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The Rock Slab News



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DECEMBER 2024

The Searchers next meeting:
December 10th 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Holiday Greetings to Searchers,



The club has extra money according to the Income and Expense Report! At the November General Meeting, Members considered another scholarship (in addition to \$1500 to Cal State Fullerton). Here are the options. The board members will vote at the December 3 meeting.

- Donate \$5000 over 5 years to Rancho Santiago Community College with requirement that it be a transfer-in student in geology/earth sciences.
- Donate \$2500 over 5 years to Rancho Santiago Community College with requirement that it be a transfer-in student in geology/earth sciences.
- Donate to the City of Anaheim to show appreciation for using the Downtown Center. This could be a donation to the Anaheim Central Library to support their STEM kits that go out to kids, or a donation to the Anaheim Foundation/Oak Nature Center in Anaheim Hills for their children's programs on nature.

Would you please email any additional comments to anaheimsearchers@gmail.com by Dec. 2?

See you at the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 10, doors open at 6:30 p.m. It is a potluck and gift exchange, contact srenoathome@gmail.com



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

Two donations came in this month, onyx slabs from Katie Goodman, and Walt Smale brought cabs, books and more seismites. In the cooler months, its is easy to clean out shelves and make room for new rocks! Always welcome to drop off at the General Meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month) or Workshop.

Robin Larzelere, President

Welcome new member, Randy Barnes



Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **December 3rd at 6:30 P.M.**

Member Meeting- **December 10th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Board Meeting Agenda, Oct. 1 2024 Zoom meeting start 6:40 p.m. end 8:30 p.m.

Present: Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Sue Gevedon, Gwen Sharp, Margaret Hogarth

Rick Webber, Nancy Bird, Caleb Guyer, Absent: Regina Tula1. **Consent Calendar:**

- A. Sept. 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, Sept. 10, 2024 no General Membership Meeting Minutes taken. Unanimously approved with one correction.

2. Old Business:

A. 2025 Show Policies– prices for vendor tables – see excel sheet, from Show Committee De-brief meeting – theme for next year to emphasize families and kids with larger area for them on the patio see patio plan. Show Committee will review contracts and pricing. Traditionally, the board doesn't vote on this. Waitlist confirmation policy to be reviewed by Show Committee.

B. Move money from checking account into a new CD account at Citibank. CD account is open. 6 month rate is 4.24%

New Business:

Facebook groups, Facebook page, Instagram, Meta Business account. Yuval Dohn presented how Facebook and Instagram accounts work, and how to use them to promote the Show and the club. Content needs to be posted regularly to increase views. Facebook Group is a private string, Facebook page is the public information about the club. Heather's page which referenced our website was taken down by Facebook because it was considered "impersonating". The Instagram and Facebook group pages need a QR code and it needs to be in the Slab and website. Yuval gave some examples of posts that are entertaining, have audio, what trending is, and cross posting by with hash tags and sharing what other clubs are doing. (If you share mine, I will share yours.) For content posted online, the Club needs to have a liability form for photos of members, no children faces without permission of guardian.

Increase of insurance costs– how to pass on to membership.

2023 Insurance: \$814, 2023 CFMS dues: \$1098 2023 total: \$1931

2024 Insurance: \$1,078, 2024 CFMS dues: \$1125 2024 total: \$2203

\$2203/135 members = \$16.32 The board gave direction that membership needs to be informed of increases this year through the Slab, President's Article, and website. Membership Dues will increase in 2026 to cover increases.

Gwen Smale donation: how to sell the club owned higher grade items: opals, sand spikes, jade carving, high grade rough Currently, the policy is: hold a silent auction for 4 high-grade items at the general meetings, that start bidding at \$10. A fifth item is the free, door prize, not high-grade.

The Show Committee Silent Auction group will review how to sell the high-grade the club owns at the 2025 Silent Auction in a special High Grade Auction. Margaret suggested that the high-grade be set aside into several years for sale at the Silent Auction. Best practices would be to always advertise all high-grade with photos before the meeting or Show, including in-person viewing of items before the sale event.

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Searcher Presenters and News

December Speaker: No speaker

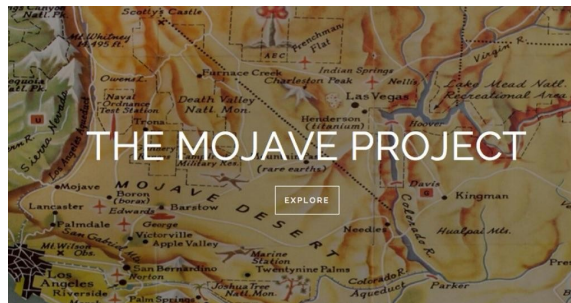
Christmas Party

And Gift Exchange



Some interesting information on the Mojave desert.

It offers background history and geology to our field trips. There is a in-depth article about Kokoweef Mountain, including information about the current leaseholder that gave our field trip group a tour.



<https://www.pbssocal.org/project/the-mojave-project>

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

Upcoming Searchers Field Trips

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

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

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



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

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

Show address: 235 East Ironwood, Quartzsite AZ 85346

Phone Number : (928) 927-6325

Email Address: Powwow@qiaarizona.org

For field trip information contact: Rick Webber

58th Annual Quartzsite POWWOW
Gem & Mineral Show
Quartzsite, Arizona

QIA

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Space reservation and additional information:
(928) 927-6325
QIAarizona.org
e-mail: PowWow@QIAarizona.org

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Reports:

● **President** – Robin Larzelere

1. WIX vendor pages for online sign up for 2025 Show update. Due to increased costs of emails on WIX, this project has been canceled. Cost for emails (if more than 200 emails sent a month) would be \$29 a month. Cost to have the Vendor Contracts as ticketed event \$25 per month. Once started, the costs cannot be stopped. These costs did not include any online advertising with WIX, Google, Facebook or Instagram.

● **Treasurer** report Jamie Cassidy-Curtis

● 1. September Treasurer’s Report.

Motion: The Treasurer’s report for the Board Meetings is named for the previous month’s bank information and is named for the that month. Unanimously approved.

2. CFMS pins for outgoing board members. Jamie ordered, Robin has them.

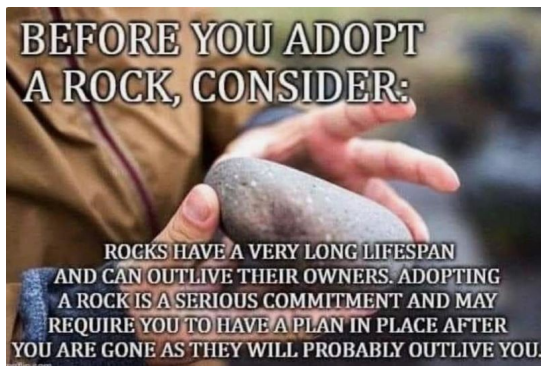
3. Business license for the City of Anaheim has been renewed for 2025.

● **1st VP – Programs** – Gwen Sharp Renee Newman is speaking on Jade at the Oct. 8 meeting. Rex Nishimura requested his son give a brief rock presentation to our club. Gwen is waiting to hear from him.

2nd VP – Field Trips: Rick Webber – September Whitewater Landscape Supply Oct. 5 and 6: Mohawk Mine near Copperworld Rick needs a liability waiver form with a box to check if you do not what to be photographed.

● **Show Report: Margaret Hogarth**

Workshop Report: Caleb thanked Robin, Jenny Rohl and Vince Marasco for supervising while he was away for a few weeks. Workshop is seeing increased attendance.



Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson’s home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$65 for 5 gallons to members. \$75 for non-members. Jim Peterson 714 904-8573 Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to “Searchers”

December 12-10-2024

Searcher's Holiday Party

This will be a potluck party with the club providing

Turkey and Ham at the

Anaheim Community Center



Categories are:

Main Dish

Side dishes (suggested potatoes, yams, mac and cheese, stuffing etc.)

Other dishes (suggested green salad, broccoli salad, fruit salad, bean salad, rolls etc.)

Deserts



Bring a gift for the gift Exchange

We will have a gift exchange! For those who would like to participate, bring a rock related gift with a value of approximately \$20.

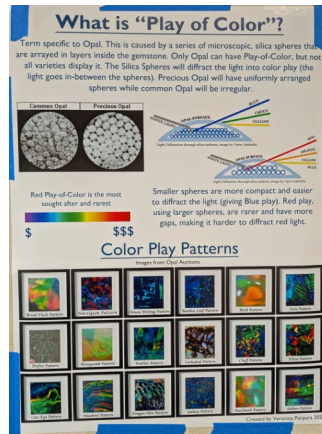
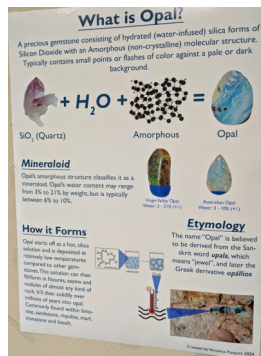
Show News

Bill and I have been working on downsizing our junkola and decluttering. Unexpectedly, we have lived in this house for over 30 years, and when we are makers, that means we save a lot of potential parts, materials, and supplies. That includes rocks. I have rocks tucked in everywhere, the sheds, the garage, the garden, the house. 98 percent I have found myself on Searcher field trips, long and short. There are more rocks than I could ever work through. So, I am packing up all of the extras for the Silent Auction at the 2025 Show. I'm setting a few pieces aside for myself for the future, and I'm channeling all of the tumbling material into my tumbling stream for grab bags, goodie bags, and \$5 bags. If you can tumble for the Show, please tumble and donate polished rocks. It is great to see others' polished work.

Our geode/nodule 90 percent cutting is developing well thanks to our many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Todd Richmond, Byron Goodman, Katie Goodman, and Steve Millbern. Any geodes that don't sell at the 2025 show can be saved for the 2026 show.

I've been asked why don't we spend more on the show, particularly the material for the Silent Auction? We usually budget \$200 for Steve Duncan to buy some trays of sparkly stuff at a gem and mineral wholesaler's. He uses these to sweeten the offerings during auctions. Why not spend more than the \$200? Traditionally, the Silent Auction has depended on donated quality material, including from members. There are many deals in our Silent Auction; we are famous for that. Happy buyers may make a donation to the club, or donate material to the Silent Auction next year?

At the American Opal Show in Orange in October, did anyone see the wonderful information posters that Veronica made? They are fantastic. Please consider making some for our next show. We would like to make our show more educational and artistic, and a laminated poster that we could use year after year would be perfect.



Help Needed

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

Upcoming 2025 CFMS Gem Shows

2025- Shows

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 15-16, 2025 – San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Daily
Children under 12 free with adult. Active Duty/Retired Military/Military Dependents/First Responders Free with valid ID Card. Scouts in Uniform Admitted Free. Adults \$8 – save \$2 when you buy online! <http://www.scvgms.org>
Bring any of our advertising paper or electronic for \$1 off admission.
FREE PARKING
Website: <http://www.scvgms.org>, facebook.com/santaclaravalleygem&mineralsociety/

March 22-23, 2025 – Angels Camp, CA
Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd., Angels Camp, CA 95222
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
The Calaveras Gem and Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds Frogtown. Admission is \$4 for adults; kids 12 and under are free, if accompanied by a paying adult. There will be numerous exhibits featuring jewelry, carving, faceted gemstones, and polished rocks. There will be demonstra-

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

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

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

December Birthstone – Turquoise, Tanzanite & Zircon



Zircon Colors

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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