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# The Rock Slab News

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**The Searchers next meeting:**  
May 14th 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## The President's Message

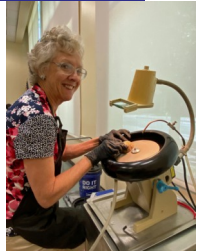
**Greetings Searchers,**

**The ring-makers** were showing off their lapidary skill at the May 18, Anaheim Children's Festival. Thank you to **Jamie-Cassidy Curtis, Yuval Dohn and her mother** for making rings for kids and adults that Saturday, and for helping at the Show, as well.

**The Workshop** has a shiny new cart for the HP 18 inch saw, thank you to Bruce Wight for assembly and paint, and to Caleb Guyer for design and parts.

**Rockhounds of the Year:** Congratulations to Caleb Guyer, and Jhenya Mevnier,

**Show Success!** Thank you for a great effort, Searchers, including your friends and family. We had beautiful weather, warm sun with a cool breeze. Sounds of "ooo's and ahhh's" came from the crowd at the Geode Station when the saw cut open a nodule. The large size, polished-rock bags sold out completely. The faceting demonstration attracted 11 sign-ups that wanted instruction (which I hope to arrange by September 2024). About 275 goodie bags were given to children, and many received free, small geodes. The Miss Anaheims, Vivian Alvarez and Sofie Hall, were the stars in the Lobby, greeting guests and pulling winning raffle tickets. The Show covered all its expenses, final numbers will be ready in June. Attendance was about 550 each day, including vendors at tables.



Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President

**Welcome New Members:** Jean and Ed Jones, Christian and Jennifer Corbo, Jose Padillo, Dean and Sandra Takeuchi, Aspen Lindblom and daughter, and David Troutt

## Searchers Club Meetings

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

Member Meeting- June 11th in the Anaheim Community Center

### General Meeting April, 16 2024

Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center. Dr., Anaheim

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

#### Old Business:

**Motion** Jenny Rohl, Second Bruce Wight: To change the club's financial accounting from accrual method of accounting to cash basis.

Passed unanimously.

**Motion** Yuval Dohn, Second Paul Malone: To change the Treasurer position to have 4 helper positions supervised by the Treasurer:

Workshop Treasurer 2) Square hardware, software maintenance 3) Show Treasurer 4) Treasurer's reports and upkeep of Income and Expense statement every two months.

Passed unanimously.

#### Children's Festival – organizer Sat. May 18 Pearson Park

#### 3) Dworak Donation – valuation of images

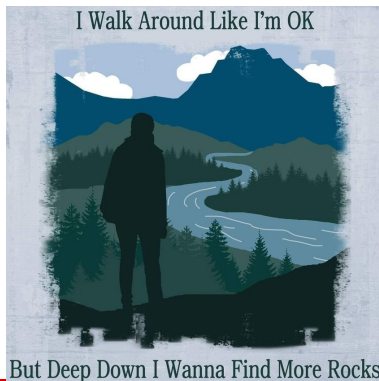
4) Officers' reports Workshop – Robin Larzelere Show report - Margaret

Finance Report –Jamie Field Trip Report – Rick Webber CFMS report Nancy Bird

#### 5) Steve Knox presents.



Some FUN



# Searcher Presenters and News

June Speaker: Gregor Losson



## Mojave Trails National Monument Management Planning Update

The Mojave Trails National Monument holds many of our most important California rock-collecting areas such as Lavic Siding, the Marble Mountains, and the historic collecting areas and roads of the Cady Mountains.

The Anaheim Searchers have a long history of rock-collecting advocacy, so the talk will update you on what we are fighting for and have accomplished so far. I'll also give an update on what we can do next.

Gregor Losson is a member of Southern California Friends of Mineralogy board and Mineralogical Society of Southern California. He participated in the 13 years of the BLM's West Mojave Plan in order to keep access to our collecting areas of the Cady Mountains and turned that work into the 200 pg. "Established Roads of the Mojave Desert, Vol. 1, the Cady Mountains." He is the Gem and Mineral Collecting Representative on the Mojave Trails Subgroup of the BLM's Desert Advisory Committee.

## Camp Paradise 2024!

Now is the time to register for Camp Paradise. Organized by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS), this week-long lapidary camp has it all. Learn faceting, silverworking, lost-wax casting, chain mail, precious metal clay, enameling, beading, lapidary, soft stone carving, agate carving, dichroic glass, intarsia, and probably some other yummy skills. The camp includes food and lodging and is a blast. The cost is \$500 per person per week. What a bargain! It is located at 12725 LaPorte Road, Strawberry Valley, CA 95930. This is north of Sacramento in a dry forest. All rocks all the time, what could be better?

Week 1: August 18th to August 24th 2024

Week 2: August 25th to August 31, 2024

<https://cfmsinc.org/camp-paradise/>

## The Searchers Workshop will be closed for cutting and polishing on June 13-15, 2024.

Workshop attendees will be asked to do equipment maintenance and cleaning. If you have questions, please email [caleb.guyer@gmail.com](mailto:caleb.guyer@gmail.com)

## Saw Oil Available

## Upcoming Searchers Field Trips

Searchers 2024 Field Trip Schedule		
Date	Location	Leader
April 19-21, 2024	Hauser Geode Beds	CFMS
May 18-19, 2024	Coalinga, CA	Bill and Margaret Hogarth
May 24-26, 2024	Ventura, CA	
June 1-2, 2024	Copper World, Mojave Wilderness	Rick Webber

### Field Trip Copper World June 1-2 2024 (POSTPONED)

On June 1 & 2, 2024, we will be traveling to ‘Copper World’, an area in the Clark Mountain range, 35 miles west of Primm, Nevada. Campsite meeting: 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. You can collect at many mines within the area. The most notable being the Mohawk and Copper World Mines.

**Directions:** Head towards Las Vegas on I 15 for about 4 hours by car and 5 hours by RV. When you pass Baker, continue another 30 miles to the Cima Road exit. There is a Stuckey’s store sign clearly visible from the freeway. At the stop sign turn left, which will take you over the freeway and to the Searcher’s campsite which will be about 0.5 miles up on the left side.



‘Copper World’s mining history spans from 1868 to 1978, however the mines are inactive today. Malachite in veins and stringers (of basalt) give the effect of spiderweb turquoise in brown matrix. Copper King, Mohawk and other mines are the result of extensive diggings which produced lead, copper, silver, and gold, as well as hematite, pyrite, galena and zinc. Latest collections include Azurite, Malachite (blue), Chrysolite, Chrysocolla, Chalcopyrite (green), possibly even Smithsonite, Calcite, Sphalerite, Hemimorphite, Limonite, and Cerussite.

Note: Some minerals will only be found within mine tunnels but most can be found as smaller specimens on the abundant dumps. Club members will help identify specimens.

**What to bring:** Food, water, and wood. It is a dry campsite with supplies, restrooms, and gas nearby @ Stuckey’s. Sunscreen, hats, and dress for the variable, desert weather. Tools: Flashlights, picks, chisels, sledgehammers, rope, gads, carry bags, etc.

**Road conditions:** Typical desert roads except for the last mile to the Copper World. Exploring beyond is a bit steep and rough. The Searchers camp is ok for Trailers or RV’s.

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during club activities. Rick Webber: [richwebb3245@att.net](mailto:richwebb3245@att.net)

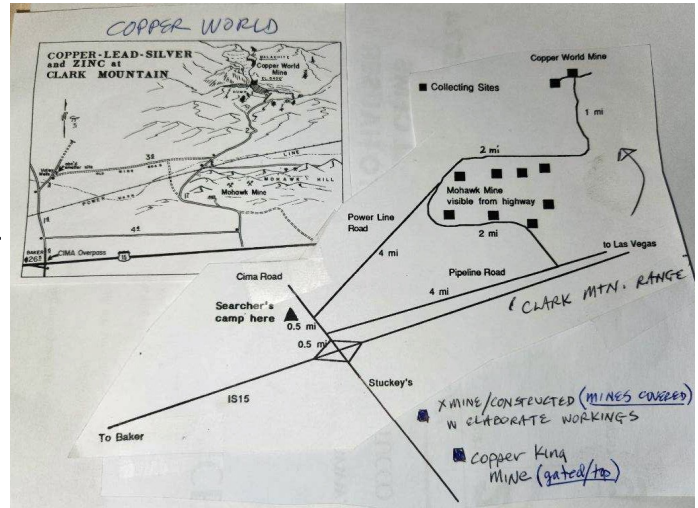


**NOTE:**

Recent weather shows 90 degrees mid day @ Cima Road (camp site) for Copper World.

Because of heat the June 1,2 2024 trip will be postponed until cooler months. Because of the elevation (2100') and 4200' @ the mine(s) dump areas will be the first trip to schedule for fall.

Thank You. Please contact me if you have any questions. Planning ahead for future trips is important.



For field trip information contact: Bill Hogarth or Rick Webber

Some Images from the exhibits at the **AFMS-CFMS Ventura show May 24-26, 2024**



## Clear Creek Field Trip Report May 18-19

On a beautiful Saturday, May 18, a caravan of 14 Searchers embarked on the first trip to the amazing Plasma Agate mine and fields in several years. There were the usual Searcher Field Trippers plus some new (and returning) faces like Jose, Madison, Bert, George, and Anna. While most of the group made the long slog out of Southern California, two of the attendees came all the way from Washington State – Doug and Inez Flaugh – saying they love Clear Creek and it’s even better with their Searcher friends!



The campsite was beautiful nestled in an oak woodland, far from civilization. As is typical, the camping is dry (no water except what we bring) even though this site had clean pit toilets. It was quiet and except for one other camper we had the place to ourselves.

This is the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Clear Creek Management Area, an area that hosts a large variety of minerals and both the California State rock – Serpentine, and one of the few places to find the rare California State Gemstone – Benitoite. Serpentine (Mohs 3-6) is a usually greenish metamorphic rock found in many places in California. Its surface is smooth but flaky-looking, much like the snake it’s named after. In its early formation it is fairly soft but over the eons it can harden to a dense, near gem-like stone and look much like jade or jadeite. Benitoite is a fairly durable gemstone (Mohs 6-6.5) that is rarely found outside this small area in California. It boasts a sapphire-blue coloration with high dispersion so it sparkles like a diamond, but while it is fairly hard, it can be chipped with solid blows. We did not look for Benitoite, and while we found a lot of serpentine, the real focus was on Plasma Agate, a hard multi-colored jasper-like like rock that polishes beautifully.

Our usual locale for the Searchers produced some fine, large specimens of the Plasma. The collecting area was a mine-like depression in a hillside that had been worked for some time. The overburden was quite fragile and yet several of the brave/foolhardy Searchers climbed to the top of the hillside and using sledge hammers and wedges forced the rocks out of the ground and over the edge. “TIMBER!”, or “Fire in the Hole!”, or just “Look Out Below!” After that came the next step of getting those large samples down to the road by rolling them down. It was an effort and we almost lost one over the road’s edge, but it stopped in time.

The variety of the collecting seemed much better to me (the avowed non-rockhound) than in previous years, and I’m sure we’ll be seeing some nice examples coming through the shop and at meetings in the near future. Jimmie Petersen took his usual large pieces of rough for his spheres. But there were many others with large, small, and tumbler-sized that everyone went back to the camp happy. Once there we rested before our usual Saturday pot-luck and campfire swapping stories of our youth.

Sunday was open and the sponsored trip was over. Some folks left for home, some sought out mines and other mineral-rich areas, and some went back to the good spots from Saturday for yet more plasma. I guess when the rocks are bitin’ ya gotta keep throwing your line in.

Thanks to all who attended and helped with the organizing and special thanks to Doug and Jimmie who remembered where it was and how to get there.





## Show News June

Successes at the show:

Quality materials at the Silent Auction. Thank you!

Separate raffles and separate special equipment auctions on Saturday and Sunday. These were much easier to manage.

We had many quality demonstrators throughout the show. Thank you!

Geode/nodule cutting and cracking was successful. We could have used more pre-cut geodes/nodules.

\$5 grab bags sold out on Saturday.

Our snacks were right on despite large candy bars being unavailable this year.

Prizes were well received at the Hospitality table, Wheel of Fortune and grab bags.

The Miss Anaheims add so much to our show.

Our take-down secret weapon was Daniel, who corralled the balloons and pulled blue tape for all of the table skirts. Thank you, Daniel!

More Searchers helped set up and take down at the show; thank you!

Inexpensive jewelry sold very well at the Searchers Sale table.

Needs work:

We missed the canopy, table and benches that the food truck had last year.

Our wire gem and mineral show lawn signs have disappeared.

Someone slashed our show banner.

The gumball machine was fun but needs promotion.

People don't understand the dino stamp game.

The treasure hunt was too hard.

If one display case doesn't show it leaves a big hole.

We have so many kid activities at the hospitality table that it takes too long to explain it, or we need more help at the hospitality table.

We will be having a post show party at Jimmy's house Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Jim Peterson

18611 Silver Maple Way

Santa Ana, CA 92705-2144

We will have a taco bar. I'll bring turkey taco meat; please bring something to share.

I am collecting feedback and suggestions for the show. I'll gather these into a document and will share it with you just before we meet. Please feel free to send me your feedback and I will blend it in by topic. I'll also take notes at the meeting because our village might have some excellent solutions to any problems.

Thank you again for all of your help for the show. I know some of you work on the show all year long; believe me, you are appreciated! We can't do the show without your help!

Margaret Hogarth

[hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com)

909-815-3045





# Upcoming 2024 CFMS Gem Shows

## 2024

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

### June 8-9, 2024 – Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts – at the Conference Center, 340 North Escondido Blvd., Escondido, 92025

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

Our show is the largest indoor Gem and Mineral Show in Southern California. Held at the California Center for the Arts – at the Conference Center, 340 North Escondido Blvd., Escondido.

Admission: \$5.00, Children under 12 Free  
Be entertained in 9000 square feet with 40 plus vendors displaying beautiful mineral specimens, faceting and lapidary rough fossils, and eye-catching handmade and vintage jewelry. This year we are expanding our vendors to independent artisans working in other materials. Our club experts will be demonstrating faceting, silversmithing, and capping. We have a close relationship with The Gem Institute of America and often have GIA students to ID gemstones of our guests. Our visitors enjoy free parking, a well-lit, air-conditioned facility with clean restrooms. Old town Escondido restaurants are directly across the street. So, if you did not have time to go to Quartzite or Tucson, come and visit Escondido and shop locally at the show that is rapidly becoming the premier gems and mineral show in Southern California.

Contact: (425) 281-6218,  
tonifloyd41615@gmail.com  
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

### June 15, 2024 – Bellflower, CA

Delvers Gem and Mineral Society  
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706  
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

Rock & Lapidary Extravaganza. Parking lot sale – Tons of Fun. Free Admission, Free Parking. Gems, Minerals, Equipment, Odds and Ends.

### June 29-30, 2024 – Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

2024 Fiesta of Gems – The Culver City Rock and Mineral Club will present its 61st Annual Fiesta of Gems Show on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 30, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. This year the featured gemstone is Turquoise. Admission and parking are free.

The Fiesta of Gems is a free educational event for the community which provides fossils, gems and mineral exhibits, demonstrations, and children’s programs. We also offer jewelry making demonstrations, gem, mineral dealers, tools, and books sales. This event helps several community programs in Culver City and helps to educate and inspire elementary students in Earth Science activities.

For more information contact Janice Metz at [culvercityrocks35@gmail.com](mailto:culvercityrocks35@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org>

### August 3-4, 2024 – Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society  
@the Grounds Roseville, 700 Event Center Drive, Roseville, CA 95678

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

62nd Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show in the huge, AC Roebbelen Event Center. Over 70n vendors, inside/out, featuring: Crystals, Fossils, Minerals, Amethyst, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, plus Free – Scientific Mineral and Gem ID – bring your rocks for a no-cost Scientific Identification! Fun for Kids in “Education Station”, Petrified Wood, Stone carvings, many special exhibits. Demonstrations, Huge Rock Auctions. Lots to see for adults and kids at this family friendly event. General admission \$10.00, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Tickets at the door, online, or grab a discount coupon on our even website: <http://www.rockrollers.com/>  
Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

### August 17-18, 2024 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
Tehachapi Senior Center, 500 East “F” St., Tehachapi, CA 93561

Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM Both Days  
Tehachapi Valley 18th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Mountain Festival weekend – Fun for the whole family, activities for the kids, raffles, and more.

Contact: (661) 972-1117, [travis462@outlook.com](mailto:travis462@outlook.com)  
Website: <http://tvngms.rocks>

### August 24-25, 2024 – 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

Now in our 75th year, Pasadena Lapidary Society celebrates our 64th Annual Tournament of Gems.

Contact: (626) 260-7239,  
[marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

### September 21-22, 2024 – Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey, CA 93950

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days  
Rocks, minerals, fossils, vendors, gems, silent auction, beads, equipment, exhibits, kind’s stuff, and jewelry

Contact: [susieharlow@gmail.com](mailto:susieharlow@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://cvngms.rocks>

## 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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)



**General Meetings:** 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov  
**Board Meetings:** 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov  
**Workshop:** Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

**Location:** Anaheim Downtown Community Center  
 250 East Center St.  
 Anaheim, CA 92805

**Mailing Address:** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 3492  
 Anaheim, CA 92803

**Website:** [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

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

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

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