



The Rock Slab News

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim, CA

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The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Summer is well underway and I hope you all are taking time to enjoy it. Ira and I have just returned from the Prineville Pow Wow in Oregon. What a great time it was. While we were there we spent 2 weeks rocking throughout the Eastern Oregon area, bringing home a truck filled with awesome treasures. We also spent time with the Prineville Rocking Club on a couple field trips. It was amazing to hunt for rocks in thick forests, flower covered hill sides, on private ranches and open mining pits. This was the first of many such trips Ira and I hope to take. I would encourage you all to try and visit areas out of our neck of the woods and see what's out there. The experiences you will have will last a life time.

No matter how far you can travel, take time to enjoy the outdoors.... collecting treasures along the way. Happy Rocking Searchers!

Teri Lynn Wheeler



August Birth Stone—Ruby

There's no better way to demonstrate your love than by giving a ruby in celebration of a July birthday. Rubies arouse the senses, stir the imagination, and are said to guarantee health, wisdom, wealth and success in love. Ruby is a variety of the gems species *corundum*. It is harder than any natural gemstone except diamond, which means a ruby is durable enough for everyday wear. Fine-quality ruby is extremely rare, and the color of the gem is most important to its value. The most prized color is a medium or medium dark vivid red or slightly purplish red. If the gem is too light or has too much purple or orange, it will be called a fancy-color sapphire.



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Address Correction Requested

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
09/07/2013	David Nelson	Omya Quarry	Scheduled
10/12-13/13	David Nelson	Gem-o-Rama, Trona	Scheduled



For a more complete listing of shows go to website:

www.cfmsinc.org, www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html

www.firemountaingems.com, www.southsunproducts.com

www.route66goldminers.org, www.auctionmasters.com

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September Field Trip Omya Quarry

Meet: Omya plant about 6:30 - 7 pm.

There will be an orientation at 7:00 - 7:45pm, geology
and mining presentation (includes fluorescent rocks display).

Depart for quarry 7:45 pm, will stay at the quarry until about 9:30 pm.

Equipment/Clothing: Fluorescent rocks at the quarry respond to short wave UV; if you have SW lights bring them. Howard Brown who is the geologist at the quarry has several. Bring flashlights, rock hammers, collecting bags; also bring food, water and snacks. Dress appropriately, long pants, sturdy shoes. No shorts No flip-flops or open toe shoes. Omya will provide hard hats and safety glasses. It could be warm, and or windy

Vehicles: Quarry road is gravel with some steep spots. If people bring their own vehicles to the plant we may car pool to the quarry. For the quarry Standard vehicles will make it but we really Prefer SUV or pickup trucks 4wd is not necessary

Directions: 91 Freeway east, to Interstate 15 North toward Las Vegas. Over Cajon Pass continue 10-15 miles to Bear Valley Road exit and go east (right) Continue east on Bear Valley Road thru Apple Valley about 10 miles Bear Valley Road will merge with Highway 18 east Continue east on Highway 18 into Lucerne Valley (about 10 miles) In "downtown" Lucerne Valley the road will split Bear right (stay on 18) and continue 1/4 mile to 4 way stop (flashing red light) and turn right (Crystal Creek Road). Continue up the road to the plant cross RR tracks enter plant park at Admin building on right, were we will meet.

2013 National Veterans Arts Contest

The Veterans Creative Arts Contest is an annual contest open to all Patients from the Veterans Hospitals worldwide. Each hospital has its own contest and the 1st place winners from that contest, move up to the Regional Level, than the 1st place winners move up to the National level. There are thousands of entries from all over the world. Just to go to the National level is a huge achievement, but to win one of the top three places is an unbelievable achievement one can be quite proud of.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show which are the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for the veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Health Care System. Approximately 130 veterans will exhibit their artwork or perform in a gala show. All 1st place winners are selected to participate at the end of this long contest. This year's Gala Performance and Art Exhibit will be at year in Reno, Nevada. Veterans Health Care System of the VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our nation's veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.

This year we want to congratulate the winner of this competition from Long Beach.

Jewelry Category 3rd Place Jesus Garza- "Fiesta" Project. All the projects this year really stepped up in Quality and it is too bad we are not allowed to send more than one per category. This is a tuff competition with over 1600 1st place winners trying to get to the nationals in the final 23 categories all that entered should be VERY PROUD of your projects.

We would like to congratulate Jesse! On his 3rd Place National winning project from the clinics at Long Beach this year! Great Job! I know Jessie is already planning his 2014 project.

For all of our Supporters:

VA medical Center (VRT) this has been a life changing experience. We want to thank you for your support. Your support for our Long Beach program is the only reason this program is still available to these veterans today. Without your support this program would not exist to day as it is the only one of the two Lapidary class in the VA System. With your support Long Beach has won twenty (19) of the top three places and one (1) Special Recognition award at the nationals over the last twenty two

years. We thank you for all that you do to support this program at Long Beach.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
8/10/13	See page 6 for details	Pot Luck

Upcoming 2013 CFMS Gem Shows

August 24 - 25: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society

SF County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park

9th Avenue & Lincoln Way

Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5

Contact: Ellen Nott

Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com

Website: www.sfgemshow.org

August 30 - September 2: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society

Town Hall

Corner of Main & Laurel

Hours: Fri-Sun 10 - 6; Mon 10 - 4

Contact: Jerry Sommer, (707) 937-1833

September 7 - 8: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

Women's Club of Downey

9813 Paramount Blvd.

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636, (562) 5876-5529 cell

Email: nancyjbird@verizon.net

September 21 - 22: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville

Silver Dollar Fairgrounds

2357 Fair Street

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4

John Scott, (530) 343-3491

Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net

Website:

www.featherriverrocks.com

September 21 - 22: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Preston Bingham, (650) 368-6351

Email: preston.bingham@att.net

Website: http://

sgms.driftnine.com

September 28 - 29: LODI, CA



Richard's Rock Sale, Yorba Linda, CA

WHEN: Friday, August 23, 2013, 8am – noon

Saturday, August 24, 2013, 8am – 1pm

WHERE: 24200 Pomegranite Rd., Yorba Linda, CA

This is just a note to let you know that there will be a rock sale and it will be held at 24200 Pomegranite Rd., Yorba Linda, CA. Agates, jaspers, obsidian from Mexico and California and much, much more! Great deals!

50 cents a pound. Bring your 5 gallon buckets.

Much of this material will be sold by the 2 gallon and 5 gallon bucket.

Hope you can make it.



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Bench Tips

by Brad Smith

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at facebook.com/BenchTips/ or see the book "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

FOREDOM MAINTENANCE

If you have a Foredom flexshaft, it makes sense to check it over every so often to be sure it's running properly. But how to do that? You've probably lost the little booklet that came with the unit. Well, being the good company it is, Foredom has put together an extensive set of videos on how to do it.

The series covers set-up, lubrication, replacing a sheath, motor maintenance, and handpiece maintenance. Few if any special tools are needed. You can watch the videos at www.foredom.net/videolibrary.aspx and repair parts are available from most jewelry supply catalogs.



JUST A DROP

Hobby shops and model airplane stores carry small plastic dispenser bottles that are handy bench items for putting a drop of oil or glue just where you want it.

The small metal tubing lets you squeeze out very small drops and reach into tight places.

I use the small one on the left for oil when I'm sawing or drilling harder metals like steel. And I use the bottle on the right from a plastics store for the fast drying glues used to join pieces of acrylic.

DRILL BREAKAGE

Using a small drill is difficult for a beginner, especially if it is hand held in a flexshaft or Dremel. They are easily broken if you push too hard or if you tilt the drill while it's in the hole.

Remember that drilling always goes easier with lubrication. A little wax or oil is all you need. Almost anything will work - Three and One, beeswax, mineral oil, injection wax, car oil, olive oil, or one of the commercial cutting waxes. The lubricant helps to move chips out of the hole and reduces friction of the drill against the side of the hole, keeping the drill cooler.

FIND THE BALANCE POINT

With odd-shaped pendants or earrings it's often difficult to find the right place to attach a bail or loop so that the piece is balanced and hangs straight. A quick way to make a tool for this is to modify a set of tweezers. Any set of tweezers will work. Spread the tips, sharpen them with a file, and



Searcher's Potluck-Picnic, August 10th, 2013

Hosted at Jim McGeough's home

Location: 7890 Bedford Motor Way, Corona, CA 92883

(cell # (909) 225-5481)

Time: 11am to 3pm

Please sign your name and what you'll be bringing

The Searcher's will provide sodas and water

1. Margaret Hogarth (plates and napkins)
2. 3 packs kosher dogs (doesn't say who's bringing them)
3. Jim Peterson (hamburger patties; 10lbs)
4. Jamie Cassidy-Curtis (chips)
5. Dan Guthre (not sure)
6. May Chang (doesn't say)
7. Margaret Hogarth (2 boxes of chips, 2 cans of beans, and 1 can of sauerkraut from Searcher's show)
8. Carol Bechman (salad)
9. Charlotte Spalding (deviled eggs & cupcakes)
10. Teri Lynn Wheeler (surprise; actually, might not make it)
11. Veronica Purpura (strawberry cobbler)
12. Ana Kalariskene (fresh fruit)
13. Debi Lane (apple, blackberry crisp)
14. Charlotte Spalding (cup cakes)
15. Steve Duncan (hamburger and hot dog buns, ketchup, mustard and relish)
16. Norbert and Ana (baked beans with fruit cocktail)
17. Pat Lynch (not sure what she's bringing yet).

Aluminum Foil, Extra Serving Utensils; Paper Towels

1. Veronica Purpura (all above)

Ice (for sodas and such)

- 1.

- 2.

(Optional)

Games & Supplies

- 1.

- 2.



Veronica Purpura

1st Vice President

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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: 6PM, 1st Tuesday 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).

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	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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2812-B Walnut Ave.
Tustin, Ca 92780 714-904-2181

Offset Right Angle Wire Weave Bracelet Class

Date: Monday, August 12, 2013

Time: 6:30 pm— 9:30 pm

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Saturday 11-16-13 & Sunday 11-17-13 9:00am – 5:00pm

The classes will all be held at Pt Creations, 2812-B
Walnut Ave., Tustin, CA 92780