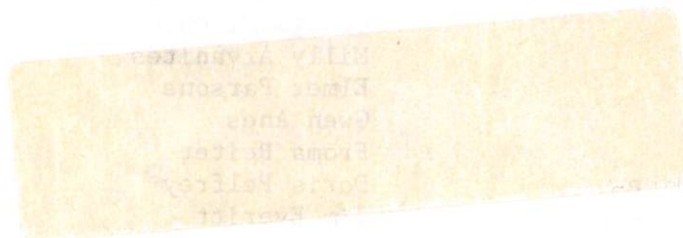


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. 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 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.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing - Anaheim Cultural Arts Center
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As perhaps most of you know, myself and our Arts Council representatives (Margaret Neeley and Mae Freedman) have been working with the Arts Council in trying to locate a suitable meeting place to hold our general meetings when the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center closes. To date the Searchers have not received a formal notice that the Center will be closing but all information points to a 30 June 1992 closing date.

There are many things that are going to have to be considered, i.e., a place to hold our meetings (a safe place), a place for our workshop and a place for storage of Searcher owned items (tables, chairs, cases, show items, etc). If we are unable to find a place for our workshop we will have to consider a secure place to store all of our shop equipment and above mentioned items until such time we are able to locate a favorable location.

Several places have been mentioned as possible places to hold our General Meetings which will have to be considered by the Board and brought to the attention of the membership at a General Meeting for discussion prior to a final determination. This is not my Club or the Board's Club it's YOUR Club and we're all in this together.

Another item to consider is the moving of all this equipment, material etc., this cannot be left to only a few people this will require the help of ALL members.

Now for some good news. Our Show Chairman, Beth Pelfrey, and her committee members are moving right along with our Show plans. I would like to remind all of you that we will need prizes both for Donation Awards, Hourly Door Prizes, etc.

The sale of Donation Award Tickets is one of our biggest fund raising projects (one of our very few fund raisers). I would like to remind you that it is the obligation of each member to either sell or buy himself \$10.00 worth of Donation Award Tickets. The Coans will have these tickets available again this evening. If you do not pick your tickets up they will be mailed to you. Remember the more YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR club.

The Show Committee Chairmen will be circulating their clipboards beginning this evening and also at the next general meeting. They will be needing lots of help so please sign up to work a couple of hours each day of the show. You'll discover what fun it is to be involved.

I'm happy to announce that Dennis Van Kampen will provide the program and organize our Annual June Potluck but he will need help setting up tables and with decorations so please volunteer. Also, Marge Jordan and George Mitchum have volunteered to do the Christmas Party but will need someone to do decorations and a volunteer to do the program.

The moral of the story is don't be a spectator, think of just one thing YOU can do and JOIN IN.

Lola Tapia

A FUN EVENT - The San Diego Mineral & Gem Club will be holding their 31st Annual BBQ on Sunday, May 17, 1992 at San Diego County Swiss Park from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Price of tickets = \$8.00 per adult and \$4.50 for children under 12. Tickets should be purchased ahead. There are flyers available on the rear table for anyone who may be interested in attending.

Ed

SHOW DATES:

Mar 28 & 29 North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
 La Habra Clubhouse
 200 W. Greenwood
 La Habra, CA
Hours: Mar 28 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Mar 29 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Apr 11 & 12 Mojave Minerlogical Society & Cal-City
 Edwards Gem and Mineral Society
 Boron Community Bldg
 (1 mile South of Fwy # 58 on Boron Avenue)
 Boron, CA
Hours: Nonelisted - call David Eyre (619) 762-6575 for info.

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The CFMS "August Harvest of Gems" will be held August 21st thru 23rd, 1992, in Hayward, CA. Anyone who may be interested in attending this 53rd Annual Show and Convention, or anyone interested in exhibiting please see me for more information and reservation forms. One of the treasures to be exhibited this year is the 22,892.5 carat American Golden Topaz.

This American Golden Topaz is the largest faceted gemstone in the collection of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution and will be on display during regular show hours.

The 172-facet stone, requiring 1,000 hours over a two-year period to cut and polish from a 15 pound preform which began as a 26-pound piece of rough, is pure in color and design. It is golden yellow in color and has three blue chevrons of color located partially under the table that cause the perceived color of the stone to vary, depending upon the viewing angle.

This Topaz was presented to the Smithsonian in 1988, by its owners, Doctors Marie and Ed Bogatta of Seattle, WA, and William Maloney, Jr, Executive VicePres, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, on behalf of the mineral hobbyists of America and the six Regional Federations that raised funds so the donation could be made.

George Mitchum

MEMBERSHIP:

The new 1992 Membership Rosters are available this evening. Please pick your copy up from Milly before leaving the meeting.

Milly Arvanites

WANTED: 10" or 12" Slab Saw. Self feeding. Call Chuck Pierce (714) 526-5614

SHOW REPORT:

For those Committee Chairpersons who did not attend the March 10th Show Meeting our last and final meeting before our annual show will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 PM, at the Cultural Arts Center. I would like to see all Committee Chairpersons attend this meeting.

1992 SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

CHAIRMAN - Beth Pelfrey	GRAB BAGS - Ken Landers
CO-CHAIRMAN - George Lux	HOSPITALITY - Marge Jordan
ANAHEIM BULLETIN - Doris Pelfrey	HOURLY DOOR PRIZES - Floyd & Margaret Neeley
CASES - Dennis Van Kampen	KITCHEN - Lori and Ed Moore
CHILDREN'S JEWELRY - Nancy Kramp	LAYOUT - George Lux
CRAFTS - Jan Gillette	MEMBERSHIP - Bill Keyes
DEALERS - George Mitchum	MOVIES and SLIDES - Grant Miller
DECORATIONS - Trudie Reed	PUBLICITY - Jim Williamson
DEMONSTRATIONS - Clare Gagnon	SECURITY - Paul Wesley
DONATION AWARDS - Eva and Cliff Coan	SET-UP and CLEAN UP - George Lux
ELECTRICAL - Jim Everitt	SIGNS - Hal Pelfrey
FINANCIAL - Margaret Neeley	SPECIAL EXHIBITS - Dennis Van Kampen
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - Marje Husby	STAFFING COORDINATOR - Marie Cole
TROPHIES AND RIBBONS - Dennis Van Kampen	WHEEL OF FORTUNE - Lola Tapia

Our Committee Chairmen have been working hard and I would like to remind you all that they will need help from ALL members. They will have their clipboards available this evening so please sign up for various jobs. Please take the initiative to volunteer your time to help. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Beth Pelfrey

DONATION AWARDS:

I will have the Donation Award raffle tickets available for pickup at tonight's meeting. Remember it is each members obligation to either sell or buy himself \$10.00 worth of these tickets. We will also need help in manning the Donation Ticket Sales table during the show. Please see me to sign up.

Any member who will be contacting business people for donation prizes there are Donation Request letters (for requesting donation awards from local business establishments) and flyers and posters advertising our show available for pick up at the "show" table at the rear of the meeting room, or, see me or Beth Pelfrey.

We are also in the need for donation award prizes and please remember when selecting your donation please be sure the image we project is the one we are proud of.

Eva Coan

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES: I will need donations for the hourly drawings, this could include necklaces, key chains, pins etc -- anything that is UNUSED. Please bring them to the April meeting.

Floyd Neeley

WHEEL OF FORTUNE: If you have polished rocks, slabs, geodes that you cannot use (cut ones) small vials of tumbled rock please I would like to have them for the Wheel of Fortune. Please bring them to the meeting and I will pick them up or, bring them in to the show building Friday morning during set-up times.

Lola Tapia

NAME TAGS:

Members (both new and old) who do not have name tags but would like one, I can have them made up for you. The cost is \$5.00. Everyone should wear their name tags to club activities (general meetings, workshop, field trips, etc.). Name tags will be necessary while working at our Annual Show. If you would like to order see me at the general meeting or give me a call at (714) 897-2407.

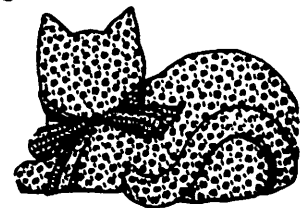
George Mitchum

CRAFTS:

Our next Craft Meeting will be at Jan Gillette's home on Wednesday, April 1st, at 9:30 AM. We will have a potluck lunch so plan to bring a dish. For all of you who have been making things at home please bring your completed items, priced reasonably and if you want the unsold items returned to you after the show please initial your items. If you cannot make the craft meeting please bring your items to the General Meeting in April.

Remember the saying "when the cats away the mice will play?" Well, this Cat was away for the last Craft meeting and I've been told that the ladies really did a lot of projects and have just about completed all of our group projects. Nice going ladies.

Jan Gillette



HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:

Walter Mroch, 2nd Vice President chaired the meeting for our President who had a severe case of laryngitis. Future field trips and the upcoming extended field trip were discussed.

Mae Freedman reported that the Searchers have paid for a table at the Anaheim Arts Council Annual Soiree to be held March 7th. Margaret and Mae purchased a beautiful blue topaz pendant that was donated to the soiree to be auctioned. This was purchased from George Arvanites.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Russ Korn who gave an interesting presentation on geodes.

Marge

GREETINGS TO THE SEARCHERS FROM KIWI LAND - NEW ZEALAND

Jacque and I arrived in Auckland on North Island February 5th after spending several days in Honolulu.

We've crossed the International Date Line so we are 21 hours ahead of your time. Lost one day enroute.

Our first day in Auckland was spent trying to get over jet lag and just finding our way around. The next day we looked for a motorhome to rent. After a few calls I didn't find anything. Then I walked over to the rental place called Leisure Port which handles rentals for about 4 companies. When they found out how long we wanted to rent one they were suddenly able to locate one. After another half day of negotiating we finally arrived at a contract price.

We picked up the motorhome the next day, loaded it and started out to tour North Island. We rented the mid-sized motorhome which is about 20 ft long and like a Class C (bed over the cab). It is a diesel with a 5 speed stick shift. Fuel for it is about half the cost of gas which makes it economical to drive.

This was my first experience at driving on the left side of the road. It was real exciting trying to find our way out of town. They don't have many traffic signals or stop signs. Mainly they have "give aways" (yield) then you come to a "round-about" (traffic circle). All this while you are trying to shift with your left hand. We survived and finally got to the "motorway" (freeway) so after that it was easier.

The "motorparks" (campgrounds) here combine tents, motorhomes, cabins, and almost a motel and are quite nice. They have kitchen facilities as well as restrooms and showers. With power they run from \$7 to \$10 U.S. currency.

New Zealand is a very green country with lots of vegetation. It is mostly hilly with a few high volcanic cones. The roads are narrow and full of curves but are usually well surfaced. The seasons are reversed here so it is like a California August as far as the climate. Lots of fresh vegetables and fruit this time of year. We saw Kiwis growing and Nashi Pears (we call them Asian Apples) -- very good.

The population is 4 million people, 50 million sheep plus plenty of cattle and deer farms. The economy is primarily agriculture. About one third of the people are Maoris (who are Polynesian descendents).

We are traveling around the North Island. First headed up to Cape Reinga the northern most point. Then back along the Tasman Sea coast to the Kauri Forest. These are their oldest trees some are 1200 years old with 16 ft diameter trunks and 120 ft high. In the old days there were used to make the 100 man dugout war canoes.

As we pass through towns we stop at the museums to learn as much history as we can. South of Auckland there is an area that has lots of thermal activity. At Hot Water Beach there is a thermal spring at low tide where you can dig a hole in the sand and have your own spa.

Near Lake Taupa is a geo-thermal plant producing 5% of New Zealand's electricity. Lots of steam vents, mud pots, and geysers throughout the area. Rotorua a big tourist town which also has lots of thermal areas and smells of sulphur. They say you get used to it.

We still have the Southern part of the North Island to see and then we'll take a ferry over to the South Island for the rest of our time here. Until next month.

Marvin and Jacque Mog

SUNSHINE:

It is with sorrow that I must tell you that the Searchers have lost another friend and member. Fred E. Snowden entered into rest March 3rd, 1992 in Victorville, CA. Services were held in Hesperia, CA on March 7th.

Fred and Mary joined the Searchers in 1982. Fred was very helpful in teaching silversmithing classes and many of us benefitted from his knowledge and expertise. Both he and Mary were active in the club until they moved to Victorville in early 1987. They were also active in the Victor Valley Gem Club but still remained Searchers. Many will remember the good times we shared on field trips when the Snowdens came along. We extend our sympathy to Mary and their children.

Long time member Blanche Davenport is living at the Buena Vista Care Center in Anaheim. Blanche's daughter Betty tells me that Blanche recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Blanche is in a wheelchair, unable to walk, but is doing relatively well. Anyone wishing to send cards please send them to her home address and they will be delivered to Blanche.

Hal Pelfrey is home from the hospital after his angioplasty and is showing great improvement and starting to take some short walks. Keep up the exercise Hal.

Margaret Neeley has had eye surgery and is doing well but still has to remain inactive for a few weeks. We miss you at our various activities Margaret but we'll try and manage until your back with us.

Both Henry Freedman and George Arvanites are improving after having been ill with shingles. It will still be a few weeks before they are completely recovered. We're all wishing you two well.

Froma Reiter

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our February program was presented by Russ Korn and the subject was geodes. We learned how they were formed and where they can be found. Very interesting and educational.

Our program this evening will be presented by Nancy Janenz from the Farm Bureau of Orange County.

The April Meeting will be presentation on Death Valley by Mr Ed Murphy who will show slides and lecture on the wonders of Death Valley.

Marge

THANKS TO ALL:

I would like to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls and caring. It means a lot.

George Arvanites

To the Searchers:

As we have journeyed many paths together and searched and found many treasures, the treasure of your friendship was the most precious find Fred and I came across. We have held it close to us eventhough life sent us on different roads. Those bonds could not be broken.

In our time of sorrow and as a family, we would like to extend our many thanks for the cards, flowers and personal condolences we received upon Fred's death.

In Sincere Gratitude,

/s/ Mary Snowden

Mary Snowden

Jeannette Hill, Bob, Jim and Steve Snowden

FIELD TRIP NEWS:



As most of you know the March 13-15 field trip to Chuckwallas/Wileys Well area was cancelled due to inclement weather and illness of several members. I hope this has not inconvenienced anyone of you. If so please accept my apologies.

Information concerning the upcoming extended field trip beginning Memorial Day weekend is available for pick up at the tables at the rear of the meeting room. This information includes dates, places, maps, motel listings and types of material that can be found in these areas.

I would also like to remind you that the April field trip to Hackberry Wash has had a date change. Originally we scheduled it Apr 17 - 19 but it is now scheduled Apr 24 - 26th. This will be a combined trip with the Santa Ana club and the Orange County Gem and Mineral Club. There will be a wide variety of material available all over the area including geodes, copper minerals, smoky quartz, topas, lepidolite, petrified wood, etc. Any further questions please give me a call. See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

On March 28th there will be a self-guided field trip to Tick Canyon, this will be a one day trip. I have checked out the talus slopes and stream bed in the canyon on Feb 29th and found most material to be in those areas. The upper digging areas were covered with a layer of rock and dirt so digging would be rather tough. I am uncertain as to whether U.S. Borax did this to protect their reserves or to keep zeolitic minerals from washing down the canyon. To get there take the 210 Fwy to the 14 Fwy North until you reach the Sierra Highway Exit. Follow Sierra Highway north for about 6.5 miles until you reach Davenport Road on the right. Follow Davenport Road east for 1.5 miles and you will pass thru two black dumps. Park on one of the dumps and collect north of the road in the dumps and streambed. As usual the Searchers assume no liability for you or your guests nor Acts of God. Good rockhounding!

Walter Mroch

SHOP HINTS:

A little graphite mixed with chrome oxide and applied to a muslin buff makes a wonderful jade polishing agent. This works on hard-to-polish agate too.

7-Up can be used to clean silver and gold findings. Dip, rinse well and rub with a soft cloth. Use separate solutions for gold or silver.

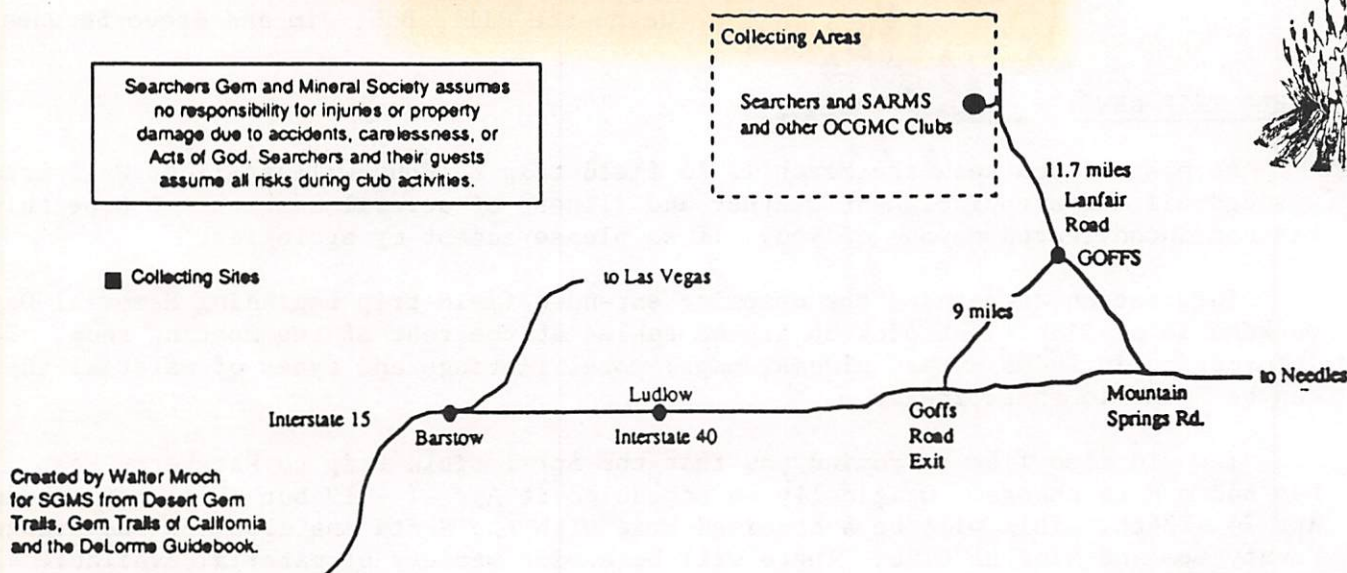
Via Gem Time, 2/'92 & East Bay Nodule

April 24-26 1991 Field Trip Hackberry Wash/SARM Claims

Directions: Take Interstate 15 east to Barstow. From there take Interstate 40 east towards Needles. You will pass thru Ludlow and on to the Goffs Road Exit. Follow the paved road to Goffs for 9.0 miles. You may also exit at Mountain Springs Road to get to Goffs. Once you reach Goffs follow Lanfair Road north for 11.7 miles where you will find members of the SARMS and other OCGMC clubs. If you reach Lanfair you have driven too far - backtrack. You will know when you are at the right place when you see the blue/white ribbons. Nearest supplies are in Goffs and Cadiz. The total mileage from Anaheim to Hackberry Wash is about 250 miles. Cars will take an average of 5 hours to get there; trailers and RV's will naturally take atleast 6 hours.

Dry camp - bring food, water, firewood, picks, shovels, hammers, canteens, etc...

What to collect - Agate, opalite, jasp-agate, geodes, petrified wood, flame agate, amethyst geodes, petrified palm, petrified reed, and copper minerals



CHUCKWALLA/WILEYS WELL REPORT:

Some members did not get the word that the trip had been cancelled and did show up at the designated area. There were 2 tents, a camper and 2 trucks. These hearty souls did not find any Searcher signs at either place so 4 people decided to go over to the Coon Hollow area and visit the old Helen Madden Mine.

The new owner of the "Opal Hill Mine" is Nancy Hill, a very friendly person and a joy to be around. She has two men working for her and they are very helpful and willing to show you how to find fire agate in the sea and how to get it out. There is a charge of \$5.00 per day for Seniors. They also have a nice collection on display of what can be found in the areas of the Chuckawallas and Wileys Well. Those of us who spent the day found a couple of good stones. If we should plan for a future trip to Coon Hollow it would be advisable to give Nancy a call and make some sort of arrangements.

Editor