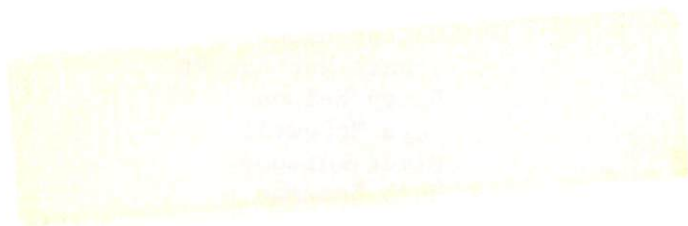




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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC  
Established June 20, 1958

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Director	Herb Beckman	778-1496

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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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.

# Happy Holidays

## 1997

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the wonderful cooperation and support you have given me throughout the past year. You've all helped me so much and it was your help and cooperation that has made this a good and memorable year.

We now have a Workshop which is operational. We've increased our membership during the year and we had a successful Annual Gem Roundup in May. I hope that 1997 will be another Searcher milestone to be remembered.

We have a great new Board for 1998 so hopefully we can continue to grow. Remember if you don't like the way things are done, **VOLUNTEER!**

I would like to wish each of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Doris Pelfrey

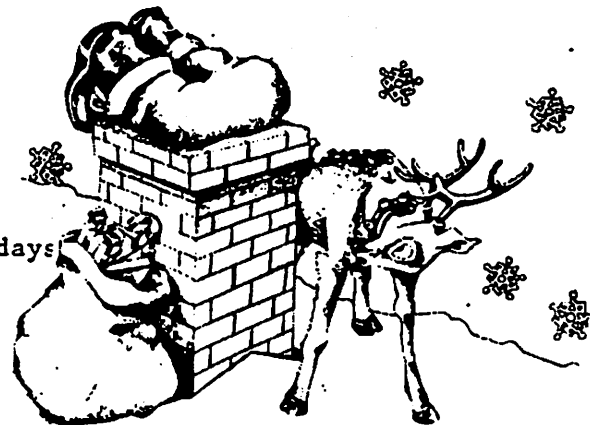
### FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- Dec 16th Board Meeting (combined 1997 and 1998 Boards)
- Jan 6th 1998 Bulletin Items Due
- Jan 10th 1998 Field Trip (Check date and confirm with Cliff Warner)
- Jan 13th 1998 General Meeting
- Jan 27th 1998 Board Meeting

### SHOW DATES:

#### 1998

- Jan 10 - 12 Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Veteran's Memorial Bldg  
324 N. Kaweah  
Exeter, CA  
Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days



HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President, Doris Pelfrey at 7:45 PM.

Five guests were present. Jerry and Nancy Norland of the Santa Ana Club, Norm Husby, Sequim, Washington (and his wife Marje who has remained a member), Todd Showalter, who is now back in this area permanently, and David Gough's wife Ann.

Federation Director, Elmer Parsons, presented certificates from CFMS re "Education through Sharing Awards", i.e. "Each Club-Each Year-One Rockhound" to Marvin Mog for 1996 and Jim Williamson for 1997.

Bob Gabourel's complete report on the cost per year per Searcher member will be in the December bulletin. Bottom line; cost per member without workshop (which has been self sustaining to date) is \$25.24. Dues are \$10.00 per adult member. Dues have been the same since anyone can remember. It was suggested that dues should be raised to \$25.00 per member.

The November Thanksgiving Field Trip is to Wiley's Well. Marvin Mog is the leader. The Santa Ana Club has been invited to join us on this trip including the Thanksgiving feast.

Herb Beckman reported that a local dealer has donated about one and a half ton of good rock to the Searchers. Some has been tumbled. Some is no longer available due to land closing by the BLM or exhausted sources. We will use this material for drawings, silent auctions, shop etc.

Larry Richey has returned to the Veteran's workshop after a 2-month absence due to his work schedule. He has repaired the equipment in need of it and is working on publicizing the shop at the hospital in order to build it up again. He will still need lots of slabs. Box is in the back of our meeting room every monthly meeting.

Harry Nelson thanked members for their donations to the monthly drawing. We always need these. Tonight we took in \$54 from the drawing.

Candidates presented by the nominating committee were accepted unanimously \* there being no additional nominations from the floor. Our 1998 Officers are:

President - Cliff Warner  
1st Vice President - Audrey Nichols and Betty Nelson (Co-Chairs)  
2nd Vice President -  
Secretary - Louise Oleson  
Treasurer - Faye McDowell  
Federation Director - George Mitchum  
Director - Herb Beckman (at Doris Pelfrey's request)

Due to nomination and election of our 1998 Officers we did not have a program. This was our piefest night and we had some delicious pies. Thanks to Betty Henderson, Marie Cole and the other ladies who helped cut and serve the pies and thanks to the members who brought in these wonderful pies.

Membership reported we have 166 members. We cannot accept new members until January 1st when the 1998 dues will be due.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Betty Nelson

NOTICE: I WOULD LIKE ALL TIEMS FOR THE JANUARY BULLETIN NOT LATER THAN JAN 6TH.

Marge



FEDERATION REPORT:

The CFMS Fall Meeting was held November 8, 1997 in Visalia, CA. Meeting was called to order by CFMS President, Rosemarie Young. Formalities were completed with 100 directors and 48 officers and chairmen present. A quorum was established. An Agenda was adopted. Standing Rules and Minutes of the June 21, 1997 meeting corrected, accepted and approved.

The 1997 CFMS Show in Ventura was a good show but attendance was lower so the return to the CFMS would be approximately \$5000 since all bills had not been submitted.

For the first time in many years, two clubs bid for the 1999 Show. The Santa Lucia Rockhounds of Paso Robles and the Mother Lode Mineral Society of Modesto. The Mother Lode Society won the vote of the Directors. Hopefully the Santa Lucia Rockhounds will submit a bid for the 2001 show.

CFMS Officers for 1998 are:

President - Beverly Moreau  
1st Vice President/Pres Elect - Ken Kruschke  
2nd Vice President - Eugene Rutledge  
Treasurer - C. Wes Lingerfelt (2nd term)  
Secretary - Beverly Hafeli  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Renata Bever

The 1998 Nominating Committee:

Shirley Leeson  
Jeane Stultz  
Dick Pankey  
Toni Ewers  
Charles Leach (alternate)



There were four entries for the All American Club. First place for large clubs was Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society and first place for small clubs was Lake Elsinore Gem and Mineral Society.

Sixty-Eight people attend the Earth Science Studies at Zzyzx Road, Soda Springs and Camp Paradise this past year. A motion was made to increase the fee for these seminars to \$200. Motion approved. The 1998 Zzyzx Earth Science Studies program will be held from March 15th to 22nd. Motion was made to add \$200 to 402L, Public Relations Fund. Motion approved.

There were two delinquent societies as of Nov 1st, 1997, Hi Desert Gold Diggers and Southwest Rockwranglers.

Two new clubs were accepted, West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters and Lone Pine Gem and Mineral Club.

On a recent CFMS Field Trip South a BLM ranger was invited to attend the trip into Afton Canyon. As a result of this trip the ranger is going to join the Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society in Barstow. It was suggested that perhaps Clubs could invite a BLM person on one of their trips to show them first hand what and how rockhounds do.

FEDERATION REPORT (Cont'd):

CFMS Historian, Shirley Leeson is working on the CFMS History and asked if Clubs or anyone who may have some history that perhaps should be included in the CFMS History she would like to have it.

Insurance this year will be \$1.00 per member. This is in addition to the \$1.50 dues we pay for each member.

The Museum Committee has standing exhibits of the Nevada Minerals at the museum in Henderson, NV, California minerals at the state museum in Mariposa; and Los Angeles Museum and a display at the Jurupa Cultural Center. In fairness to the Museum's exhibits can only be withdrawn for the annual CFMS Shows.

Public Lands - Fish and Wildlife Services did not list the Horned Lizard on the endangered list, the BLM has held meetings to discuss the management plans to help the lizard from being listed. Those plans include further restriction on public access and public activities on public lands. A proposal to create a five mile protective buffer zone around endangered plants. If these plants are so located the entire desert could be closed. Many other problems exist that could further restrict access to Public Land.

Tax Advisors Report - the Board of Equalization (sales tax) in a letter dated Sep 10, 1997 stated that the Board requires applicants to provide enough information to insure compliance with reporting requirements. The Board recognizes there are instances where minimal information is requested.

Elmer Parsons  
Federation Director

INVITATION:

The Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club extends an invitation to any Searcher member who would like to attend their January 15th, 1998 General Meeting to hear their guest speaker Lotar Vollot speak and present a program on "Gem Identification."

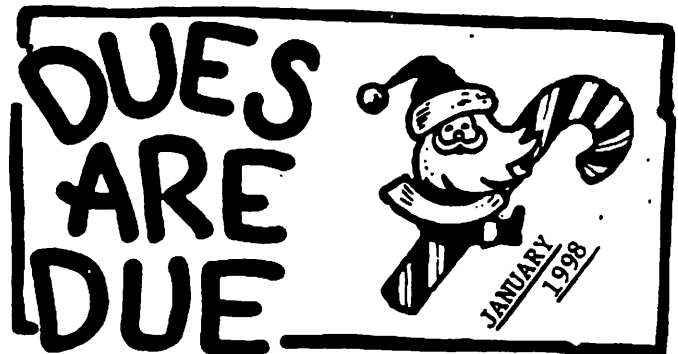
The meeting will be at Lake Park Clubhouse (a mobile home community) at 1510. Fairhaven, Santa Ana. The time of their meeting is 7:00 PM. If anyone would like to attend and needs more information please call Laura Shane, Corresponding Secretary (714) 832-2043.

Doris Pelfrey

MEMBERSHIP:

Address Change--

KNOX, Steve  
8439 E. Saratoga Street  
Anaheim Hills, 92808  
(714) 279-3918



Milly Arvanites

WORKSHOP REPORT:

Workshop attendance this month has again been off, apparently due to the usual holiday activities this time of year. This reminds me, the workshop will not be open on Tuesdays, 12/25/97 or 1/1/98 for obvious reasons.

I hope each of you and your families have a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

We have been sorting through and cleaning some of the incalculable quantity of rocks donated to the Searchers workshop last month by Raven, and are finding many unusual gem materials which so far, we have not been able to identify as to source. Many of these cutting materials will certainly produce outstanding gems. I encourage you to come to our workshop, work some of these rough materials into cabochons, then show them to friends, relatives and work associates, and at our club meetings and at gem shows to promote Searchers and our workshop.

As I announced last month, Searchers may now check out lending library materials during workshop hours in the office at our workshop and storage facility.

The workshop is available for use by junior Searcher members. Their waiver must be signed by their parent, and they must be directly supervised by their parent or parent authorized Searcher member while using the workshop.

Searchers workshop normal hours, address and telephone number are listed on the inside front page of this bulletin, and will no longer be a part of the monthly workshop report.

Again, my best wishes to you all for a safe, happy and prosperous holiday.

Herb Beckman

COST ANALYSIS:

<u>Membership Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>	<u>Cost Per Member</u>
General Office Supplies	\$ 120.00	\$ 1.00
Insurance and CFMS Dues	395.50	2.50
Membership Mailings/Reminders	502.85	6.95
Bulletin Costs	1,278.08	9.40
Refreshments	117.02	1.00
Christmas Dinner	798.05	4.39
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 3,211.50</u>	<u>\$ 25.24</u>

The above is a cost analysis done during my term as your Treasurer.

The objective was to show all members exactly what your dues cover.

It is important to point out the following.

Examples are: Bulletin - CFMS dues and insurance. Other costs are also shared by all members but only benefit some.

Examples are: Mailing out bulletings - Christmas dinner - Refreshments at meetings.

Much depends on members ability to attend meetings and partake in the activities that are offered by your club.

I wish to point out that I was asked to prepare this report and in no way and in no way am I trying to do anything more than present information. Membership will have to decide any appropriate action as they deem necessary.

Raising the issue of increasing dues is a sore subject, that is why this information report was created. Members will have to determine what the value of their membership in the Searchers is and what they are willing to pay for that value.

NOTE: The above costs have purposely excluded any costs associated with the workshop as those had not been determined at the time this report was written.

Compiled By - Bob Gabourel

SHARING AND CARING:

Ed Zinn is not feeling well. He has had to vacate his apartment and is now residing at the following address:

West Anaheim Extended Care  
645 S. Beach Blvd - Room 340C  
Anaheim, CA92804

Ed did not have his own phone at this printing but will have one in a few days. Cards and phone calls we know would be appreciated and hopefully our caring and encouragement will help Ed to regain his strength and encourage him to eat better and get stronger and well enough to once again be able to do his beautiful lapidary work he loves so much and that we all admire. We've been missing you Ed and hope you will be back with us very soon.

Your fellow members and friends

GREETINGS FROM SUE:

It's always nice to hear from our members who because of health problems or other reasons are unable to drive and attend our functions.

I had a call from Sue Hodges who now resides in Escondido. Since the loss of her husband Bob a year ago she is unable to visit this area but wanted to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sue tells me she is doing better and will always remember all of the club activities they both participated in and how much they enjoyed Searcher's regular field trips, extended field trips, picnics, shows and other activities.

For those of you who would like to send her a note her address is in the 1997 Roster.

Doris Pelfrey

WEDDING BELLS FOR FORMER JUNIOR MEMBER:

Matthew and Marc (the twins) and Michelle Landers were Searcher Junior members for many years and Dad and Mom (Ken and Marie Landers) are still active members.

The Landers have reached another milestone in their lives. Marc was married in November to a young lady, Ana Claudia Moline, in Guatamela. Ken, Marie, Matthew and Michelle attend the wedding and had a wonderful ten day trip.

In addition to attending a beautiful wedding they had the opportunity to visit the rain forest, Antigua and many other exotic sites.



So many of our long time members remember the twins and their participation in activities. Our hearty Congratulations to Marc and his bride Ana Claudia.

Doris Pelfrey

TWIN COUSINS!

Connie Van Kampen has just become a member of another group, "Silly Old Grandmas" (SOGs). You know them folks, the ladies who carry their mini photo albums in the handbags, ready to show the grandbabies to everyone who may be interested! Connie's daughter delivered a little girl and her daughter-in-law a little boy. The bundles of joy arrived only 3 hours apart on November 12th at the same hospital and the same doctor. Babies and Moms are doing well.

Editor





## THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP REPORT

**Attendance** - Searchers started arriving as early as Monday. By Thursday there were 29 for our annual dinner. By Sunday there had been 43 Searchers and guests plus 10 from the Santa Ana Club and 2 from the Delvers.



**Weather** - Most of the time it was ideal. Daytime was low 70's and nights mid 40's. The only day with wind was Wednesday from 4 to 10 p.m. Rarely do we get such good weather for so long.

**Food** - As usual Thanksgiving was a feast. There was such a large variety of food and it was so plentiful we had a "left-overs" meal on Friday. Then, on Saturday was a rocktail party for new cars for Phil & Joyce Martinez, Beth Pelfrey, and Bud & Betty Henderson. Although that was plenty of reason for a party, we also included new motorhome jacks for George Mitchum & Marge Jordan.

**Field Trip** - Starting Tuesday we explored the area. That was true for Wednesday and Thursday morning also. Friday and Saturday were the big trips to the Hauser Geode beds and the Cinnamon Bed area. Plenty of good geodes were found. On Sunday we went to a new area and found jasper, black agate, and opal. Everyone had plenty of chance to collect as much as they wanted.

**Camp Fires** - We had a fire every night except Wednesday due to the wind. On Friday and Saturday we had such a large group we needed two fire rings.

**Fun** - We had washer toss and desert dice to play during the day. At night the black light was used to see what had been collected that day. There were many stones with lots of green, some red, and some orange. The black light proved to be a big attraction for a lot of people.

**Summary** - Overall it was a great trip for the Searchers, friends, and other clubs' members.

*Marvin Moe*  
Marvin Moe

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING DURING THE THANKSGIVING TRIP TO WILEY'S WELL????

Farberware Knife with serrated edge and wooden handle.

A silverplated serving spoon.

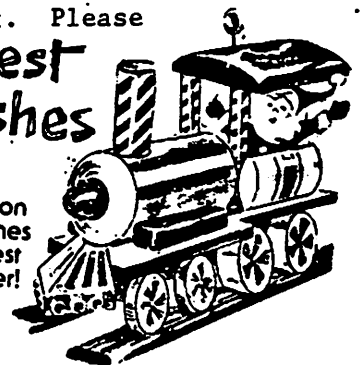
Small cooking tongs, metal has a little rust.

I have these items. Let me know and I'll bring them to a meeting. Please give me a call (714) 838-1924.

Milly Arvanites

**Best  
Wishes**

Arriving right on  
time with wishes  
for the merriest  
Christmas ever!



BLM CAMPING INFO:

During our Thanksgiving outing several interpretations of the cost of BLM Camping were heard. Perhaps the following information excerpted from a BLM brochure will help clarify Long-Term and Short-Visit costs.

A permit is required to camp in a designated Long-Term Visitor Area (LTVA) between September 15 and April 15. The permit authorizes the permittee to camp within any designated LTVA using those camping or dwelling unit(s) indicated on the permit between the period September 15 to April 15. There are two types of permits, Long-Term and Short-Visit. The Long Term permit fee is \$100.00 (U.S. funds only) for the entire season and any part of the season. The Short-Visit permit is \$20.00 for seven consecutive days. The Short-Visit permit may be renewed an unlimited time for the cost of \$20.00 for seven consecutive days. No refunds are made on permit fees.

To be valid the Short-Visit permit or LTVA permit decal must be affixed at the time of purchase with the adhesive backing to the bottom right hand corner of the windshield of all transportation vehicles and be in a clearly visible location on all camping units. A maximum of two (2) secondary vehicles is permitted.

The permit may not be reassigned or transferred by permittee.

For your safety and privacy, you must maintain a minimum of 15 feet of space between camping units.

Editor

QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 1998

CLOUD'S JAMBOREE  
Rocks/Gems/Minerals  
& Seasonal Swapmeeting  
JAN 15 - FEB 15

THE MAIN EVENT  
Rocks/Gems/Arts/Crafts  
JAN 17 - FEB 1

FOUR CORNERS SWAP MEET  
JAN 22 - FEB 16

TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA  
Rocks/Gems/Arts/Crafts etc  
JAN 30 - FEB 8

32ND ANNUAL POW WOW  
Rocks/Gems/Minerals & Related Hobbies  
FEB 4 - FEB 8

SPORTS, VACATION & RV SHOW  
(BIG TENT) R V/Sports/Vacation  
JAN 31 - FEB 08

PROSPECTOR'S PANORAMA  
Gem and Mineral  
JAN 30 - FEB 8

Map and camping information will be in the January 1998 bulletin.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HANNUKAH

and

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL



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# SEARCHER GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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## Christmas Party Update 1997

Well, after a lot of false starts (I really think rock hammers are more my tool than computers, maybe I need to start hitting the computer with the rock hammer.) decided to continue to try to learn this infernal machine and entertain and inform you at the same time. As always, when the call goes out for help, the Searchers respond (I really think it's the high quality of the instant coffee!) After vowing last year that I would never make another centerpiece, I allowed the Big Elf to talk me into it.

Walter groveled and I realized that all I had to do was send out the call and I said "wel-l-l ok" Saturday, Nov 15, was the first work session: Dot Johnson, Betty Nelson, Marie Cole, Betty Henderson, Marj Husby and I got together at my place and they did wonders with the idea I got from a mail order catalogue. No instructions, mind you, just a general idea and a deep conviction that these people could do ANYTHING especially the impossible.

Now, to the Searcher Elves, the impossible and indistinct merely take longer. Marj and Betty N set up to sort, size and spray about 10,000 pine cones in varying states of dirty; they also wielded the glue guns aggressively to assemble the art-works.

"We need more 14mm cones," muttered Betty (or Marj).

"Does hot glue come out of fabric?" from the other.

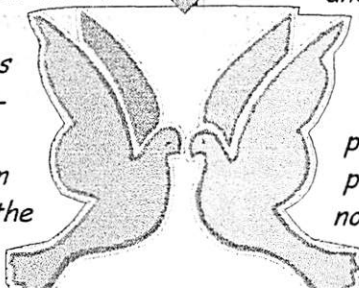
Meanwhile, back at the card table, Marie, Betty H and Dot armed with most of the right stuff: paint, brushes and scads of imagination proceeded to turn clay pots supplied by Roger and Janet Cole into original masterpieces as the base to the pinecone "trees". There are no carbon copies or duplicates, on original works. I remember a small but distinct voice asking, "will the mixture of paint and glue come out of this?"

Next, on the day before Pearl Harbor Day, I was joined by Marie Cole, Jay Cole (Do I need to say it was raining?), Doris Smith fresh from the Hoosier Highway and Margaret Neeley. Jay and Doris were appointed the Glue Gun Goons and proceeded to modify, improve, direct and specify.

I followed orders, oops, suggestions, and Marie and Margaret created and as a result, we had to come back on Pearl Harbor Sunday to finish the project. Margaret glued and sprayed and

also cut out circular mats for the tables. Marie sprayed glued and glittered and still found time to help four neighborhood boys (she knows boys!) with gold pine cones for their own projects.

After we were all done...the QA team said so...we stood back, evaluated and declared the work done. Doris will see to the set up on Friday. What a crew.



The Searcher Elves wish you all a peaceful, happy and healthy holiday season

Thank you, everyone. I never cease to be in awe of the level of ability in this club. We had so much fun, more of you better pitch in for next year. Do-nuts, coffee, companionship, accomplishment and friendship: is there anything else? These people were the reason I knew I could say "YES" to Walter M. Come help next year!