

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

By Norbert Bernhardt

Hello Searchers!

It's summer! Sure is hot out there!

We hope to hear about some great rock collecting that went on in New Mexico these past couple weeks. We had a few Searchers go on this CFMS trip. Wish I could have been there!

Last month we had a great program on "Gemstone Identification" with Lothar Vallot who teaches a class at Santiago Canyon College. We have about 5 Searcher's attending the class on Monday and Wednesday night, including yours truly and Ana.

Our next General Meeting will be on September 8th, 2009. Please see the article by Jimmy Peterson. The program will be about tumbling stones.

Our nominating committee for next year's officers will be announced at the General Meeting. Please help out our club by volunteering for a position. It is a rewarding experience!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Our own and multi-talented Larry Richey has been requested to present a short class on rock tumbling. Many new and old members have been asking about this part of our hobby so Larry says he will see what he can do to give some tips that may make rock tumbling work a little better for them and hopefully save them some money, too!

Larry Richey is a wonderful teacher so here is an excellent opportunity to learn a technique that lots of us have been hankering for. See you Tuesday, September 8.

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, Wed. after general meeting,
 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: January 1, 2009

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
 250 East Center St.
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Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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 Couple \$35
 Junior (17 & under) \$10
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ROCK'N KIDS NEWS

WE ARE HAVING A SWIMMING PARTY FOR SEPTEMBER. IT IS GOING TO BE AT NORBERT'S HOUSE, ON SEPTEMBER 12 FROM 11AM-3.00PM. WE WILL PROVIDE LUNCH. BRING A ROCK TO TRADE. WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

BE SURE TO **RSVP**

Ana Lorenzo
714-734-9665

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Kathy Clark

I apologize to Ester Reynolds for announcing in last month's newsletter that her sister had passed away. After reading the newsletter Ester sent me an email telling me that her sister was very much alive and doing well. Thank God.

I am saddened to report that long long long-time Searchers member Harry Nelson is receiving hospice care at his home. Please send cards to: **10571 Overman Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92640-1220.**

Also, another long-time Searchers member Audrey Nichols has begun a slow and difficult decline in mobility and strength and now resides at the Walnut Manor Care Center. She treasures news from friends and family so don't hesitate to send messages to **anaheimaudrey@hotmail.com**, or write to her at **1401 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92802**, or call her at the reception desk at **714-766-7150**. If you live in Southern California, please pay her a visit.

For those of you who know past member Ken Nelson, Walter Mroch ran into him the other day and was told that Ken's wife was just diagnosed with a pancreatic tumor. Ken also has some equipment for sale so please see the advertisement on bottom of page 7. Ken may be reached at **562-431-7382**.

Recently I received an email from Michele Lee saying that she and Mike had moved to Oklahoma. You can email Michele at **dragonfly@digitalpath.net** and Mike at **rag-time@digitalpath.net**.

Let's not forget our older Searchers who no longer are able to attend meetings or join us on field trips. I am a fairly new member so I can only imagine and appreciate all the good things that these wonderful people contributed to the Searchers over the years. Eventhough their bodies have slowed down, their minds haven't. So let's keep them in our thoughts and our hearts, and stay in touch with them. They would love to hear from you.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
3,10,17,24	6-10pm	Thursday Workshop (lapidary, wire wrapping)
5,12,19,26	3-7pm	Saturday Workshop (lapidary, silversmithing)
8	7pm	September General Meeting
NO SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING		
18-20		Field Trip to Jalama Beach area, above Santa Barbara

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE SCHEDULED SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER**

OCTOBER EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1,8,15,22,29	6-10pm	Thursday Workshop (lapidary, wire wrapping)
3,10,17,24,31	3-7pm	Saturday Workshop (lapidary, silversmithing)
13	7pm	October General Meeting
14	7pm	Board Meeting at Norbert's house

For a complete listing of Gem & Mineral Shows go to www.cfmsinc.org, www.rockngem.com and www.gemfaire.com. And don't forget the Route 66 Gold Miners at www.route66goldminers.org and the GPAA at www.goldprospectors.com.

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

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Jalama Beach, September 18-20, 2009

by Beth Pelfrey

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WHEN: September 19-20

WHERE: Jalama Beach, Figueroa Mountain

CAMPING: River Park, Lompoc, California

ROAD QUALITY: Any Vehicle

We will be camping at river Park on the Santa Cruz River (dry in summer). Lompoc Parks and Rec have set aside a camping area for our group. There will be plenty of room for rigs with hook-ups, tents and car-camping. The fees will be averaged to \$10.00 a night; usually they charge more. We will be able to have a campfire in our own fire pit/washing machine tub so bring firewood and chairs. Saturday night as usual, we will have a potluck. There are picnic tables, BBQ's, open rest-rooms. All the comforts of home!

Bring buckets for collecting, rock hammers, something to dig in the sandy soil. Sturdy boots or shoes and sun protection is a must. Eventhough Lompoc area has cooler temps than we do, plan to layer as in California we can never second-guess the climate! The beach will be cooler, inland will be warm.

The hike up the beach is about a mile and a half each way, as I recall, to the whalebone, so be comfortable. We will have to work with the tide table. High tide will be (6 ft.) at 10:24 AM and low (0 ft.) at 4:36 PM, so walking to the whalebone cliffs and back after lunch should be easy.

We will meet at camp to carpool to Jalama Beach at 9 AM. Parking is kinda scarce and \$8 a car-load, so we can share. Plan to pack a lunch, drinks and water. Those who wish can rock hound the beaches and travertine cliffs.

Sunday we will go to Los Olivos, Figueroa Peak. Again, any vehicle as all roads are paved for easy driving. Figueroa Mountain Road is curvy and narrow in places. As always, the further you go off the beaten path the better chance for prime material. **NO RV traffic** on this road as it is overhung with trees and very curvy. We will be in the Los Padres National Forest, so passes will be required.

Check out the following websites: http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/ca/rec_losp.htm

For Pass information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/passes/>

City of Lompoc: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Lompoc&state=CA>

If you want to read the references: in Gem Trails of Southern California, see Los Olivos Site 170-171 and Jalama Beach Site 172-173.

HOW TO GET TO LOMPOC:

I-5 North to US 101 North, Ventura Freeway toward Ventura. Take Exit 132 for CA 1 toward Lompoc. Turn left at S Hwy 1/CA 1 about 18 miles. Turn right at Buellton Rd/CA 246 cross the river and turn left on River Park Road. You should be able to see our encampment. It's about 175 miles from my house, by the way, so plan accordingly. Hwy 1 is slower and curvy. US101 through Santa Barbara is still slow. Per Google maps: 3 hours normal, 5-up to 5 hours in traffic. I think we can assume traffic—we live in California!

Motels: There are several: NOTE: H St. is Hwy 1 and Ocean is CA 246.

Best Western O'Cairns Inn, 940 E. Ocean Ave., * (877) 574-2464

Motel 6, 1521 North H St., * (805) 735-7631

The O'Cairns Inn, 1020 E. Ocean Ave, * (805) 735-5444

America's Best Value Inn, 1200 North H St, * (805) 735-3737

Day's Inn, 1122 North H St. * (805) 735-7744

According to MS McCall at the City Parks, nothing is too far away!

Lompoc is known as the City of Murals—over 40!

I think we are in for a treat, so y'all come!

Beth Pelfrey (714) 774-2754 pelfreye@sbcglobal.net

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Membership Application

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Please indicate your field of interest by checking any/all of the following:

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Other () _____

How did you become aware of the Searchers? Friend/Relative () Member () Internet ()

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The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization and we rely upon volunteers within our club to serve on our committees as well as our board members. This field is optional and only serves as future information. Making a checkmark in any area in no way obligates you to volunteer or serve in any of the positions or on any of its committees.

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Valid Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, not prorated. *Subject to change.*

Please make Check payable to: "The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc."

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHSTONE—Sapphire

For those who were born in the month of September the Sapphire is the traditional birthstone. Some of the properties with which the Sapphire is associated are truth, sincerity and constancy. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the September Birthstone Sapphire are clairvoyance, insight and interpretation. The healing properties of the September Birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to lowering fevers and inflammation, hearing problems, cancer and burns. The Sapphire is also used to enhance the influences of Venus and banish evil thoughts. The September Birthstone poem—the Sapphire- “A maiden born when autumn leaves Are rustling in September’s breeze, A Sapphire on her brow should bind; To bring her joy and peace of mind.”



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