALE, 14515
 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706
 Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
 Website: <https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/>

JUNE 23-25, 2023 – LODI, CA
CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION
LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL
GROUNDS, 413 E. LOCKEFORD
ST., LODI, CA 95240
 Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5
 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
 Educational Exhibits, Speakers
 Adults \$6, Kids 12 & under FREE
 Free admission to MILITARY Active,
 Veterans and their Dependents with
 valid Military ID card.
 For information: rocks-
 bob@sbcglobal.net
 Dealer information: slchais-
 son@yahoo.com

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 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
 Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
 Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA
 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, Meteor-
 ites and treasures, for a no-cost Scientific
 Identification. General Admission \$8, Seniors
 60+ \$7, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking
 \$10. Discount coupon.
 Contact: gloriarosevillerockrol-
 lers@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 admis-
 sion.
 Contact: (661) 972-1117, trav-
 is462@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, Sun-
 day 10 AM – 4 PM
 Contact: (626) 260-7239
 Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

**September 16-17, 2023 – Mon-
 terey, 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 Soci-
 ety
 Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228
 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949
 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun-
 day 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

**October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood
 City, CA**
 Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
 AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
 Redwood City Community Activities
 Building, 1400 Rosevelt Ave., Redwood
 City, CA 94061
 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
 Contact: (650) 575-3144,
 cci@pacbell.net
 Website: <http://sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org>

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

June Birthstone: pearl, alexandrite and moonstone



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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editor@searchersrocks.org.

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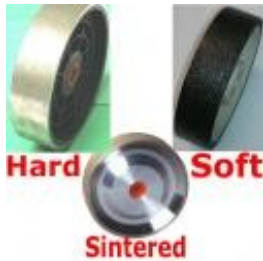
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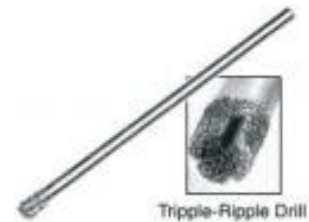
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