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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 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 \$2.00 each.

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

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. These will be held in a classroom in the basement of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - Contact Clem Ducobu or Clare Gagnon about location
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks again to Dr Madsen who has been able to arrange for a room in the Medical Office building where we will be holding our Board meetings. The only night the room is available for our use is Wednesday which has made it necessary for us to change the Board Meetings. The Board Meetings (effective August 26th meeting) will be held the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 PM. These meetings will be held in a small classroom in the basement of the same building where our General meetings are held.

Due to the inconvenience of making coffee for our General Meetings it has been arranged to have the hospital make the coffee and have it ready in our meeting area for our General Meeting. This will be a big help to the ladies serving refreshments. They will no longer have to make coffee but will be responsible for bringing punch, ice and cookies.

I have appointed Marge Jordan to chair this years Nominating Committee and I'm pleased to announce that the four member committee will be made up of the following members: Marge Jordan, Mae Freedman, Jeanne Howe and Jan Gillette. It will be this committee's responsibility to nominate members for club offices and hopefully as club members some of you will take an active part in the operation of this club. So, if you are contacted by the Nominating Committee please consider accepting a nomination.

I would like to thank the following members who donated their time to be host and hostess at the Gem and Mineral Building during the 1992 Orange County Fair's 100th Centennial Celebration:

Merle Howe	Elsie Reed
Dr and Mrs Madsen	Jan Gillette
Doris and Hal Pelfrey	Trudie Reed
George and Milly Arvanites	Beth Pelfrey
Margaret and Floyd Neeley	Russ Korn
Elmer and Mary Jane Parsons	Ken Despain
Nancy and Dick Reed	Jim Williamson
Peggy and Paul Wesley	Marge Jordan
Joyce and Burt Whalin	George Mitchum
Bobbie Wayne	Audrey Nichols
Alan Silverstein	Lew Gibilterra
	Nancy Kramp

some of these members worked two or three times. Also, a great big thank you to Larry Richey, Clare Gagnon and RussKorn for many hours of demonstrations on the art of jewelry making.

Our congratulations to Larry Richey who received "Display of the Century Award," "Best Jewelry Display Trophy," 1st place in "Jewelry - Mixed Type" and "Show Goers Favorite." Nice going Larry, we're all very proud of you.

Conrad Cone and Ed Zinn also received first place ribbons for their cases. Congratulations for a great job.

Lola Tapia

SHOW DATES:

Aug 29 & 30 Montebello Mineral and Lapidary Society
Masonic Temple Bldg 4573
Durfee Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA
Hours: Aug 29 10:00 to 6:00 PM
 Aug 30 10:00 to 5:00 PM

Sep 19 & 20 Delvers Gem and Mineral Society
Apollo Park Neighborhood Service Center
12458 Rives Avenue
Downey, CA
Hours: Sep 19 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sep 20 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

It is still not too late to make plans to attend the 1992 Federation Show "August Harvest of Gems" to be held in Hayward, CA (22292 Foothill Blvd) on the Cal State campus beginning August 21st thru August 23, 1992. Anyone interested in more information please see me.

I have agreed to host the October Field trip to the World-of-Rockhounds (WRA) Annual Meeting near Inyokern/Rainbow Ridge area on October 10th and 11th. I will be attending their General Meeting on Saturday morning however, there are other activities which may be of interest to some of you. There will be conducted field trips for materials to be found in that area (rainbow jasper, opalite, etc.). Also WRA will be holding an auction at 4:00 PM sharp on Saturday the 10th. Several Searchers have previously attended the WRA annual meet and reportedly had a great time and got some pretty good material at their auction.

I would appreciate if members planning to attend the WRA would let me know at our September meeting (for planning purposes the WRA would like an approximate number of attendees). Please plan on attending. There will be many other clubs in attendance and it should be an informative and fun get together.

George Mitchum

HIGHLIGHTS - JULY GENERAL MEETING:

In the absence of our President the meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President, Walter Mroch.

A special applause of appreciation was given to Dr Chris Madsen who has made it possible for the Searchers to have a spacious auditorium available for our use for the monthly general meetings and a smaller room where we can hold our Board Meetings.

Walter reported that some Board Members discussed the possibility of the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council hosting the joint CFMS/AFMS Show in 1996. Walter also reminded club members that we still have some CFMS Gem and Mineral note stationery for sale at \$5.00 per package. If interested please see our Treasurer, Margaret Neeley.

HIGHLIGHTS - JULY (Cont'd):

Elsie Reed, Anaheim Arts Council thanked the Searchers for volunteering to store some of the Council's furniture and equipment and effective May 1992 the Council will be paying \$25.00 monthly toward our storage fee.

The Searchers Annual picnic will be held Sunday, August 2nd at Irvine Park.

Bobbie Wayne

ANNUAL PICNIC A SUCCESS:

The Searcher's annual picnic was held August 2nd at Irvine Park. We arrived early and put up the signs and to reserve our picnic area. Others arrived a few minutes later and there was ten of us who enjoyed a Continental breakfast. Great fruit and juices, coffee cake, muffins, doughnuts, sausage, coffee and other goodies. More members started arriving shortly after ten thirty and lunch was 1:00 PM. The food was the usual Searcher style...t-e-r-r-i-f-i-c...the weather cooperated (wasn't too hot). Some played cards, some games and others just visited. We had 42 Searchers and guests attend making for a nice day.

Jay and Marie Cole

MORE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR RIBBONS:

Not only did Larry Richey receive awards at the recent Orange County Fair, his two sons Matthew and Miles won their own ribbons.

Matthew, Larry's eldest son won 5 ribbons for photography. He had one 1st Place, two 2nd Place and one Honorable Mention and one Special Award. Miles, Larry's younger son took home two First Place ribbons in Fine Arts for his pen and ink presentations.

Can you believe all this talent in one family. Congratulations Matthew and Miles that is quite an achievement.

Marge

SUNSHINE:



We extend our deepest sympathy to Alice Lux on the loss of her mother, Laura Belle Kinetz who passed away July 29th.

Have not heard of any other illness, surgeries or whatever so hopefully "no news is good news."

Froma Reiter

MEMBERSHIP:

Please make the following corrections/changes to your 1992 Rosters:

AASEN, Jeanne H. - change phone number to read: (619)365-9512

BAGLEY, Wallace E. - change street address to: 5962 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621

WESTLEY, Paul and Peggy - change name to read WESLEY.

Milly Arvanites

Hi Searchers -

It's now four months and 10,800 miles into our trip. On July 29th we left Tok, Alaska for our return home with a stop at Haines and side tours to Sitka and Juneau.

In June, on our second trip to Denali, we saw Mt McKinley (20,320 ft) at it's fullest, along with bear, caribou, a wolf, fox and moose. The mountain is really awe inspiring. Then off to Fairbanks and the tourist attractions including Alaska Salmon Bake and in Alaskaland, a ride on the paddlewheeler, Discovery, down the Chena and Tenana Rivers and the Malamute Saloon, mentioned in a Robert Service poem, "The Killing of Dan McGrew" in the old goldmine town of Ester.

From there we headed south to the Kenai Peninsula for some "serious" fishing. At Homer I caught another king at 25 pounds, and three halibut - one 75 pounds and two 45 pounds each. Dug razor clams (5 - 6 inches long) at Ninilchik three different days; with a limit of 60 clams each day. The weather included a selective few sunny days but several days with light rain, but never cold. Viewed several Bald Eagles and glaciers over looking Homer, a beautiful town.

We then went to the Soldotna area on the Russian and Kenai Rivers for the reds (Sockeye Salmon). Caught several fish and quickly decided to either buy a pressure cooker or stop fishing. I suspect you know the answer. We shipped 50 pounds home, our freezer is full and we have five cases stashed below. If any of you are planning to come to Alaska, this area (and the reds) is the place to be in July. I wound up with thirteen fish, it was great. Lookup Morgans Landing State Park for good fishing and very convenient. You walk down to the River from the campground. No driving required - "no combat" fishing. One fish I had jumped out of the river and into a rosebush on the bank then back into the river again before I netted it.

We headed for Valdez and spent six days there, three of which we attended the Alaska State Good Sam Samboree. We joined our Anchorage friends and had a great time. Included with our admission was an evening harbor cruise, a bus tour of the Alaska Pipeline Terminal, square dancing and something Searchers do well - eating. We had a get acquainted happy hour, pot luck, steak dinner and a Sunday Brunch at the Elks. We camped in the Grammer School lot. This was unlike any California school I've seen. It's all enclosed under one roof. A gym, showers, cafeteria, whirlpool and swimming pool. We had use of all the facilities.

Got in some fishing, one silver and ten to twelve pinks. If anyone comes up here mid August is the time for silvers.

Well it's now the end of July and we're starting back with a plan to be up here again soon. We've seen a change of season, numerous glaciers and waterfalls, hundreds of lakes, mountains you wouldn't believe, wildflowers of every color and unbeatable fishing areas.

Mary has covered every gift shop, boutique, craft faire, art gallery, museum and Russian Church. On the subject of churches, fishing is the only topic of conversation on the Kenai. Mary would return from Mass with the local fishing report. The priest in Ninilchik won the fishing derby!

Hope all is well with our Searcher friends and we're looking forward to Canada again and the "lower 48." Thanks for the cards and letters. It's great to hear from you. Our mail forwarding and message service have both worked out well.

Ken and Mary Nelson



NOTICE: I will need all items for the September bulletin NLT 1 September.

Marge

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our July program was changed due to conflicting schedules. Walt Johnson had to cancel and Larry Richey who had volunteered to take over and do a fireagate presentation had to cancel at the last minute due to the Orange County Fair Awards Presentations. Our program ended up being a video on Opal Cutting. Also, Walter Mroch and George Mitchum brought in specimens and materials collected on the extended field trips.

The program this evening will be a presentation on jewelry/lapidary of Ancient Egypt to be presented by Vesta Ward, a well known lapidary teacher.

Our September program will feature Floyd Zukas who will give a presentation on famous diamonds. He is with the Facetors Guild.

Marvin Mog will do our October program and it will be on New Zealand.

Bill Keyes is scheduled to do the November program.

Jorge Hurtado

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

September Field Trip

This trip, which needs a host, will be to Verde Antique on September 5th thru 7th. I will not be attending due to other commitments.

October Field Trip

This trip, hosted by George Mitchum, will be to the WRA Meeting which will be held at Inyokern on October 10-11 with collecting at Rainbow Ridge.

November Field Trip

This trip, hosted by Dennis Van Kampen, is to the Coon Hollow/Wiley Wells area. There will be several social events held during the November 26-29 extended holiday weekend.

Walter Mroch

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP TO BE BBQ IN THE PARK:

Floyd Neeley has volunteered to do the September field trip. It was decided in lieu of a field trip to Victorville in the hot September weather it would be to the advantage of everyone to have a BBQ at Yorba Regional Park on Saturday, September 12th. There will be Searchers at the park early in the day and the BBQ will begin at 3:30 PM. Everyone should try to be there.



We will have the BBQs and charcoal and YOU BRING whatever YOU want to BBQ (steak, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs) and a dish to share, i.e., potato salad, green salads, vegetable, baked beans or dessert. Also, YOU bring your own plates, eating utensils and folding chairs. More details and map will be in the September Bulletin.

Floyd Neeley



DESERT NEWS

by
Sue Hickman

SHH...is the word from the desert...SHAKY..HOT..HUMID!

With the summer recess of Congress, S-21 is still in Committee, but may see some movement when Congress reconvenes. We can't give up our vigil or educational role.

Gerald Hillier, Manager of the California Desert District for the last 16 years, will be retiring at the end of August. Gerry has done a superb job in implementing the California Desert Conservation Plan. We probably have not always liked some of the decisions made but Gerry has always balanced his decisions with the Desert Plan and all user groups in mind. CFMS has presented Gerry with a 3½" sphere of Calico Palm Root (made by Art Riggle, Barstow Club) as a parting gift. Gerry's replacement has not been named as yet.

BLM California Desert District Office is holding a series of meetings during August regarding their Route Designation Process. BLM is reviewing all the DESERT ACCESS GUIDES (DAG'S) published. If a road is not identified on these DAG'S the road will be considered CLOSED. It is extremely important for all rockhounds to review these DAG'S to see if there is existing access to your favorite (even secret) area. DAG'S can be obtained at any BLM office. Comments to include a road not shown on a DAG should be directed to Molly Brady, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd Riverside, CA 92507-0714 or call (714) 697-5230.

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HOW SOUND OF THE OCEAN GETS INTO A SEA SHELL:

Inside a seashell there are some rooms and compartments with curved and shiny walls. The graceful little residence was created by a smallish animal who belongs to the sea. He extracted dissolved minerals from the water to build his shell, and his durable home survived after its owner died.

If you hold the wide-open end of a coiled seashell to your ear, you hear a sound that certainly sounds like ocean waves. But this is not really so. Those inner compartments are cunningly shaped to catch and echo the slightest sound vibrations. They even catch and amplify the sound of your pulsing blood stream. What you hear when you put your ear to a seashell is not waves, but the echoing of your own heart.

via Quarry Quips, 5/92 and others

SHOP HINT:

Stones sometimes develop fine threadlike scratches while being polished. These may be due to grit which has penetrated the polish-buff. One grain will do it. To clean, hold a strip of plywood or balsawood firmly against the buff, the grit will embed itself in the wood, leaving the buff clean.

via Pasadena Lapidary Society, 3/92 and others