

The Rock Slab News

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The Purpose of the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
By-Laws, Article 1, Sec. 2

This 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; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, almost another month has passed and it's still hot! Our last meeting was, in my humble opinion, one of our best. Yes, the rock swap was a hit! Everyone found something they liked and a lot of leftover rocks and slabs were donated to the club and the Veterans group. A few of you came in early and my "no swapping until after our meeting!" fell on deaf ears. These folks, I won't mention names, were trading and grabbing rocks like they needed them; none of us really need more. I would ask at our next rock swap that no one unpacks or trades any rocks until after the meeting. Give others a chance to get there. On that night, the meeting will start at 7:15 and the swapping will start afterwards. No, I'm not kidding.

Next, we have had a large amount of lapidary equipment donated to the club. A group of us will be picking it all up on the 19th and after Herb Beckman chooses what we need for the workshop, we will probably have an auction among the membership on some of the other pieces. Before I ramble on any more I better stop. See you at our next meeting.

AUGUST PROGRAM

By Walter Mroch

The August program will be a presentation by our own talented Larry Richey. Larry will be talking to us about Fire Agates and demonstrating how to cut and polish them. He did this presentation for us a few years ago and it was received very well. Larry is extraordinarily knowledgeable and his teaching techniques are invaluable and wonderfully patient. You will be forgoing a great opportunity if you miss this meeting. **Other club members are always welcome.**

BULLETIN

At the November meeting there will be discussion and voting on the proposed dues increase.

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

As I mentioned in the President's Message we have had a donation of equipment to Searchers. We will be auctioning off the items that we don't need in our workshop to our members. At the next meeting we will auction a Frantom 18" slab saw. It is in good working condition; however, it could use cleaning, some paint and a few minor repairs. It is on a wheeled dolly. Blade is in good condition but has a slight wobble. Herb Beckman told me that will probably straighten out after slabbing a few rocks. If it doesn't, blade would have to be replaced. Saw at the moment is at my house and I will be bidding on it, but of course the highest bid wins. Purchaser, if not me, will arrange pickup and transportation and lifting it; it's rather large and heavy. **Keith Droste, President**

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: 7PM, 2rd Thursday of each month,
Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.
Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

No workshops: Nov 23 & 25.

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AUGUST EVENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7,14,21,28	6-10pm	Thursday Workshop (lapidary, wire wrapping)
9,16,23,30	3-7pm	Saturday Workshop (lapidary, silversmithing)
12	7pm	August General Meeting
14	7pm	Board Meeting

For a complete listing of Gem & Mineral Shows go to www.cfmsinc.org and www.gemfaire.com. And don't for the Rt. 66 Gold Miners at www.goldprospectors.com.

Please bring slabs for the Vets. There is a box in the back corner during general meetings to accept your donations.

FIELD TRIP

None this month. It's way too hot out there!!

We are still collecting names for those of you who are interested in going to the Oceanview Tourmaline Mine located in San Diego County near the Pala Casino. The Rt. 66 Gold Miners have reserved a spot and have invited the Searchers. This field trip will take place on Sunday, October 26, 2008. There is a fee involved and we will have that and other information available later. The Rt. 66ers need to know how many of us will be attending this field trip. If you want to be included in this field trip please contact Steve Duncan at wsd@iteris.com or 714-724-7102.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please welcome the newest member of the Searchers' family:

Alberta Burson
Margaret Hogarth
Tom Hogarth

Elaine Sanchez-Tokuchi
Hiko Tokuchi

Happy Birthday to all those Searchers' members who celebrate their birthdays in August!!!

IN OUR MEMORIES

By Kathy Clark

It is with great sorrow that I announce the passing of Sharon Burson's mother on Monday, June 30, 2008. She was also the mother of Sharon's brother Gordon Williams and the mother-in-law of Robert Burson. Also Robert Burson's brother has just passed away. Our deepest sympathy goes out to this family for their losses.

Sadly, Marjorie Wease who joined the Searchers way back in the 1960s or 1970s has passed away. For some time she had not been able to attend meetings but still enjoyed receiving the Rock Slab Newsletter. We send our heartfelt condolence to Marjorie's son and daughter-in-law, John and Susana Wease, who are also Searcher members. She is missed. Marjorie was 94.

The Searchers call themselves a family and family members usually stand together and draw strength from one another especially during times of adversity and sadness. Please know that you have the support and caring of so many who keep you close in thought and wish you comfort and peace.

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PICNIC

The Searchers Board has suggested having a picnic the end of August to be held at Pearson Park or at the volunteered home of a member who has a large yard. The club will provide hot-dogs, condiments and soft drinks. The rest will be potluck. We will discuss this at the August meeting and if there is enough interest a date will be set. There will be a sign-up list so we **all** don't bring potato salad.



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