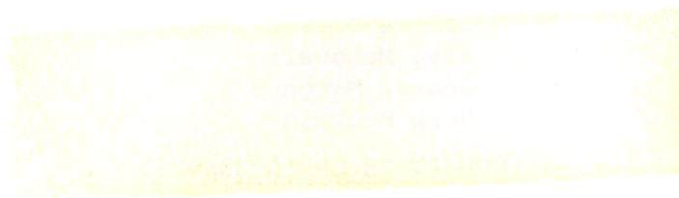


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital 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: 651 South State College Blvd, Unit # 9, Fullerton. Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Phone Number: (714) 870-7625.

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

There was some difficulty identifying the members who were to receive awards for their cases displayed during our recent show thus awards were not presented at the last meeting. I would like to apologize to those members who did not receive show awards in a timely manner and assure you they will be awarded. These will be presented at our August General Meeting.

Please remember that many of the board members and volunteer people are new members and although they are doing a great job, they still need the help of you "old-timers." Please help new members by reminding them of events that to you, are well known, but might be overlooked. I know many of the members have done these tasks many times and would like to let others take on the responsibility, however the new members do not know all club requirements.

The summer months are upon us and we have no field trips planned or scheduled. If anyone is interested or has any ideas, please feel free to contribute.

We are scheduling talks with city officials to assure there are no problems when we move to the new Senior Center. We have much work to accomplish this year. The items from the show have to be organized and put away, there is a large amount rock that needs to be evaluated and cut, and shop equipment needs routine maintenance. Please if each member would spend just 2 hours each month much could be accomplished.

Cliff Warner

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:

Jul 19th	Searcher Day - Gem and Mineral Building - Orange County Fair
Jul 28th	Board Meeting
Aug 4th	Bulletin Items Due
Aug 11th	General Meeting
Aug 25th	Board Meeting

SHOW DATES:

Aug 28 - 30	Valley Prospectors Gold & Treasure Los Rio's Apple Ranch Oak Glen, CA Hours: Sat 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sun 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sep 19 - 20	Faceter's Guild of Southern Calif Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Anaheim, CA Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE GENERAL MEETING:

This was our Annual Potluck starting at 7:00 PM with a short General Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM

New members introduced and welcomed.

Jim Williamson reported on Heritage Day held June 17th at Oak Canyon Nature Center, co-sponsored by the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club and Anaheim Parks and Recreation (the 17th year). Jim read a letter from them thanking us for our participation and the Women's Club presented us with a check for \$100 for our expenses (used to purchase 4 gross of rings, super glue and other findings). Tumbled stones for rings were donated by the Club. There was also a display of various rocks and gems and Club Fliers were distributed.

Bob Dixon suggested that perhaps in the fall we could plan a rock-hounding trip to Chloride. He also mentioned that Rocks and Gems and Hobbies will again share the larger building at the Orange County Fair. This is the building that we shared with hobbies in the late 1980s.

Larry Richey circulated photos of the creative items made by the Vets for their "Useful Household Items Contest." Larry reported that summer projects are to be, Channel Work, Cutting Opals and Lost Wax Casting.

Cliff reported on the Workshop and the projected Budget. He said the shop planned to buy a used Genie. Larry Richey moved we spend the \$500 for the used Genie. Bob Gabourel seconded. Discussion followed. Larry commented he wished to withdraw his motion and Bob Gabourel withdrew his second. At this time Larry Richey made a new motion that the Searchers' purchase three new Genies from Bombay Bazaar at \$900 each and sell some of the old equipment to defray the cost. Max Johnson seconded the Motion. A lengthy discussion followed. Cliff called for a show of hands in favor of the motion. There was 49 in favor (excluding guests) and 4 opposed.

Faye McDowell made an announcement that Larry Richey had just presented her with a check for \$1100.00 to be used by the Club to buy the 4th Genie when the Club's purchase of the three Genies has been completed.

Herb Beckman reported the Workshop is very near the break-even point. Bob Dixon said we have yet to plan shop seminars and Cliff is working on workshops for wire wrapping, steam casting on the second and fourth Saturdays at 9:00 AM. Max Johnson commented the youngsters at Heritage Day were very interested in learning lapidary.

Bob Gabourel slabbled and cabbed a display of material collected on the recent extended trip and can be viewed on the "show 'n tell" table. The trip was enjoyed by all those who was able to go and very happy with the material they collected.

Margaret Neeley reported that there were many favorable comments on the Pendant that the Searchers had donated for the Arts Council Soiree. The Soiree is believed to have raised (in the ball park) around \$32,000 to be used by all organizations involved in the Arts in the Anaheim community. For the first time in twenty-five years, the Searchers' were presented with a Certificate thanking the Club for their support of the Arts in our community.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Louise Oleson
Secretary

SHARING AND CARING:



We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Hilda Pitzler. We have only recently received word of her passing.

Jay Cole is improving after having arthroscopic surgery on his knee. George Mitchum was released from the hospital on June 22nd and is improving daily. Also, Grant Miller is doing well since his surgery. It's great to hear our members are improving.

Hal Pelfrey has had a very successful laser treatment in his "good" eye. He had a floating membrane and they were able to correct it and he now has 20-20 vision.

I have just received a change of address for Mae Freedman, it is 891 S. Walnut Street, # 44, Anaheim, CA 92802-1797.

Doris Pelfrey

GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations to Betty Nelson who won 1st Place at the Anaheim Arts Museum. Betty's photograph "The Window of Time", was a photo of an abandoned house with a sea gull on the roof.

Thanks to Betty Nelson, Beth Pelfrey and Max Johnson our Searcher Case entered in the Orange County Fair has taken 1st Place in their Class.

Doris Pelfrey

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome new members who joined at our June 9th meeting.

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Membership total at the end of June is 173.

Milly Arvanites

NOTICE:

I would like all items for the August Bulletin NOT LATER THAN Wednesday, August 5th. Thanks.

Marge

BOARD MEETING - 23 June 1998:

Margaret Neeley reported that per our original request that our previous meeting night, Thursday, will be honored when we moved into the new Senior Center in late September.

Margeret attended the Arts Council Monthly meeting and informed us that the new Senior Center Gran Opening is tarted for September 11th. Arts and Crafts Day is scheduled for September 17th to demonstrate the creative work to be done in the new Center. All Searchers are urged to participate. Herb gave those present a copy of the plan for the new Center showing two workshops with storage areas, the meeting rooms, etc. There was a long discussion concerning the projected move.

President Warner had to leave at 10:00 PM and turned the meeting over to Herb Beckman.

Nancy Norlund who has volunteered to chair a committee to study the problem of distribution of Show Donation/Opportunity Tickets. Nancy suggested that tickets be mailed only to those requesting them. Some suggested additional changes to include the forming of two Show Committees...the ticket and Prize Committee. Also, increasing the first prize to \$300. A dollar donation for one ticket, and 6 for \$5.00. A 55 minute discussion took place. Jim Williamson, Show Chairman, 1999, waspresent as were committee members, Beth Pelfrey and Jerry Norlund. They have plans to secure such prizes as a trip for two to Catalina, a mountain bicycle, etc. in order to interest people other than rockhounds to make a donation. The revised committee report will be resubmitted at the next Board Meeting.

Betty Nelson reported she is preparing a large case for Searchers at the Orange County Fair. Max Johnson will take the 48 inch by 23 inch case down there this week. Betty is checking on the facilities available for handicapped demonstrators as to parking and a wheel chair to transport them to Gem and Mineral building. Searcher Day will be Sunday, July 19th. Please call Betty Nelson to volunteer.

Nancy Norlund is working on arrangements for an Annual August Picnic tentatively on a Saturday in August.

Louise Oleson suggested that when we get our new Genies that Larry Richey, Bob Gabrouel and Herb Beckman demonstrate on these new machines making 30-minute cabochons possible to make with this type of equipment. Betty Nelson and Audrey Nichols thought this would be a suitable program for a monthly meeting.

Herb adjourned the meeting at 10:48 PM.

Louise Oleson
Secretary

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments for the July General Meeting will be served by Imelda Allen and Nancy Reed.

August General Meeting refreshments will be served by Alicia Ojeda and Dot Johnson.

We will need volunteers for September and October. Please contact Nancy Norlund.

Nancy Norlund

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our June General Meeting was short since this was our Annual Potluck and Awards but due to a "glitch" in the awards we managed to have a short program. Max Johnson, Public Lands representative again introduced "Mountain Man" Tom Carufel. Tom read the 1872 Mining Law that is still in effect today and protects our rights for free and open exploration plus occupation by citizens of the US of A. He updated additions to this law that is still in force today. He called to our attention to the fact that without the searching and sacrifices of our miners we would need to depend on outside sources for our minerals. Max and Tom said that rockhounds and small miners are close together as the Rights that protect them protect the Rockhound. He asked us to FAX or write our Congressional representatives our views on Public domain.

Tonights program will be presented by Walt Johnson featuring Faberge Eggs. This looks to be educational, interesting and delightful.

Our August meeting will be a Silent Auction and presentation of Show Awards that we could not present at the June Potluck.

Audrey Nichols

Heritage Day 1998

On June 7, 1998, the 17th annual Heritage Day Celebration was held at Oak Canyon Nature Center. As you may know the event was Co-sponsored by the Anaheim Parks and Recreation and the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club. The focus of the day was on demonstrating arts and crafts of early California. Children were involved in such things as weaving, clay pots, bead work, cross cut sawing, nail pounding and ring making. Demonstrations included face painting, Native American Dancers, Quilters, Bee Keeping and more. Of course, the Searchers found ring making the most interesting event of the day.

For the 4th consecutive year the Searchers have Committed their support to this project, taking advantage of the opportunity to educate the public concerning the earth sciences. The support started with a donation of \$100 for materials to build the rings and approximately 68 hours of member's time. The children (just over 500) who passed by our booth received a free ring of their design and an opportunity to compare Petrified wood to fossilized Whale Bone to Agate and Obsidian. They (and their parents) were also provided information about the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, several were interested in attending a club meeting. The day was a busy one, where fun was had by all!

A special Thanks to: Ken Despain, Betty and Harry Nelson, Connie Van Kampen, Larry Richey, John Velazquez, Max and Dottie Johnson, Margaret and Floyd Neeley, Imelda Allen, Alicia Ojeda, Norbert Bernhardt, Kelly Kemp and our President Cliff Warner and his wife Jose (four of these are new members and one is a junior member who donated time and/or material to make the day a great success.

A special Thanks is also sent out to the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club for providing the Searchers this opportunity to participate in their Heritage Day Celebration. They are to be congratulated for another fine job of orchestrating a problem free event! When we arrived our tables and chairs were in place and we were provided coffee, donuts and bagels. Each of the Searchers was also treated to a free lunch. Well as if that was not enough, to show their appreciation, the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club presented a donation of \$100 to the Searchers.

Jim Williamson

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REPORT, MAY 23 THROUGH JUNE 5, 1998

We gathered May 23 at the Beaver United Campground, Beaver, Utah, By late in the day we had 11 rigs and 19 people.

Steve Hodges of Beaver had agreed to guide us to unmapped areas and some of his claims. Along with his associates, we left at 8 a.m. May 24 for a long day of collecting. First, we obtained multi-colored jasper, then common opal, quality snowflake obsidian, no-name black rock with green stripes and finally picasso marble on their claim. Everyone loaded up with picasso and we just got back to camp in time to clean up for the camp pot luck.

They supplied $\frac{1}{2}$ -pound beef weiners and trimmings. The rest of us brought our favorite dish and it turned out to be a great pot luck like the Searchers have. It was attended by all the campground campers plus permanents.

On Memorial Day, May 25, Steve took us to a very remote area west and north of Milford. We dodged trees to follow the trail up a mountain. There we found green agate in large seams, some with yellow moss. Everyone got plenty of material. Since it took us a long time to get in and out of the area, we called it a day and thanked Steve and associates for their expert guidance and giving up their Memorial Day weekend for us.

May 26 we moved to Capitol Reef--a good three-hour drive. The campground filled up quickly so we doubled up on some spaces to get everyone in. Ken and Mary Nelson hosted a rocktail party at their rig to celebrate their new Ford V10 pickup. As usual, we had plenty to eat and celebrated with their champagne. It was a gorgeous setting. We broke up in time to go to the nearby Ranger program at 9 p.m. There was wildlife in the park, such as deer, birds, chukars, and yellow-bellied marmots.

On May 27 we had a half-day field trip outside the park to collect multi-colored agate and looked for some petrified wood. At another stop we collected devil toenails, which were like small clam shells. The desert was paved with them. We also found polished rounded stones which looked like gastroliths, or dinosaur gizzard stones. We took the afternoon off so everyone could enjoy the sights.

That afternoon Bob Gabourel and Faye McDowell went back to look for wood again and found a large trunk of it. Back at camp a number of the group got so excited they agreed to go look for it at 6 a.m. the next morning, which they did, and found the place Bob had spotted.

Those of us who kept more sensible hours went on to the Hanksville campground on May 28. We had enough time to have a half-day field trip to a nearby location. There we found agate, jasper and Faye, of course, found hunks of petrified wood.

Charlotte Bluell's sister from Salt Lake City joined us for the weekend, bringing our number to 20. This was her first rock-collecting trip and she did very well.

May 29 found us south of Hanksville trying to follow an old map. A few roads had been added, but we still ended up at a spot where they had mined petrified wood. There were still good 2-foot lengths to be found.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP-May 23 thru Jun 5 (Cont'd):

We tried another spot where the Morrison Formation appeared. That is where agatized dinosaur bone is found, and again Bob Gabourel, up on a big hill, found a large bone with red cells. He agreed to show us where it was, so several more of us found large pieces also. At another nearby hill small nodules with red centers were also found. On the way back we all stopped at Shirley's Rock Shop and were amazed at all the bone he had. We were also amazed at the price.

May 30 we again went south of Hanksville. After walking toward the hills, yellow and red jasper were located, mostly yellow. We looked at several other places but the material was the same.

The next day, May 31, the group moved 40 miles toward Green River to a dry camp on a large flat area near the highway. It was peaceful and we had a campfire. At sundown we saw several sun dogs, which are like segments of a rainbow. Earlier we had taken a half-day trip nearby to find red agate. Charlotte's sister found a small bone section. Craig and Charlotte Bluell went back the next morning and found more.

On June 1 we moved 20 miles to the Green River Campground. That afternoon we rested as it was hot and windy and we needed to catch up on supplies.

June 2 we started out to the pigeon blood and orchid agate area. It was plentiful, and we had a hard time getting Herb Beckman to move to another area. We next tried a nearby area for petrified wood, near some cliffs. Everyone found small pieces and Ken Nelson found a good chunk.

June 3 was an exploration day to Yellow Cat Flat north of The Arches National Monument. Dick Reed found a hill full of agate and soon we all joined him. The next location was supposed to have barite ball with agatized centers to be found on top of a mountain. Well, the mountain was steep and nothing was on top. On the way down some specimens were found. The big excitement came when we saw Faye McDowell headed for the top. When asked why she climbed it, she replied, "Because I wanted to!"

June 4 the trip started out to find yellow jasper with a green coating. However, the road was closed because a bridge was being rebuilt. So we tried another area the town folks told us about but no luck. So we went out for more red agate but at another location. Dick Reed found where someone had a portable rock saw and sliced some dinosaur bone. Not your usual find.

June 5, our last day of tripping. We went to Tin Can Flat for yellow and red jasper and then back to the first red agate area we'd gone to. By then everyone had plenty of rock to carry home.

We hit a streak of good weather, although it was windy in the afternoons. We had plenty of campfires, or circles when we weren't able to have a fire. One night it rained but that didn't stop us the next day.

Our last night we had a going-away dinner and the next day headed our separate ways. It was a great trip!

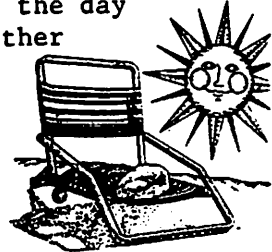
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ANNUAL PICNIC/BEACH PARTY:

Nancy Norlund has made arrangements for a Beach Party/Picnic on Saturday, August 15th at Huntington Beach. If there is enough interest we may plan for a pancake breakfast at 7:00 AM. Picnic Lunch/barbecue beginning at 11:30AM or 12:00 Noon. Bring a dish to share and your choice, hot dogs, burgers, steaks whatever you want to cook and beverage. Due to limited parking, members may try to arrive by 10:00 AM. Entrance to the beach may be from Newland, Magnolia or Brookhurst. Newland was suggested as the best choice. We will be between life-guard towers 11 or 12. This is a "day" area, no camping. The cost for the day is \$6.00 and if you are over 62 the cost is \$5.00. Nancy will have further information at the July and August General Meetings.

Nancy Norlund

WORKSHOP REPORT:

In addition to the Thursday evening workshop sessions, the workshop is also open from 8:00AM until 12 Noon on the second and fourth Saturdays each month. Cliff Warner is the Saturday supervisor and he is teaching steam casting techniques. This has been a very successful program to date with some nice student castings. Workshop attendance was good in May/June even though many regulars were on the extended field trip. We average almost five members per session including the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

The Searchers workshop has been open for thirteen months. My analysis of attendance figures and other data revealed that of the 42 Searchers who have been attending our workshops, 28 of them (67%) have been with Searchers two years or less, and 24 of them (57%) less than one year. The other 14 include 5 supervisors. It appears that as hoped, the workshop has been a draw for new members. Average monthly workshop attendance figures have been rising slowly, but steadily since March '98. Now that our equipment is being upgraded and workshop hours are increasing, I hope to see further increases in workshop participation. The new equipment (Genies) authorized at the June Searchers meeting is on order and should soon be operational in the workshop.

Time is fleeting, and we have much to accomplish at the Searchers workshop and storage facility in the next few months. Our lease expires on 31 December 1998, and we must renew or vacate the facility by that time. Regardless of our course of action at that time, we have much to do. Show materials must be moved from where they were dumped after the show, organized and properly stored. Donated cutting materials must be cut/slabbed, sorted, organized and then donated, retained (stored), or trashed as appropriate. Donated or unused equipment must be refurbished for use, and stored, sold, or discarded. Similarly, Searcher's documents and files have to be reviewed, organized and stored/filed, or discarded as appropriate. I have proposed to the Board that two or more Tuesday evenings each month be scheduled as "Searchers nights" at the workshop facility. The point of "Searchers nights" would be to use our workshop facility to enable us to work on essential tasks facing us in a planned, prioritized, efficient, manner. I recommend we start Searcher's nights on 21 July 1998, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The first session should be used to pick up, organize and pack, and store the clutter from our last annual show. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

Herb Beckman

The following article via GEM TIME, June 1998:

Letter to the Board

It is no secret that this club has gone down hill in the past few years. Some of us miss how the meetings used to be. Change can be a good thing, but just because things have been done the same way for years on end doesn't mean we have to change them, they were done that way because we liked it, and time has shown them to be good ways. We welcome new ideas but give us the opportunity to say yea or nay. As of late many things have been done with out the general memberships knowledge, and many orders of business have been dispensed with.

For instance:

Reading of the minutes

Reports from all committees

Treasures report

The Flag Salute

Welcoming of new members (reading their
names & introducing them)

Reading of the bills, expenses

Introduction & Election of committees

A few of these things are not written but are traditions that we want to carry on.

The Club as a whole needs to look back at the past few years and see what they have missed. Club meetings should be fun, members should feel they can trust their Board (and right now many don't).

Many of us worked hard to raise funds for this club and we have the right to say what it is used for.

This is not meant to offend anyone but to point out what we are missing.

/s/ Anonymous

Editor's Note: This very well could have been written by one of or several of our members. We have upwards of seventy long time members who've been with the club from the early 1970s to the present. These are the members who've made the club successful and helped keep it on an even keel through their dedication and endless work.

SHOP HINTS:

Don't discard the inner plastic rings from Scotch tape. They make handy stands for spheres.

via Gem Time, 6/98 and others

Another use for a jeweler's saw -- A jeweler's saw is a handy tool. Tear, or cut off narrow strips of cloth backed silicon carbide (broken expanding drum belts are ideal) Clamp the ends in your jeweler's saw, tension up, and you have an excellent sander for those hard to get at places in silverwork or carving.

via Gem Time, 6/98 and others

THANKS FROM GEORGE:

I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was in the hospital and after I was released. Knowing that you thought of me and your caring is appreciated and the encouragement you have given me has meant a lot. I don't ever recall being this ill but, I'm happy to say I'm improving and feel better each day and hopefully I'll have my strength back in a few more weeks. Again, thanks.

George Mitchum

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NEWS FROM AFMS:

Are you letting your Congressman and your Representative know YOUR views about the use of public land? OR - are you sitting there quietly while the exclusionists push for rules that would stop ALL rock, gem and mineral collecting for ALL time on ALL federal land.

Can't happen? Re-read the old story about the camel and the test. The strategy is to remove and restrict use of public lands one rule at a time until ALL use is restricted to Wilderness Area Rules.

George Loud, Chair of the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Committee sent a warning in January. There is again the prospect of a change in land management by Presidential Decree again bypassing Congress. The proposed decree would: 1. Change the definition of a roadless area to include parcels as small as 1000 acres - currently 5000 acres is the lower limit for such designation. 2. Impose a moratorium on planned activities in roadless areas. 3. Provide a new definition of "roadless" whereby areas now considered "roaded" would be reclassified "roadless". 4. Impose new restrictions for these "roadless" areas beyond a moratorium on timber harvesting. Expect road and trail closings. 5. Direct a new inventory by taken of "roadless" areas with a call for further areas to be designated wilderness. Look for defacto wilderness management of roadless areas.

SOUND OFF REGULARLY to your Representatives and Senators. Make them aware that you consider that you have rights and interests in public land that are legal and proper. Let them know you want those rights defended. It is indeed now or never. Federal regulations NEVER move towards fewer restriction.

Editorial
via AFMS Newsltr, 6/98



SEARCHER DAY SUNDAY, JULY 19TH IN THE
GEM & MINERAL BUILDING, ORANGE COUNTY
FAIR. VOLUNTEER!

BETTY NELSON