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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC  
Established June 20, 1958

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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members (under age 17) \$2.00.

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 in the basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

WORKSHOPS:

REQUIREMENT: Items for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 38th Annual Searchers Gem Roundup is now history. We have another Show that we can be proud of. Herb Beckman and Milt Green did a great job of coordinating our capable and enthusiastic workers. We especially want to thank our great members who still contribute so much to our show, club and field trips, both on committees and behind the scenes. There are always too many to enumerate. It was a pleasure seeing so many of our old friends. Some of whom we have not seen for awhile.

Dr Madsen has been furnishing the club with coffee for the monthly meetings since we have been meeting in this building as well as furnishing refreshments for the monthly Board Meetings. We owe him a great big vote of thanks for this expensive donation and for seeing that we had a meeting place for five years since the loss of Horace Mann school. So, THANK YOU CHRIS.

Our June meeting will be our Trophies and Awards and our Annual Potluck. Please plan on attending and bring a dish to share (further information under Programs in this bulletin).

We have been asked to work with the Orange County Fair this year (July 11 - 27th). Hopefully, Judy Kelsey will be here this evening to sign members up to work, demonstrate and exhibit during the fair.

Doris Pelfrey

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- May 15th      Workshop Opening (7:00 to 10:00 PM)
- May 19th      After Show Meeting
- May 23rd      Begin Extended Field Trip - Beaver, Utah
- May 24th - 25th - Girl Scout Jamboree - Pomona Fairplex
- June 1st      Heritage Day - Oak Canyon Nature Center
- June 3rd      Bulletin Items Due
- June 11th     General Meeting



SHOW DATES:

- May 17 - 18      Conejo Gem & Mineral Club  
Borchard Park Community Center  
190 Reino Road  
Newberry Park, CA  
Hours: Sat 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sun 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- May 31 - Jun 1   Glendora Gems  
Goddard Middle School  
859 E. Sierra Madre  
Glendora, CA  
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM  
Sun 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
 present  
 The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
 The 58th Annual Mineral Show and Convention

**"GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"**

June 20-22, 1997 (10-6 Fr & Sa, 10-5 Su)  
 Seaside Pavilion, Ventura County Fairgrounds  
 Ventura, California  
 Internet URL: <http://www.westnet/~jms/vgms/>

Hosted by

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
 Show Chairperson: Kathryn Davis  
 81 San Benito Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004  
 Phone: (805) 647-3096

Gems-Minerals-Rocks-Fossils-Jewelry-Exhibits-Displays  
 Demonstrations-Prizes-Speakers-Programs-Field Trips-Dealers  
 Adults \$4.50, 60+ & 12-18 \$3.50, Under 12 Free, 50% off with Flyer

The "Gold Coast Treasure Trove", CFMS's 58th Annual Show and Convention will be held June 20th thru 22nd at the Ventura Fairgrounds in Ventura.

There will be a wide variety of activities. There will be known speakers with interesting program topics. A large area for demonstrations on many facets of the gem and mineral hobby. A display area for competitive and guest exhibits. Fifty dealers with supplies for the lapidary art, a fine selection of minerals and fossils, finished jewelry and many other items.

There will be overnight camping on the grounds at \$12 per night but advance reservations are suggested. Also, there

are several hotels/motels in the area. If you would like further information please let me know.

Elmer Parsons  
 Federation Director

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL JAMBOREE:

In celebration of their 85th Historic Milestone, Girl Scout Councils of Southern California will be holding a Girl Scout Jamboree, May 24-25, 1997, at the Pomona Fairplex. They are expecting about 30,000 Scouts and 5,000 adults to gather for this event.

Mr Robert Little, Out-of-Door Arena Coordinator for the Scouts has invited the Searchers to participate in this event. There are three badges that Girl Scouts can earn. These are in the fields of geology, collecting and jewelry making.

Larry Richey has volunteered to coordinate this project for the Searchers and will need help (lots of help). Thus, members who are not going on the extended field trip please consider helping out. We need your help. Please see or call Larry Richey at (714) 846-3573. It is my understanding that parking will be taken care of.

Elmer Parsons

HERITAGE DAY:

Once again the Searchers have been invited to participate in the Heritage Day festivities presented by the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 1997, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The setting for the 15th Annual Event will again be Oak Canyon Nature Center in Anaheim Hills.

The emphasis, as in the past, is to provide the community with an opportunity to explore our heritage. Children and their parents are encouraged to take part in the craft demonstrations and enjoy the entertainment provided in the outdoor theater.

Last year those Searchers who participated enjoyed the opportunity to present our hobby to some 500 plus children of the community. A sign up sheet will be passed around at tonight's meeting for those interested. If you were unable to attend tonight's meeting and would like to be included or need more information, call me at (714) 995-9080. If I am not home when you call please leave a message.

Jim Williamson

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President Pelfrey at 7:40 PM.

Four guests, Louise Oleson, Long Beach, Judy Fulbright, Lake Forest and Nancy and Gary Norland of the Santa Ana Club.

Our program for this evening was a video, "California Gold" with Huell Howser which everyone enjoyed before. It included a visit to the "Sixteen to One Mine" and a visit to the California coastal dunes where the original Cecil B. De Mille movie, "The Ten Commandments," was filmed in 1923.

Following the program, refreshments were served and the silent auction held.

Sunshine Report - Mae Freedman is recovering from a stroke and has been transferred to St Judes Hospital in Fullerton for therapy. Herb Beckman is recovering from a broken ankle.

Larry Richey made an excellent report on our project at the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach which he has been single-handedly covering. He has been spending one day each week at the shop, cleaning up tools and the shop itself, making sure all equipment is running properly, building safety devices suitable for handicapped veterans use, and working with the Searchers to replace worn out saw blades, etc. He has also been helping the veterans to cut special stones including opal, and teaching them advanced cabbing techniques. Last year a total of 1,003 slabs were donated to the Veteran's shop including 500 that Larry cut and donated. However, we need to donate more slabs, especially above average ones for those who have advanced to higher skill levels. At every Searcher General Meeting we have a box available for donation of veteran's slabs. Don't forget to put in some especially nice ones. Also, Larry could use some help. Talk to him if you can donate some time to help at the Veteran's shop.

Margaret Neeley reported that there were over 300 attending the Annual Anaheim Arts Council Soiree on April 5th. A total of \$30,000 was raised to be used for all local organizations during the coming year. Margaret thanked all the Searchers who worked so hard on this project. The Searchers donated an Amethyst and CZ pendant set in gold on a gold chain which brought \$145. We thank Floyd Neeled for his outstanding work in faceting and putting this lovely piece together.

Herb Beckman reported that the Opal Society moved into the workshop April 1st. The shop opening has been delayed to April 17th due to Herb's mishap. He will have a schedule available for our use. Tentatively the shop will be open 7 to 10 PM on Friday each week and from 10 AM to 4 PM every other Saturday. Shop use fee will start at \$1.00 per hour with a 3 hour minimum. Rules for use of equipment will be posted and shop foremen will show members how to use equipment to avoid damage to the equipment or injury to anyone. He also told us that we should be thinking of replacing some of the equipment soon since some of it is old and much used. The money from the monthly silent auction is to go into a "shop fund." Also, there is some very good old slabbing material not otherwise available to be sold for shop funding. The Opal Society would like to join with us for a joint Open House at the shop in the near future.

Herb reported that show plans are moving right along. Clip Boards will be circulated this evening by Committee Chairpersons. Be sure to get your name on several. We will need lots of help. We also need more members to put in cases. See Alice Lux or Herb or give them a call.

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL MEETING (Cont'd):

Doris Smith has volunteered to do the Craft booth and asked everybody to help by bringing in something they made, yes, men too! Please bring them to set-up on Friday morning.

Nancy Reed and Betty Nelson have agreed to do the shopping for the kitchen and Mike and Michele Lee will be in charge of the kitchen during the show. We will need lots of Searchers to volunteer to help and to bring in pies and cakes both Saturday and Sunday.

Herb also reminded that Searchers with cases to take out will need to have their badges in order to get back in the show room to remove their cases after the show. See George Mitchum if you need a badge.

Connie reported that the field trip to Anza Borrega March 15/16th was a small group of Searchers. The weather was good, lots of wild flowers and some shell fish fossils collected.

Steve Knox will be leading the April field trip (April 12th and 13th) to Crystal Ridge in the Owens Valley near Independence. In addition to the map in last month's bulletin, he brought in maps and further information for those planning to go.

The May field trip will be up the Coast to Jade Cove, May 9-11. George Lux asked that those planning to go to let him know in advance in order for him to make arrangements. It is about a six hour drive. Camping is \$7.50 per night, but no camp fires. Motel costs about \$35.00 per night.

Walter Mroch will lead the extended field trip the end of May. Please see map and information in this bulletin.

Old Business - Herb handed out the officer pins to last years Board Members.

New Business - Jim Williamson announced that once again the Searchers have been asked to participate in Heritage Day for youth at Oak Creek Canyon Park Nature Center. This would be our third year to participate. Over 700 rings were made and given out the 1st year and over 500 last year. The Searchers approved \$125 for findings and tumbled stones last year, which the Junior Women's Club (who sponsored the day) reimbursed us for. Jim Williamson made a motion that \$125 be approved for this year. Motion seconded by Ed Zinn and passed unanimously. Heritage Day will be June 1st. Please let Jim know if you can volunteer. Yes, it is during our extended trip.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Betty Nelson  
Secretary

SHARING AND CARING:

Good News! Happy to report that Mae Freedman has improved enough to be able to return home. Mae still must continue with therapy and being able to be in ones own home is good therapy and does so much to speed up recovery. Way to go Mae! We're all pleased to hear you're doing so well. Keep up the good work.

marge

MEMBERSHIP:

Please welcome new members and re-joined members who have joined since our new Roster was printed:

BLACK, Thomas D. Jr (Tom)  
1716 Santa Ana Canyon Road  
Orange, CA 92865  
(714) 637-8067

CONE, Shailer (Skip)  
4581 Wilson Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92116  
(619) 283-5881

OLESON, H. Louise  
2340 East 4th Street, Apt # 307  
Long Beach, CA 90814  
(562) 930-098 (incomplete phone #)

WILKINS, Lynn T.  
WILKINS, Christopher - Jr. Member  
31982 Via Gallo  
Coto De Caza, CA 92679-3935  
(714) 589-8608 / 589-5304

Re-joined members:

ANDERSON, Edward L. (Andy)  
6591 Chapman Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92645  
(714) 892-1962

BUCHANAN, Dolen (Duke)  
630 North Anna Drive, Apt # 2  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
(714) 776-6615

FIGUEROA, John  
8120 Larson Avenue, Apt I  
Garden Grove, CA 92644  
(714) 530-4746

McCLUNEY, Carol L.  
8120 Larson Avenue, Apt I  
Garden Grove, CA 92644  
(714) 530-4746

RIDDLE, C. B.  
10311 Tyhurst Road  
Garden Grove, CA 92804  
(714) 636-9989

WESLEY, Paul E.  
WESLEY, Peggy Lee  
14088 Tiffeny Drive  
Westminster, CA 92683  
(714) 895-5579



Please add these names to your 1997 Membership Roster. This brings our membership total to 145.

Milly Arvanites

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our program for April was a repeat video of the California Gold with Huell Howser. It included a visit to the "Sixteen to One Mine" and a visit to the California coastal dunes where the original DeMille movie, "The Ten Commandments," was filmed.

Our program this evening will be presented by Walter Mroch. This will be a video and slides on the Topaz Mountain area of Utah.

June will be a video of our 1997 Gem Roundup. You'll not want to miss it. Imagine seeing yourselves in action during our recent show. Thanks to Dick Reed you will find it very entertaining.

Our June meeting is our Annual Potluck and Trophies and Awards night. Please plan on being there and bring a dish to share. The Club will furnish plates, eating utensils, beverage. The Potluck will start at 7:00 PM so there will be time for presentation of Awards and to see the video. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

Walter Mroch

FIELD TRIP - CRYSTAL RIDGE - APRIL 1997:

No written field trip report submitted.

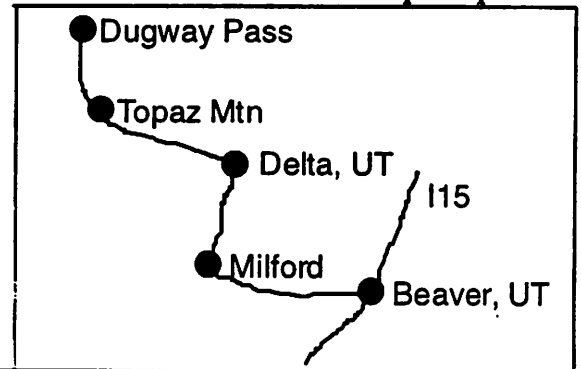
MAY/JUNE FIELD TRIP:

Many members will be departing as early as May 21st to meet others in Beaver, Utah on the 23rd. This will be a fun and interesting trip.

We will be covering a lot of territory and hopefully we will be finding a lot of good material.

I will have more information available at the May meeting and should you have any questions please give me a call.

Walter Mroch  
(714)826-2132

**Official Extended Trip Map****EXTENDED FIELD TRIP to Topaz Mountain, May 26th thru June 1st**

**May 23rd thru 25th - Meet in Beaver, UT at the United Camperland (Exit 109)  
Collect in Minersville, Milford, Etc...  
"Salsa Competition and Potluck" 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards**

**May 26th Drive to Topaz Mountain  
"Chili Cookoff" - Hopefully not a chilly cookoff! 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards  
Topaz Mountain Minerals Slideshow (Evening)**

**May 27th thru 31st - Collect at The Cove and other Thomas Range sites as time and interest exists. Official end to basic extended field trip June 1st.**

**June 1st . . . On to Colorado or other points of interest ???? Walter Mroch**

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risk during club activities.

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments this evening will be served by Millie Arvanites and Milt Green.

Our June meeting will be our Annual Potluck so please BRING A DISH TO SHARE. The club furnishes plates, eating utensils and beverage. Elsie Reed, Alice Lux and Connie Van Kampen have volunteered to help with serving, set up etc.

Betty Henderson

NOTICE: I WOULD LIKE ALL ITEMS FOR THE JUNE BULLETIN NOT LATER THAN JUNE 3RD. THANKS.

marge



SEARCHERS 38th ANNUAL GEM ROUNDUP:

Our 38th Annual Gem Roundup was another in a long succession of great gem shows thanks to your enthusiastic and capable contributions. The dedication and hard work of the show committee and all you volunteers it was a successful show.

My special thanks to Searchers who headed and/or worked on committees, donated prizes, crafts, cakes, pies and other items and displayed cases and demonstrated lapidary and jewelry making skills. It was especially pleasing to me to see so many newer members helping out. This is a good indicator that Searchers will continue to be a dynamic organization with a high level of member participation. Our annual show would never be successful without all your efforts. Again, many thanks to you all.

With the memories of the show still fresh I have scheduled the first post show meeting of the show committee on Monday, May 19th, 1997 at 7:00 PM to be held in the hospital basement Boardroom. Please come prepared to discuss what you feel we can do to improve next year's show. All Show participants are invited. The June post show meeting will be after the the general meeting (date to be announced).

Again, my sincere thanks to all show participants.

Herb Beckman  
1997 Show Chairman

THANK YOU FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

From Marie Cole, thanks to all the ladies who helped me with the dinner and a BIG SPECIAL THANKS to my Co-Chairman, Joyce Martinez. Without Joyce's help I couldn't have pulled it off. Thanks to Janet Cole, Joan Everitt, Mary Ellen Disney, Ana Gabourel, Evelyn Klum and Doris Smith who did the serving during our Friday night dinner. A VERY special thanks to two fellows who helped; Phil Martinez and Jay Cole.

From Mike and Michele Lee - without the help of Nancy Reed and Betty Nelson getting our food lined up for the kitchen and taking care of all the loose ends we'd probably been in trouble. To all of you who worked so hard helping us in the kitchen and donating pies and cakes we appreciate all you done. We couldn't have made it with out your help.

Thanks from Doris Smith and Margaret Neeley to all of you who made and donated items to Crafts and helped us by working in the booth, they were lovely items we sincerely appreciate all you've done.

From Roger and Jan Cole - thanks to all members who donated those lovely prizes and sold so many tickets. This is our only fund raiser for the year and your donations and ticket sales made this show a success.

From Lola and Tony Tapia - Thanks to all of you who donated so many items to the Wheel of Fortune - these little prizes made a lot of BIG kids and LITTLE kids go away happy!

From Larry Richey - A big thanks for all your help and donations of jewelry makin's to the Children's Jewelry booth.

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FOR SALE:

Have a nice 7 1/2 Ft Lance Truck Camper asking \$2,350 or best offer.  
Also have Six Pac 7 Ft Camper for \$300.

If interested please call John Wease(909) 790- 5827

John Wease

WORKSHOP REPORT:

The Searchers workshop will be open for member use on Thursday, May 15th from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. After this opening the workshop will be scheduled for Thursday nights and for Searchers the first and third Saturday each month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (see workshop calendar). If interest and attendance exceed workshop capacity the schedule will be expanded to accommodate our membership.

The workshop will not be open on major holidays, and it's schedule will be dependent upon availability of supervisors (I need more volunteers). Workshop fees will be \$1.00 per hour (three hour minimum) as agreed upon at the April Searchers membership meeting. It is our intention to include Junior members in workshop activities, however until details are worked out, workshop attendance will be restricted to adult Searcher members.

We are now planning a joint Grand Opening of the workshop with the American Opal Society, and it is tentatively scheduled for mid June.

Operational workshop equipment now includes saws-two slabbing saws, a 24" and a 16" (an 18" slabbing saw is still being refurbished), two 10" trimming/slabbing saws, and a 4" trim saw; grinders/sanders - three dual wheel 8" arbors, two of which are fitted with 6" diamond wheels and one is fitted with two expando sanding drums; polisher - one dual 8" arbor fitted with a polishing drum, laps - one 18" horizontal rotary lap (a 16" vibrating lap will be available when checked out). Other equipment donated to the workshop will be brought on line when it has been checked out/refurbished. The job of the Workshop Committee is not over - there will be many more changes as we grow.

Surplus workshop equipment will be sold at auction (sealed bid) to provide workshop funding to cover operations and acquisition of additional equipment and supplies as needed. Equipment to be sold this month is listed elsewhere in this bulletin.

Preparing the workshop for member use has been a major undertaking and could not have been accomplished without the extraordinary efforts of Ken Despain, Bud Henderson, Walter Mroch, Connie Van Kampen, Cliff Warner, Jim Williamson, and the Workshop Committee which included Bob Dixon and George Lux in addition to some of the aforementioned. Many other Searchers contributed on cleanup projects and moving. Larry Richey was always available when needed, and contributed significantly. Donations of members and former Searcher members have been too numerous to mention here, they will be acknowledged at a later date. Our President, Doris Pelfrey and directors of the American Opal Society were also key players in this project. My sincere thanks to all of you for your outstanding contributions.

Herb Beckman  
Workshop Coordinator

FOR SALE:

The following surplus workshop equipment is to be sold at auction (sealed bid) in May '97. Sale proceeds will be used to cover cost of workshop operations, and acquisition of additional equipment and supplies as needed.

Mail all bids to Herb Beckman c/o Searchers - P O Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92803. Items will be sold to highest bidder. In case of tie bid, item will be sold to bidder with earliest postmark. Bids must be postmarked by midnight, 31 May 1997. All viable bids will be acknowledged.

Lortone LS-12 slabbing saw with new blade. In like new condition. Can be converted to 14" configuration. New unit cost is \$795.00. Minimum bid - \$200.00.

Kit slabbing saw, 24". Sold in "as is" condition. Saw needs repair of plywood top cover, a new plug on power cord and some cleaning. Saw has new \$300.00 blade. Carriage accommodates very large rocks. Very smooth cuts. Saw has 3/4HP, 115/230V, 60HZ motor. Unit is on wheels. Minimum bid \$250.00.

Herb Beckman