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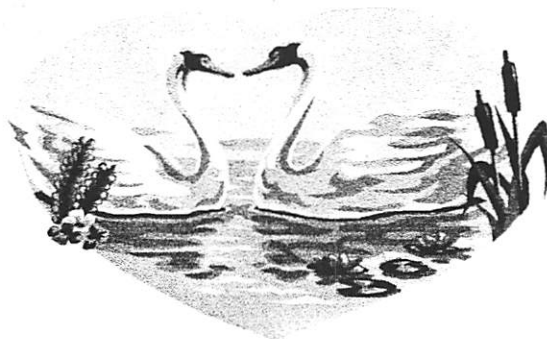
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All articles and photographs *must be in before the last week of the month*. All photographs must have the owner name and address on the back so they can be returned.

## CLASSIFIED

Anyone wishing to use the Classified Ads must send in ads *as soon as possible* because space may be limited.

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries *must be in by the end of the third week of the month* for publication in the next month's paper.



# The Rock Slab News

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## CLUB OFFICERS

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Historian	Jan Gillette	714-776-9467	Veterans Coordinator	Larry Richey	714-846-3573
Library	Bob Dixon	714-534-5063	Ways & Means Chairman	Connie Van Kampen	714-993-2827
Membership	Milly Arvanites	714-838-1924	Greeter	Nancy Norlund	714-960-6957
Monthly Drawing	Jerry & Nancy Norlund	714-960-6957	Workshop Coordinator	Herb Beckman	714-778-1496
Phone Committee	Doris Pelfrey	714-774-2754	Youth Chairman	Norbert Bernhardt	949-786-4691
Public Lands			1999 Show Chairman	Jim Williamson	714-995-9080
Rock Slab Editor	Richard Butler	714-484-1947	1999 Co Show Chairman	Larry Richey	714-846-3573
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**Affiliations:**     *California Federation of Mineralogical Societies     American Federation of Mineralogical Societies*

**Regular Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 West La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30PM.

**Visitors are always welcome.**

**Board meetings** are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building. Meetings begin at 7:30PM.

**Members are always welcome.**

**Membership Dues:**     \$20 for adults, \$25 per couple and \$2 for junior members under 17 years in age.

**Field Trips:**     Held on the published dates of each month. The trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in **The Rock Slab News**.

**Workshop:** 651 S. State College Blvd, Unit # 9, Fullerton, CA, 92831. Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Telephone (714) 870-7625. Classes in lapidary, jewelry making and mineralogical lessons for novice and advanced students are available. Request class schedules from the workshop coordinator. **(Adults and children are always welcome).**

**Deadline for Articles:** Send to the editor before the last week of the month to insure publication for the next month. Mail to Richard Butler, 205 N. Western Ave. #118, Anaheim, CA, 92801-7005 or Fax to (714) 484-1949 or (E-mail) [Slabnews@AOL.com](mailto:Slabnews@AOL.com)

This society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial people for the study of mineralogy and the earth sciences.

By associating with other gem and mineral societies, presenting public exhibits and other community programs, hosting field trips for exploration, study and collecting material, the society members will encourage interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts among people of all ages.

Members of the society will learn to collect materials, rocks and minerals and protect the public land and environment for future generations

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year fellow Searchers! If you missed the Christmas party, you missed a good one. A chance to meet with old friends, lots of laughs, a good old fashioned sing-a-long to the accompaniment of Bill's Wewer's mandolin, and DELICIOUS FOOD, and dancing to a live orchestra. Not to worry. Make your reservations early for next year. It's a lot more fun to be a part of the action than to be missed.

Our new Board and 1999 committees are already off and running. Be sure to volunteer for a committee so you can be a part of what's happening in the Searchers. YOUR IDEAS COUNT. You are going to hear me say that a lot this year.

Our first big decision was to move our workshop to the new Anaheim Community Center. The city has been promising us this space ever since the old Horace Mann School closed. However, we have only just learned that we will be able to use our shop equipment such as saws and Genies there, and that it will be possible to lock them up. The space is free, a big saving from the rent we pay now. We can stay indefinitely, and the cost of setting up will be little compared to that of moving into the Harbor Blvd. location we were considering. We may have to rent a small storage unit for show materials. This, however, will be a minor amount compared to what we pay for the shop at present. We will continue at our current location for two or three more months while we adapt our equipment for it's new location and get things moved in. Please talk to Herb about volunteering to assist with the move. We will need all the help we can get.

The address of the Downtown Community Center is 250 E. Center St., Anaheim. We will be sharing our space with other groups at the times not assigned to us. Our hours are the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10 AM to 2:30 PM and from 7 PM to 10 PM. We also have Saturday's from 3:30 PM to 10 PM. Naturally we will have to make some adjustments, but the location and the savings will be worth it. It will be especially important to leave the room clean and to be out by 10PM so we will need every user's cooperation. Please get in touch with Herb or with me if you have any questions.

I want to thank Floyd Neeley for all of his hard work in locating the building on Harbor Blvd. when it looked like we were not going to be able to use the space at the Center for our shop. It could have been a "shop saver" for us as the cost of the present location could have become onerous eventually. From the start we had only figured on being there for 2 years. So **thank you thank you Floyd.**

We still have two important Searcher positions to fill for 1999. One is Public Lands, the other is Refreshment Coordinator for our monthly meetings. Please volunteer. Both positions mean a lot to the club. The Searchers will cover any costs involved. There are also a couple of Show Chairmanships to fill. Please talk to Jim Williamson about them.

Thank you.

Betty Nelson

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## MESSAGE FORM THE 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

The entertainment at our February 99 meeting will be a video taken by our own Dick Reed of the Searchers gem and mineral show last May, 1998. The length of the video will be approximately one hour. He did a very good job taking it. I urge that you come to the meeting and see what you look like on TV. Those of you who have just joined our club, you will see what a great show we put on, and you will want to be a part of it.

Thank you

Milt Green

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## LETTER FORM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this time to thank all of you that have taken the time to let me know how much you like the new **Rock Slab News.**

The paper has become a labor of love for me and I hope as time goes on and the paper keeps getting better you will continue to tell me what you want to see. Remember if you have something that you want in the paper please send it in and I will do my best to put it in.

Thank you

Richard Butler



Help ME find the story

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

We acquired nine new members at our January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999 first meeting of the year. We had a large crowd, and many visitors for the first time. We welcome our new members as follows:

Belair, Diane  
505 S. Ohio St.  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
(714) 774-5605

Ewing, Roger  
1620 Skyline Dr.  
Fullerton, CA 92831  
(714) 525-1826

Roger and his son were out with us to the Green Ash Hills in the high desert last October, 98. He also takes very nice pictures.

Gray, Frank  
18371 Patterson lane Apt. 2  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-1658  
(714) 842-6159

He was also with us on the October field trip.

Matthews, James R. (Jim)  
Matthews, Sandra C. (Sandy)  
3507A West Greentree Cr.  
Anaheim, CA 92804  
(714) 2200847

Reda, Coleen C. (Cheri)  
18371 Patterson lane Apt. 2  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-1658  
(714) 842-6159  
She also with us on the October field trip.

Rice, Glenn R.  
250 S. Rose Dr. Space 116  
Placentia, CA 92870  
(714) 572-0049  
Glenn is a re-joined member. He originally joined in February 1982 and was a member until December 1989.

Rockhold, James  
17422 Prondall Ct.  
Carson, CA 90746  
(310) 632-3058  
James is from the Long Beach Veterans.

Seng, Rick  
326 E. Francis  
La Habra, CA 90631  
No phone number  
Rick joined back in November of 1998

Serna, Kaylee – Jr. Member  
C/O Ana Gabourel  
711 Lakeridge  
Irvine, CA 92620

At the end of the January 12<sup>th</sup> 1999 meeting we had 60 paid up members toward 1999.

Our club has become quite colorful. We now have a Black, Brown, Gray, and a Green.

Please make the following corrections for changes of address in the 1998 membership roster.

Allen, Imelda R. – her ZIP code is 92804

Gabourel, Ana M. – New address is 711 Larkridge - Irvine, CA 92620 – No phone yet.

Gabourel, Robert F. – (Bob) 6612 Val Verde Ave. – Buena Park, CA 90621 – Phone (714) 670-6786

Green, Milt R. – The Groves, 5200 Irvine Blvd. – Space 388 – Irvine, CA 92620-2061 – Phone (714) 838-1924 Word (714) 456-0550

Please mail your dues direct to me and not to the club mail box. This will save a lot of time and work, and you may be missed off the roster also.

I didn't get a single Email address from anyone at the meeting. I had said in the December Bulletin I would be glad to print your Email address if you will give it to me for the roster. Please let me know of any changes in address, zip codes, area codes, etc.

Thank you

Milly Arvanites



**I paid my DUES did you?**

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment:

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for the Searchers Gem and Mineral Society Inc. are for the calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dues shall be \$20.00 per adult or \$25.00 for a married couple.

Junior membership ( 17 years old or under ) fees are \$2.00 for the calendar year.

Membership fee for the current year will be paid with this application.

Please indicate the phase ( or phases ) of the clubs activities in which you are interested:

Mineralogy: ( ) Geology ( ) Lapidary ( ) Fossils ( ) Other ( ) what? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to like help on one or more of the following committees?

Anaheim Art Council	( )	Sunshine committee	( )
Club Historian	( )	Veterans workshop	( )
Club Library	( )	Way and Means committee	( )
Membership committee	( )	Greeter	( )
Monthly drawing	( )	Workshop committee	( )
Phone committee	( )	Youth committee	( )
Public lands committee	( )	Annual show committee	( )
The Rock Slab News	( )	Silent auction	( )

How did you first become acquainted with the Searchers? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## SEARCHERS BADGES

New members and old members that do not have name badges and would like to get one can ask George Mitchum. The cost is \$5.00 per badge and all payments must be in advance.

**THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE  
"SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY INC."**

**Please mail to:**  
Milly Arvanites  
The Groves  
5200 Irvine Blvd. Space #388  
Irvine, CA 92620 - 2061

## **ALAA - WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?**

In 1991, the President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) appointed a select committee to recommend ways to make the Federation more effectively responsive to the political challenges of increasing regulation and decreasing access to public lands that State and Federal Land Management agencies were imposing on amateur fossil and mineral collectors. The committee recommended that the AFMS form a separate 501(c)(4) organization whose primary purpose would be to promote the amateur collectors' interests in present and proposed policies, rules, regulations and legislation with State and Federal land managers, elected officials and legislators. In compliance with that recommendation, the AFMS directors voted to establish the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) in July 1992 at their convention in Brunswick, Ohio. The Association is a 501 (c)(4) (non-profit) organization which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships to ALAA are not tax deductible.

The purpose of the Association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes ; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Their work began immediately! Within days of the July meeting, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) introduced the Vertebrate Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 1992 into the U.S. Senate. If enacted, the legislation would have ended amateur fossil collecting on all public lands managed by the Federal government except under supervision of certain degreed paleontologists in "acceptable institutions."

ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level. From defeating the Baucus Bill in 1992 to coordinating massive public protest to the proposed US Forest Service rules (withdrawn) and the Bureau of Land Management's RS (Revised Statutes) 2477 Rights-of-Way (rewritten), the ALAA has earned the respect of public officials from Washington, DC to state capitols across the country as the voice of the amateur and recreational users of public lands. The Association has also formed working relationships with many other organizations fighting for private property rights and multiple use of public lands including the Blue Ribbon Coalition, the Alliance for America as well as treasure hunters, metal detectorists, fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and mining and timber interests. With this network of contacts, the Association reaches into every State and into every Congressional District in the country on a national level. That network provides a swift and effective response to issues brought to our attention.

On another level, many officers, directors and members of the Association have developed ongoing working relationships with local, state and federal officials and legislators. This other network provides us with immediate access to and an impact on many proposals for changing regulations, policy or legislation before they become set in the concrete of implementation.

ALAA is also there when there are confrontations in the field and when proposals are made for expanding federal ownership of land such as publicizing and fighting the Heritage Corridor Act, and other attempts to establish additional wilderness areas under federal control.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PUBLIC TO WHOM THEY BELONG! ADD YOUR VOICE TO OURS! JOIN ALAA NOW !**

### **WHY MEMBERSHIP IN ALAA ?**

I am a 80 year old rockhound who has been collecting rocks and minerals for the past 25 years. My concern is not about my future collecting, but rather that of the future hobbyists. I was unable to enjoy a hobby when fully employed and making a living for my family. Since my retirement I have become fully involved in earth science hobbies. I belong to several clubs, have been President of Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA). I have thoroughly enjoyed the association with others of like interests and wish to do whatever I can to preserve the future of rockhounding. Many folks who retire in future years will need an outlet for their own well being. I want that to be related to the earth sciences. Children who are introduced to the hobby often become our future geologists, mineralogists and museum specialists. They also have a right to love the hobby, and it is our responsibility to protect it for them.

The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) was organized as a lobbying organization to protect the rights of American citizens to collect materials relating to the earth sciences for preservation, education, and hobby purposes from Federally Managed Public Lands.

If you are a rockhound, fossil, or mineral collector, or in any way connected to this growing group of hobbyists, the ALAA is an organization you must support. The entire future of this hobby depends upon your ability to be able to collect materials. Federally Managed Lands are our only salvation. As you know private holdings are becoming more restrictive with each passing day.

Thus far the ALAA has achieved significant success. Never before has a grass roots organization such as ours gotten a bill introduced in Congress. While HR 2943, the Fossil Preservation Act of 1996 did not pass before the close of the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress, folks on Capitol Hill have now heard of ALAA and know about our fossil bill. We have promises that "our bill" will again be introduced in both houses soon after the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes. We are making progress.

We need help from the general public, those people who have an interest in learning about, preserving, and



protecting earth science materials. WE NEED HELP FROM YOU. HOW CAN YOU HELP ? JOIN ALAA NOW!!! Your membership will do two things.

1) Add needed funds to our treasury. (Membership is \$25.00 per year per member).

2) More importantly, we will have the name and address of another person

sympathetic to our cause, when vital news breaks.

If we lose our rights to collect on Federally Managed Public Lands, and continue to have private lands closed off, we will only be able to collect in our own back yards. Won't that be fun?

Attached is an application form to join ALAA. Fill it out, and send it in with your \$25.00 membership fee. It may be the best investment of your life. Fred C. Schaefermeyer, (ALAA Vice President, retired in 1998)

Membership Application Form Please enroll me as a member of the ALAA!

Annual Membership Fee : \$25.00 Protecting the Public Lands for the Public

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : State : Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby Interest : \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

New: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal : \_\_\_\_\_

Remit \$25.00 membership fee to

Mrs. Toby Cozens, Treasurer

4401 S.W. Hill

Seattle, WA. 98116

The A.L.A.A. is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of the amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Contributions to the A.L.A.A. are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Tax Purposes.

For further information write to :

Jon Spunaugle, President of the ALAA

1000 SE 144th Ct

Vancouver, WA 98684

e-mail: 76723.3364compuserve.com

Or

email Bob Cranston at: cranston@gj.net

## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

### January 1999 Report

I would like to thank Max Johnson and his wife for allowing us to hold our first Searchers' Ways & Means committee meeting at their home. Our meeting was very productive and congenial. We discussed several innovative ideas that will allow the club to generate money as well as entice members to participate and have fun. The following members attended the meeting, Norbert Bernhardt, Nancy Norlund, Betty Nelson, Herb Beckman, Richard Butler, Audrey Nichols, Max Johnson and myself. We missed Cliff Warner; however, we look forward to his input at the next meeting. We brainstormed and kicked ideas around that were amusing, off the wall, practical and conventional. We have concerns regarding facility use and deadlines to meet with some events. The Searchers; however, are very resourceful and have always been ready to help in any capacity. Committee members will be asking you for your support in various events and activities. The following is a list of ideas that were suggested:

1) Ads are needed for the Rock Slab News. (Richard is on this issue. He has procured a full-page ad @ \$100.00).

2) Yard Sale (Nancy Norlund suggested selling hot dogs and drinks. All donations & profits go to the club).

3) Stoddard Wells Tailgate Party (Max & Herb contributed this idea. We would like everyone to donate rocks, minerals or equipment. We could also sell hot dogs and drinks here.)

4) TV Shows (Betty Nelson reminded us that participants who attend this program are paid \$10.00 per club member. Transportation is pro-vided).

5) Items of Consignment (Nancy suggested that we sell items created by Searchers. Items would be sold at the Newport Beach Art Museum, the Huntington Beach Library and at the Anaheim Senior Center.)

6) A progressive dinner was suggested (Audrey & Betty have volunteered to host this event. We need one more home near their location.)

7) Scripts and entertainment books (suggested by Norbert and Connie) to sell. A Box Social, dinner & talent show & a kissing booth were suggested).

Thank you

Connie Van Kampen





## **LONG BEACH VETERANS HOSPITAL 1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPPORT**

**393.5 Hours** worked for Vocational Rehabilitation Training (VRT).

Material for a total of **2068 slabs** were donated: 1282 from my saw, 786 from Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

**997 miles** were driven in support of the VRT

**\$1,060.75** donated in supplies

Such as: laps, rock, inlay material, silver solder, tools, lights, valves, findings, polish, aprons, ring boxes, mineral posters etc

### **Other donated items included**

Garnets, Brazilian agate, 22 polished cabs, 301 Rock & Gem Lapidary Journal magazines, 60 oz. silver solder, 12 lbs. tumbled polished rock 77 polished geode halves, 30 fire agate rough pieces for contour carving, 30 opal doublet starts, micro mineral specimens, 850 film cans, 1 jacket, 20 oz. opal rough, etc.

### **Activities at or for VRT included:**

- ◊ Weekly repair and maintenance routine of all shop equipment, to assure good operating condition.
- ◊ Refurbished VRT display cases, repaired and painted case, installed new liners, risers, and lighting system.
- ◊ Maintained a monthly preventive maintenance program. -
- ◊ Ran the VRT shop for 14 days when staff was not available to do so.
- ◊ Fab parts for shop equipment,
- ◊ Replaced piping, drains, and block valves on shop equipment.
- ◊ Installed lights on polishing equipment.
- ◊ Repaired saws and Genic units, replacing blades, wheels, and air pumps.

### **Set up and taught the following classes:**

Basic cab cutting and free form	
Lost wax casting	
Knapping, arrowhead making	
Mold making	
Jewelry repairs/soldering	
Opal cutting - solids, doublets, triplets	
Stone setting and Stone drilling	
Coin cutting	Channel work
Stone identification	Basic jewelry design
Silversmithing	Engraving
Faceting	Opal appraisal
Stone dopping	
Flat lapping	
Contour carving fireagate	
Equipment safety	
Refraction of light	

### **Some highlights from this past year include:**

- ◊ Conducted two very successful contests with the aid of Andy Anderson, who through the (DAV) Disabled American Veterans supplied prizes.  
People contest with 14 entries  
Useful household items with 9 entries
- ◊ Constructed sterling silver wax tools with onyx handled tool sets.
- ◊ Taught 10 new students proper use of equipment and how to cut cabs
- ◊ Recruited 4 new members for Searchers Gem & Mineral Society all are VRT participants.
- ◊ Helped set up show case for Vet's display at Orange County Fair, taking second place award ribbon, and taking first place ribbon at Los Angeles County Fair. ,

**December** was dedicated to assisting all needing help in making Christmas presents.

As an expression of gratitude, one participant was quoted

"Your help made my (kids/ grandkids) Christmas. I don't have very much money, but you made it possible for me to give them extremely nice gifts without you, they would have gotten nothing or very little. You made my Christmas, and I want to thank you. "

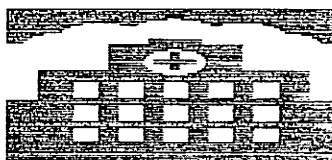
This year we were unable to assist for a total of six weeks: five due to my work hours and one due to my Jury Duty requirements.

We lost one of our Vets to a drug overdose and one had two strokes during November and December, 1998, but is doing well and is still working in the shop.

This year was very busy, but the results I see in the shop and the quality of work makes it all very worthwhile. Some vets are just there; others are making great gains in quality and difficulty of projects; some look forward to our weekly visits while for others we made Christmas something special, instead of nothing. Some we help, some we challenge. Some prove you can do anything no matter what obstacles you have to overcome.

It's been a Really Great Year! And I'm hoping we can do as good or better for 1999.

Thank you ,  
Larry Richey



## Workshop Updates

Since the holidays ended, the workshop is back on normal schedule. The workshop is open Thursday evenings from 6 PM until 10 PM and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 9 AM until 4 PM. Also, Searchers library materials may be checked out or returned during normal workshop hours. Workshop fees are \$1.00 per hour with a minimum of \$3.00 per session. The workshop phone number is (714) 870 - (ROCK) or (714) 870 - 7625.

The workshop location is 651 State College Blvd. #9 in Fullerton. Please refer to the sketch.

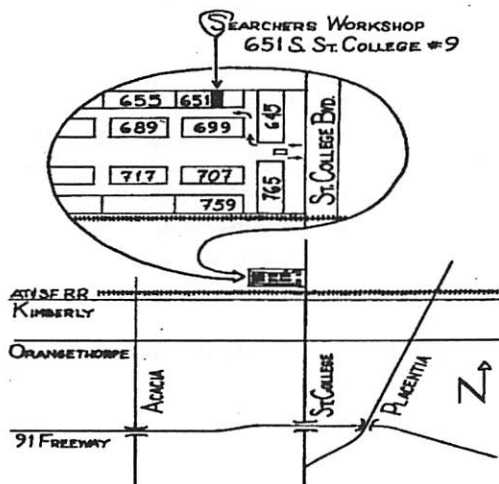
The workshop has several slabbing saws, and trims saws, a flat lap, several Genie multi-wheel cabbing units, dopping equipment, and a lot of donated gem cutting rough material for your use.

The workshop will be relocating to the new Downtown Community Center located at 250 E. Center St. in Anaheim in April of 1999. We are working and planning to assure that this move will come off as smoothly as possible. So far, over half of the donated rocks have been sorted. This high grading has resulted in the elimination of many hundreds of pounds of rocks.

We will make every effort to schedule as many workshop sessions as possible in April, but it is too soon to know what the schedule will be. In the meantime, come on down and use your workshop. Those of us who do are having fun, and producing nice cabochons, specimens, and jewelry.

Thank you

Herb Beckman

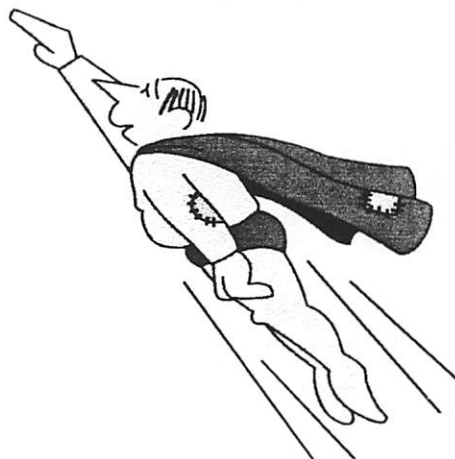


## February Rock

How can I say it's a rock when it's an **Amethyst**. The Amethyst is variety of Quartz, differing from common quartz and rock crystal chiefly because of its violet to purple color, which is caused by the presence of iron or manganese. It is a birthstone for February and is used to make seals and rings. The finest specimens occur in India, Sri Lanka, and Brazil. Amethyst is common in Europe and in many parts of Scotland.



I new that should have become a  
**SEARCHER**



I did become a **SEARCHER** and  
look at Me now

## SEARCHERS' 40TH ANNUAL SHOW

SHOW DATES MAY 1-2, 1999

Our annual show is just around the corner and we are getting ready! As 1999 Show Chairman I am proud to present the 40th annual Show Committee I commend those who have accepted the responsibility of a position on this committee. As in the past, this committee will need the full support of the membership.

We were unable to fill the Crafts committee position. The Committee agreed the best solution was to secure another dealer to replace Crafts. **NOTE: WE STILL HAVE THREE MORE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED!** Please review the list of Show Committee members and if you can help, don't hesitate to contact me.

On Thursday January 21, 1999 the Show Committee met at the new Downtown Community Center in Anaheim. This was the first Searcher function in the new facility. Approximately seventeen committee members attended. the meeting was very productive covering a lot of ground.

One of the important issues discussed at that meeting was Donation Tickets. These tickets provide the second largest portion of show income. The tickets come in sets of three and sell for \$ 1.00 a set. Each member is expected to sell at least \$ 10.00 worth. The tickets will be available for pick up through the Nancy or Jerry Norlund at the general membership meetings or anywhere else you are able to catch up with one of them. If you are unable to pick up your tickets in person, you can help us save the cost of postage by asking a friend to pick up the tickets for you. **REMEMBER THE MORE, TICKETS YOU SELL, THE MORE YOU HELP THE SEARCHERS.**

The next Show Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will again be held at the new Downtown Community Center 250 East Center St. Anaheim. Show Committee members are invited to bring any concerns, questions and/or problems to the meeting. Spouse and interested Searchers are also welcome.

Thank you... Volunteer!

Jim Williamson

### COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	JIM WILLIAMSON	714-995-9080
CO-CHAIRMAN	LARRY RICHEY	714-846-3573
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	GEORGE MITCHUM	
DECORATIONS	TRUDIE REED	710-637-8067
DEMONSTRATIONS	FLOYD NEELEY	714-535-2030
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE	NANCY & JERRY NORLUND	714-960-6957

As of Jan 21, 1999

## 1999 Showcase Chairman To: All Searchers and Special Exhibitor

All persons desiring to have a case on display at the Searchers Gem Show this May must either call me, leave a message or see me at the February meeting to reserve a space. Special Exhibitors should have their own cases for display. We will do our best to provide some Searchers members with cases if they do not currently own one; however, we can not guarantee a case if you sign up too late. All cases will be distributed on a first come - first serve basis.

If you do not plan to exhibit a case in our upcoming show please donate your case to the club. You can also make it known that you have a case for sale so that other members and the club can all benefit from it. Remember that we are putting out the cases not for our own benefit but in fact to attract new people to the hobby and generate new interest among the members. Thanks for your help.

Walter Mroch, Member Cases

Bob Dixon, Special Exhibits

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### Show Security 1999

#### NAME BADGES

Remember to wear your Club name badge to the show this year. Sunday when the show closes everyone will be required to leave the show exhibit room to insure only those involved in the show breakdown activities will be allowed back into the exhibit room.

This should take about 5-10 minutes with your help. After the room has been cleared you will be allowed back in if you are wearing your Searchers name badge.

If you are in need of help with your display and you will need help from someone other than a club member with a name badge, please see me Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the day so I can see they have a badge before the close of the show.

#### CASES

#### **FOR YOUR SAFETY AND PROTECTION**

Please remember that we do not allow any display case or exhibit to be opened or removed during show hours.

Sunday at the close of the show everyone will leave the exhibit hall until security has cleared the building. This should take about 5-10 minutes with your help. You will then be allowed to go back into the exhibit hall to remove your cases or open it to remove your things.

If you need help or have a problem, please let either me or Jim Williamson know, the Show Chairman, know. This is for your safety and protection.

Larry Richey  
Show Security



## SUNSHINE REPORT

We received a card from the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation thanking us for the \$75 donation in the memory of long-time Searcher **Henry Norek**. Henry's family had made this request in lieu of flowers.

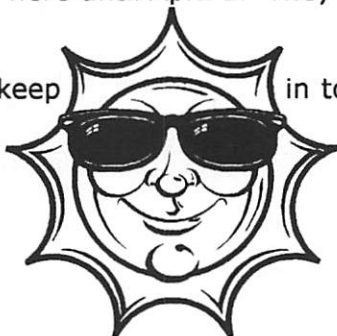
**Jay Cole** has graduated from crutches to a cane and is continuing to improve.

I had a letter from **Alf and Queenie Osborne**. They are having serious health problems. Alf is in the hospital with a heart condition and Queenie has problems as well. They asked about everyone and send greeting to friends. I'm sure they would appreciate cards and letters.

Their address is      1192 Oakland Way  
                                 Village Grove Park  
                                 Corona, CA 91720

**Norm and Marje Husby** are here until April 1. They are camping at Jay and Marie Cole's RV park.

It would be nice if we could keep  
contributed so much to the club.



in touch with our friends who have con-

Doris Pelfrey

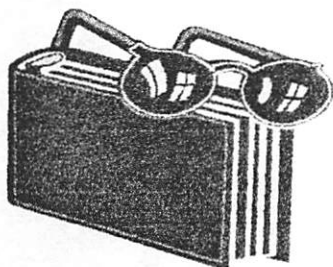
## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

As Historian, I am responsible for the photo album. of all the club activities.

We now have three complete albums dating from 1961-1989 and a lot of loose items. I need your help to bring the albums up to date.

If you have any photos taken on field trips or other club activities, I would appreciate your donation. Please identify the people, year and areas the photo was taken.

If you put your name on the back of the photo, I will return to you any duplications or surplus pictures.



Thanks,  
Jan Gillette  
120 N. Evergreen  
Anaheim, CA 92805

## FEBRUARY 1999

### SHOW DATES

**3-7-QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA:** 33rd annual indoor/out-door show, 'Quartzsite Pow Wow'; Q.I.A. facility, 235 E Ironwood St (just north of 1-10 and east of U.S. 95); free admission; 65 cases indoors; 500 dealers with gems and minerals from around the world; food; contact Ruth Brown, P.O. Box 881, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (520) 927-6325, FAX -4503.

**3-13-QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Pueblo Inn/Four-Points Hotel, 350 S Freeway; wholesale and re-tail; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils; contact George Zrakat, Atrium Prod'ns., 6060 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250-4627, (602) 998-4000, FAX -4748, or e-mail: atriumpro@aol.com.

**3-13-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Annual show; Executive Inn Hotel, 333 W. Drachman and Ramada Inn/University, 1601 N Oracle Rd and Inn Suites Hotel, 475 N Granada; over 330 dealers from around the world; shuttle to other shows; free parking and admission; International Night, Sun. eve. at Executive Inn; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 999, Evergreen, CO 80439-0999, (303) 674-2713, FAX -2384.

**3-13-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Show; Inn Suites Hotel, 475 N Granada, Rm. 128; new find of green to blue wavellite (Arkansas); contact Wright's Rock Shop, 3612 Albert Pike Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71913, (501) 767-4800, FAX (501) 760-2390.

**5-13-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Seminar, 'A Decade of Design'; G.L. D.A.; Holiday Inn, Promenade Rm., City Ctr; slide presentation of Michael Dyber's work and overview of his creative evolution from bench jeweler to gem designer; call Michael Dyber at (603) 744-2161 or FAX -8612.

**6-9-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Show for jewelry makers, manufacturers and sellers, 'Catalog in Motion'; Tucson East Hilton, 7600 E Broadway; Sat.-Mon. 9-6, Tues. 9-4; see and try Rio Grande jewelry tools and equipment, supplies and products; 75 continuous demonstrations of bead making; wiper wrapping; bead stringing and much more; million dollar inventory reduction sale; to pre register at no charge, call (505) 839-3248 in New Mexico or (800) else-where, or by faxing name address and phone no. to (505) 839-3248, Web site: www.riogrande.com.

**11-14-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** 1-day beginners' faceting class; Convent'n Ctr, main floor; conducted daily by Richard Haefner, Ph.D., Fellow of Gemological Assn. of Great Britain; your choice of Thurs., Fri. or Sat. 10-6 or Sun. 10-5 (class size permitting); registration fee of \$125 includes textbook, printed class notes, rough gems, all supplies plus show admission; bring hand lens; class size strictly limited; pre register by writing to T.G.M.S. Faceting Class, P.O. Box 84, Shoshone, CA 92384 by 1/15/99; include \$125, name, address, phone, and both first and second choice of class day or register at the show (space limited); for info call Dr. Haefner at (717) 392-6825.

**12-14-WICKENBURG, ARIZONA:** Annual show, in conjunction with Wickenburg's 51st "Gold Rush Days"; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Soc.; Cmnty Ctr, 160 N Valentine St; Fri. and Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; displays; dealers; grab bags; number board; silent auction; door prizes; contact the society at 35439 W. Carefree Hwy., Wickenburg, AZ 85390, (520) 684-3049.

**12-14-INDIO, CALIFORNIA:** Annual show, in conjunct'n with Riverside Cnty Fair and Nat'l Date Festival; 10-10 daily; Indio Fairgrounds, Gem & Mineral Bldg.

**12-14-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** 44th annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Soc.; Convent'n Ctr, Thurs. and Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-6:30, Sun. 10-5; adult admission \$5 per day plus 500 TCC tax, kids 14 and under free with paying adult; contact the society at P.O. Box 42543, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520) 322-5773, FAX -6031.

**18-21-SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA:** Show, Atrium Pavilion, 2040 N Scottsdale Rd; admission charged; contact George Zrakat, c/o Atrium Prod'ns., 6060 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250-4626, (602) 998-4000, FAX -4748, or e-mail: atriumpro@aol.com.

**19-20-SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA:** Show, 'Gem Faire'; Earl Warren Show grnds, Hwy 101 at Las Positas; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; contact Allen Van Volkenburgh, P.O. Box 8329, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067, (760) 931-1410, FAX -6808, e-mail: gamfairedaol.com.

**20-21-APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA:** 34th annual show; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Apache Junction HS cafeteria, Southern at Ironwood Dr; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; write to Betty Thompson, P.O. Box 2349, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

**20-21-STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA:** 47th annual show, 'Education Thru Sharing'; Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club; Scottish Rite Temple, 33 W Alpine Av. (entrance and parking in the rear); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$2 donation, kids 12 and under free; displays; demonstrations; dealers in gold, silver, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, supplies; Touch Table for the kids; call Jim Dunlap at (209) 478-0747.

**22-24-GLOSE, ARIZONA:** 42nd annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Soc.; Gila Cnty Fairgrnds (3 miles north of junct'n US 60-70); Fri. and Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; adult admission \$2; dealers; demonstrations; prizes; call John Baker at (602) 503-0651.

**26-28-PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA:** Show, "Gem Fair"; Alameda Cnty Fairgrnds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; contact Allen Van Volkenburgh, RD. Box 8329, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067, (760) 931-1410, FAX -6808, e-mail: gemfaire@aol.com.

**27-28-TUCSON, ARIZONA:** Show; new find of green to blue wavellite (Arkansas); contact Wright's Rock Shop, 3612 Albert Pike Rd, Hot Spngs, AR 71913, (501) 767-4800, FAX (501) 760-2390.

**27-28-NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:** 31st annual San Fernando Valley Gem Fair, 'Gems of Fire'; Del Air Rockhounds, Sierra Pelona Rock Club, VIP Gem & Mineral Club, Woodland Hills Rockchippers; Valley Plaza Rec Ctr, 12240 Archwood St; 10-5 both days; free parking; adult admission \$3, juniors (12-17) \$1, kids under 12 free; dealers in jewelry, crystals, minerals, fossils, rough, machinery, equipment, supplies; displays; exhibits; demonstrations of sphere making, rock carving and bead stringing (some with hands-on visitor participation); door prizes; silent auction; club boutique; kids' activities, including tours, Scout badge requirements, hands-on rock crafts; call Maxine Dearborn at (818) 883-7851.

**27-28-SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:** Show, 'Great San Francisco Crystal Fair'; Pacific Crystal Guild; Ft Ma-son Ctr, Laguna at Marine Bl. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; free parking; adult admission \$4, kids under 12 free; contact Jerry Tomlinson, Pacific Crystal Guild, P.O. Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966, or (415) 383-7837, e-mail: sfxl@earthlink.net.



It's time to go!



# February 99 Classified



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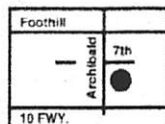
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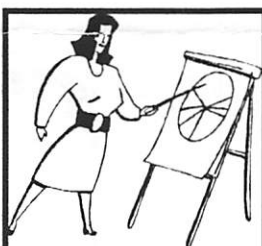


I need but I can't find it

**Norbert Bernhardt** is looking for any used equipment having to do with lost wax investment casting. A centrifuge or vacuum casting unit, burnout furnace, wax injector and rubber mold equipment. If someone has equipment for sale, please call him evenings at 949-786-4691

**Herb Beckman** is looking for some back issues of Lapidary Journal they are:  
Dec. 1948, April 49, Aug. 49, Oct. 49, Dec. 49, April 50 and Aug. 50. If you can be of help Please give him a call at (714) 778-1496

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WAY & MEANS

The next meeting will be at Audrey Nichols' home on February 2nd (Tues) at 7:00 PM.  
Address: 2128 west Sunrise, Anaheim  
(714) 533-4675



### EDITORS NOTE

If you think that you could be of help on any committee you should give the chair person a call they will be happy to hear from you.



### SEARCHERS

**Show Committee**  
Will have it next meeting on February 25th (Thur) at 7:00 PM. In the new downtown Center at 250 East Center St. If you would like to be a part of this years' show please come on down.

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# February 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Way & Means committee Happy Birthday Jan Gillette	2	3	4  Workshop 6 to 10 PM	5	6
7	8	9  General Meet- ing starting at 7:30 PM	10	11  Workshop 6 to 10 PM	12	13  Workshop & classes 9 AM to ? PM
14  Valentine's day	15	16	17 Nancy & Jerry Norlund Anniversary 	18  Workshop 6 to 10 PM	19	20
21	22	23  Board Meeting Starting at 7:30 PM	24	25  Workshop 6 to 10 PM Show Committee	26	27  Workshop & classes 9 AM to ? PM
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