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The President's Message

Happy Fall Searchers!

As we wind down our year I want to thank the current board for all their hard work and dedication this past year. It's been a pleasure working with you and I hope the organization continues to move forward thanks in part to all we've accomplished. I'm impressed by all the new members, the increased activity at the workshop, and all the wonderful participation at meetings and events. There are still some great activities planned, including our fall boutique and upcoming elections. Take a moment and



consider running for a board position and continuing to help this group grow. I look forward to seeing vou all soon. Sincerely, Monica Dekany-Beeker President 2019

It's Time for the annual...



Get ready!.... for some new and exciting changes to our boutique! This year I have coordinated with the city and it's Community Services Department Day of the Dead Celebration. We will be cross-promoting the two events and Searchers has been invited to volunteer and provide an activity for the families at the Day of the Dead event benefitting Project SAY (Support Anaheim's Youth) Development Program. Consider giving back and volunteering!



On Saturday, October 19th we will be moving our

"BOO-tique" outside for a day in the sun on the Assembly Hall Lawn, located directly behind the Community Center. A daytime event on a weekend should provide larger attendance and a fun atmosphere. Since we'll be outside, each vendor will bring their own preferred set-up. Bring your tables, chairs, pop-ups and displays. If you need help with any of these items well see if we can arrange something.

This activity is meant to be a fun social event that also serves as a fundraiser to further our community programs, and make you some sales. Remember, the Searchers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds from our fundraising efforts are used to provide scholarships to those planning careers in related fields, funding for our community workshop and youth outreach, as well as The Veterans Administration rehabilitation programs at The Long Beach VA Hospital. All monies you receive from sales are entirely your own. We have traditionally charged for tables indoors, but since we are making a shift outside we will charge just \$25 per "space". Feel free to take advantage and bring as much as you'd like to fill your spot. In addition to the space fee, you will be asked to donate one item for the prize drawings. Additional details will be sent out shortly to those who have reserved a spot.

I invite you to reserve a space. Please contact me, Heather Jaeckels, at: hkjaeckels@gmail.com.

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Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- Tues. Oct 1st at 6 pm, 2nd VP Lydia's house Member Meeting– Tuesday Oct. 8th at 7 pm, Anaheim Community Center

Searchers Presents:

Fluorescents "Rock"!



Our First..... **"Rockin"....** All Hallows..... Day of the Dead-Mam³s..... Glow-tastic Fluorescence Mash-up Party!

Get ready for some glowing, spooky fun! Come for prizes, treats, fun, and get your glow on!

Guest Speaker: Dale Harwood...

Is an ore specialist and is known as the "Cylindrite King". He will be educating us on fluorescent minerals and UV lighting. He will be sure to have display specimens on hand for viewing. Dale was noted in a *North County Times* article for having over twenty-five thousand specimens, a great many he collected himself, here in the Southwest. In case you just must have a new treasure to add to your personal collection, Dale will have some for sale as well. Longtime member and Searchers mega-supporter **Walt Lombardo** will also provide us with the opportunity to buy new items to add to our own collections.

Franklin New Jersey – Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World...

I've ordered in this special video from The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies which will give us some interesting information on the more well-known fluorescent mineral locales. What about us, you ask? Well, I've got you covered there too. I've compiled a list of local spots where you may be able to hunt and collect your own fluorescent minerals. It will be available to you at the meeting. **C**ome meet and mingle, bring your own fluorescent specimens for show and tell, and glow baby glow, on Tuesday the 11th at 8pm.

Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Vets!

Field Trips

More field trips will be scheduled soon

Searchers Board Meeting summary – Sep 8, 2019

Items discussed at the board meeting included:

- Our next audit should be done by a professional who specializes with small 501(C)3 organization like Searchers, who can give us the guidelines that we need to follow, including how often we need a professional audit vs doing an in-house audit. Heather has gotten good general advice so far, but is still looking for a specialist. She has more leads.
- Heather is working with the Anaheim Downtown Center to get the final date and room for our October boutique. Tables are \$25 each; contact Heather to sign up.
- Monica is making the final updates to our bylaws and other documents. The drafts will soon be sent to the members for review.
- We scheduled a fundraiser at Tutto Fresco on Wednesday, Sep 18, 11am 9pm. Anyone who wants to participate can hand the cashier a fundraiser flyer. Flyers will be available at the Sep 10 meeting.
- We plan to extend our insurance to cover the items in our storage unit.

Searchers meeting summary – Sep 10, 2019

Heather presided over the September Searchers meeting. Highlights included:

- Elections for next year's Searchers board will be held in November. The Nominating Committee is Margaret Hogarth, Robert Burson, and Jenny Rohl. Any member in good standing is welcome to run for any position, whether open or occupied. Open positions next year include President and Programs.
- We're tentatively planning field trips in October and December, after the weather cools down. Details will be provided later.
- Show Committee report (Margaret Hogarth): The first Show Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5 at 1 pm, in the Anaheim Downtown Center. Also, please donate prizes for the show.
- The September speaker was Ken Rogers, who gave an entertaining presentation about patterns in cut rocks that look like something else, such as landscapes, animals, or faces. It's art that you get to participate in, because what you get depends on so many random factors, such as the angle and location of your first cut. Take your time looking, and try turning the rock to different angles.

For field trip information contact: Lydia Pattison Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Ipattison@so cal.rr.com

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Nominating Committee Report

The known list of candidates as of September 22, 2019 is:

President: Kim Strange

1st Vice President, Programs: Sharon Burson

2nd Vice President, Field Trips, Andrew Bloxom

Secretary: Jamie Cassidy-Curtis

Treasurer: Charlotte Spaulding

CFMS Representative: Charles Walker

Other candidates are welcome to announce their candidacy at the October general meeting.

The candidates were asked to answer some rock-related icebreaker questions:

- 1. What is your favorite color rock?
- 2. What is your favorite rock-related activity?
- 3. Tell us about your largest yard rock.
- 4. What is the best rock you've ever found?
- 5. Tell us about a rock that got away.

6. What is your wish for the Searchers?

From candidate for President, Kim Strange:

1. What is your favorite color rock? That is a hard question to answer - I have so many "favorites" - if I had to pick two, I'd say the deep blues and greens of Azurite and Malachite. There is just something about the strong vibrant colors that appeal to me.

2. What is your favorite rock-related activity? That is easy, field collecting

3. Tell us about your largest yard rock. It's not huge, but I have a large piece of Gold ore bearing Quartz that I collected from the Virginia Dale Mine outside 29 Palms many years ago. It's probably 25 pounds or so.

4. What is the best rock you've ever found? As a child, my Uncle took me on a field collecting trip to New Mexico where we collected at the Blanchard Mine. I have several Fluorites, Linarites and Barites that we collected on that trip that have great sentimental value. Much later in life (but still a very long time ago) my family and I stopped at Crystal Hill in La Paz County Arizona and I had the good fortune to hit a pocket of clear beautifully terminated Quartz crystals. I probably took out 60 or 70 specimens, many doubly terminated thumbnails, from that pocket. What a thrill that was.

5. Tell us about a rock that got away. I tried to find the Barite locality in Palos Verdes but could never find it.

6. What is your wish for the Searchers? For the club to grow in membership. For all members to get to know each other better and share in the fellowship of this wonderful hobby that we enjoy.

From candidate for 1st Vice President, Programs, Sharon Burson:

- 1. What is your favorite color rock? Blue
- 2. What is your favorite rock-related activity? The Campfire
- 3. Tell us about your largest yard rock. Petrified log many colors
- 4. What is the best rock you've ever found? Purple agate from the Cady Mountains
- 5. Tell us about a rock that got away. Rocks donated to the Searchers Silent Auction

6. What is your wish for the Searchers? To engage people who truly love the adventure and enjoy building relationships/friends

From candidate for 2nd Vice President, Field Trips, Andrew Bloxom:

1. What is your favorite color rock? Definitely red. Jaspers, and red and clear jasp-agates. Growing up on east coast, in my memory rocks were mostly grey or milky quartz (boring!)

2. What is your favorite rock-related activity? I love walking washes looking for rocks because it connects us with the erosional forces that expose them to begin with, and reminds me of the treasure hunting roots of my childhood looking for shark's teeth on Atlantic Ocean beaches. Close 2nd, washing rocks off at home and then filling up the coffee table to look them over!

From candidate for 2nd Vice President, Field Trips, Andrew Bloxom: (con.)

3. Tell us about your largest yard rock. Our largest rocks now are smaller chunks of massive boulders of beautiful Clear Creek plasma agate that we tumbled down from the Aurora mine with Jimmie Peterson.

4. What is the best rock you've ever found? Some of the plume and moss agates from Sleeping Beauty Mountain area of the South Cady's are our best yet.

5. Tell us about a rock that got away. We found a piece of beautiful "marmalade" onyx rock in float near Octotillo Wells, went back twice in search of more but it still eludes us!

6. What is your wish for the Searchers? I wish for the club to continue to be an excellent resource and introduce more of the younger generations to a lifetime hobby that will lead to many unforgettable adventures. By getting involved with Field Trips, I feel this is the most direct way I can encourage my friends and acquaintances to come camping in the Mojave Desert and give rockhounding a try! Andrew Bloxom

Andrew Bloxom

From candidate for Secretary: Jamie Cassidy-Curtis:

1. My favorite color for rocks: I love opals, so multicolored is my best answer.

2. My favorite rock-related activity: making jewelry.

3. My largest yard rock: the rock that I use to prop open the back gate. It's a fist-sized chunk of red jasper. And now that I have a house, I can look for larger yard rocks, yay!

4. The best rock I ever found is a pink and purple sapphire. It's not gem quality (too much iron), but it's so interesting.

5. A rock that got away: well, none so far. I can usually run faster than them.

6. My wish for the Searchers: peace, love, and harmony in the pursuit of really cool rocks! Jamie

From candidate for Treasurer Charlotte Spaulding:

1. What is your favorite color rock -orange

2. What is your favorite rock related activity- I love cutting and polishing my cabs and I like to cut and polish whole rocks.

3. Largest rock yard. Mine is very special. it was given to me by Jim and Darsha Williamson when they moved. They are lovely people and I treasure my rock from them. It is happy in my back yard and behaves very well.

4. Best rock I found was a Laguna Agate in the back yard in the dirt at a yard sale.

5. Rock that got away. Moved my rocks in back yard and lost my piece of bacon rock.

6. My wish for the Searchers: I wish to continue serving the Searchers as their treasurer, if elected again, it would be 6 years...

We need to continue on our path as a 501c3 and that includes giving our time and money to our Vets in Long Beach and scholarships to our geology students. I love to go to the events where we make rings for the children and try to introduce them to rocks as a hobby or career.

I hope we have more of these events in the coming future. I am excited and hopeful that we have great speakers for our meetings so we can draw more members to meetings, participation in meetings, field trips, events and our shows will make us great as a club, even if it is only a hour or two.

Thank you, Charlotte Spalding

From candidate for CFMS Representative Charles Walker:

1.My favorite color rock is orangish...like Wingate Pass plume agate.

2. What is your favorite rock-related activity? Cutting rock slabs..."slabbin' "

3. My largest size yard rock is over 600 lbs of AZ rainbow petrified wood

4. What is the best rock you've ever found? it is a stinking Water petrified oak round... a very nice piece.

5. A rock that got away was a 300 lb petrified wood stump with old termite damage filled with barite crystals.

6. What is your wish for the Searchers? More field trips to the Cady Mts. and Hauser Geo beds.

Searcher's Stuff Show Committee Update

The Show Committee is pleased to announce that we are arranging for a food truck to provide food service to our 2020 show. Since the kitchen requires 4 volunteers at all times, much effort to plan and prep, and a large capital outlay for a very small return, this will reduce our need for volunteer staffing and make planning and staffing the show much easier. Additionally, due to the Orange County Health Department food guidelines, Searchers will only be selling bottled water, canned sodas, and pre-packaged snacks. We're in the process of doing research and revising our show budget to reflect the change in food service. According to the Searchers By-Laws

- Expenditures between \$200.00 and \$1000.00 shall be presented to the board for approval.
- All expenditures over \$1000.00 shall be presented to the membership for approval.

Show-related expenditures that need approval from the membership are: Facility rental: \$2,432 Table rental: \$1,050 (estimate) Security: \$1,500 (estimate) These will be presented at the October, 2019 meeting.

Please keep in mind that the show needs silent auction materials (this is our biggest fundraising event at the show), and prizes large and small, for adults and children. If you are making something, make one for the show! If every member volunteered for 2 hours for both days of the show and donated a prize, we would be in very good shape for the show. Since the Searchers is a volunteer-run organization, and non-profit, our show is our main source of fundraising.

The next show committee meetings are Saturday, October 5 and Saturday, November 9, 2019, 1-2:30 p.m., in the Anaheim Community Center in the Senior Center, past the workshop through the large wooden gate. Join us!

Margaret Hogarth

The California Geotour: An Index to Online Geologic Field Trip Guides of California https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/california-geotour

The California Geotour is an index of web pages of geologic field trip guides and related web sites compiled by the California Geological Survey (CGS) for the benefit of all who have wondered about California's geologic features. Arranged by geomorphic province, the geologic field trip guides are further grouped into general sub-areas within each province (example: Basin and Range Province - Death Valley Area). These sub-areas are listed in geographical order from north to south within each geomorphic province. We've had field trips to several provinces, so it is fun and interesting to get more background information on different areas of geologic interest. Enjoy! Margaret Hogarth

Upcoming 2019 CFMS Gem Shows

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For a more

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October 5 - 6: GRASS VALLEY, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Road Hours: Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke, (530) 575 -4252 Email: 4vanclan5@att.net

Website: ncgms.org Show Page

October 12 - 13: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Trona Gem Building 13337 Main Street Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5:00; Sun 7:30 - 3:00 Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356 Email: slgms@iwvisp.com Website: iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 19: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers First United Methodist Church 22700 Sherman Way Hours: 10 - 5 Contact: Virginia Rotramel, whrc@rockchippers.org Email: whrc@rockchippers.org Website: rockchippers.org Show Page

October 19 - 20: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Debbie Winterson Email: info@rockandgemshow.org Website: eldoradorocks.org Show Page

October 19 - 20: SANTA ROSA, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society The Veterans Memorial

1351 Maple Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551 Website: jolene4srmgs@gmail.com Website: srmgs.org Show Page

October 26 - 27: SACRAMENTO, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Alyssa Meiszinger, (916) 205-4441 Email: webadmin@sacramentomineralsociety.org Web Site: sacramentomineralso-Show Page

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November 2 - 3: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society **Business Expo Center** 1960 S. Anaheim Way Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959 Email: info@opalsociety.org Website: opalsociety.org/ Show Page

November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Centre Concord 5298 Clayton Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Mike Hopkins Email: mhopkins@ironhorsedesign.net Website: contracostamineralandgemsociety.org Show Page

November 9 - 10: YUBA CITY, CA Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Franklin Hall 442 Franklin Blvd Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Karen Horita, (916) 677-6696

Email: horita@comcast.net Website: sutterbuttesgemmin.org

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January 18 - 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building 324 N. Kaweah Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Gayle Bingaman (559) 802-6029 Email: bandgbing@aol.com Website: tulegem.com

FEBRUARY 2020

February 14 - 23: INDIO, CA San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival 82-503 Highway 111 Hours: 10 - 10 daily Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674 Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 15 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club Contra Costa County Fairgrounds 1201 West 10th Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Brenda Miguel Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com Website: antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 22 - 23: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds 900 Fairgrounds Drive Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Debra Duhon, (415) 254-1506 Email: dduhonvgms@gmail.com Website: vigems.org











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The Earth Science Committee reserves the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, NO PETS ARE ALLOWED. A limited number of reservations are available and an early application is recommended. Subject to change these classes will be offered:

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