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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 \$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 fourth Wednesday of each month, basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

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 92645-1525.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the duties of the President is to attend to the Club mailbox -- this has been a surprisingly depressing job this past month. I have been struck by the number of "Return to Sender" letters we have had lately. Specifically, copies of our Bulletin mailed to other Rock and Mineral Clubs are being returned marked "Invalid Address - Club no longer exists"! Clearly this is a time when many clubs are facing dwindling membership roles and, in far too many cases, outright extinction.

I am exceedingly pleased to report that the Searchers alive, well, and growing. We have one of the largest clubs of our type in the West -- this is entirely due to the loyalty and hard efforts of our membership, ranging from our newer members to the many who have been with us for more than 15 to 20 years.

It is important for us to continue to grow and attract new members, of course, and we have one of our better opportunities for this facing us in May -- our Annual Show.

The Show Committee members have already been working on the '95 Show for months, but we will be needing everyones' help now. Clipboards will be passed at this and next month's meeting so please sign up early and give generously of your time and energy. We all need to keep working to ensure that no other club in the future receives a returned letter from the Searchers marked "No Such Club"!

L. C. MADSEN, MD

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- March 17 thru 19th - Many members will attend the Stoddard Well 19th Annual Tailgate
- March 22, 1995 - Board Meeting
- March 25, 1995 - Field Trip to Lithium Queen Mine
- April 4, 1995 - Deadline for items to be submitted for April Bulletin
- April 11, 1995 - General Meeting

SHOW DATES:

- Mar 25 - 26 San Diego Mineral & Gem Society  
Scottish Rite Temple  
1895 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
- Mar 25 - 26 South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Torrance Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd  
Torrance, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5



SHOW DATES - Cont'd:

- Mar 25 - 26 North Orange County Gem & Mineral  
LaHabra Club House  
200 W. Greenwood  
La Habra, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
- Apr 1 - 2 Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club  
NGRC Clubhouse  
12329 Crenshaw Blvd, Gate 16  
Hawthorne, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
- Apr 8 - 9 Mojave Mineralogical Society  
Boron High School Multi-purpose Rm  
Prospect Street  
Boron, CA  
Hours: Sat 9 - 7 Sun 9 - 5



SHOW REPORT:

Our third show meeting will be held on March 21st. All committee chairpersons will be notified via letter as to time and place.

To refresh your memories the following is a list of our committee Chairpersons for our 1995 Gem Roundup:



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| SHOW CHAIRMAN - George Mitchum                      | GRAB BAGS - Ken Landers                      |
| CO-CHAIRMAN - Floyd Neeley                          | HOSPITALITY - Merle & Jeanne Howe            |
| ANAHEIM ARTS COUNCIL - Margaret Neeley              | HOURLY DOOR PRIZES - Paul and Peggy Wealey   |
| ANAHEIM BULLETIN - Doris & Beth Pelfrey             | KITCHEN - Nancy Reed                         |
| CASES - Chris Madsen                                | LAYOUT - Jay Cole                            |
| CHILDREN'S JEWELRY - Larry Richey                   | MEMBERSHIP - Bill Keyes                      |
| CRAFTS - Margaret Neeley (coordinator)              | PUBLICITY - Walter Mroch                     |
| DEALERS - Marge Jordan                              | SECURITY - Dick Reed                         |
| DECORATIONS - Audrey Nichols                        | SET-UP/CLEAN UP -Floyd neeley & George Mitch |
| DEMONSTRATIONS - Floyd Neeley/George Mitchum        | SIGNS - Hal & Beth Pelfrey                   |
| DONATION AWARDS - Jan Gillette/Roger and Janet Cole | SLIDES/MOVIES/VIDEOS - Grant Miller          |
| ELECTRICAL - Jay Cole & Bud Henderson               | SPECIAL EXHIBITS - Chris Madsen              |
| FINANCIAL - Betty Nelson                            | TROPHIES & RIBBONS - Ken Despain             |
| FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - Marje Husby                   | WHEEL OF FORTUNE - Lola Tapia                |

Clipboards will be circulating this evening. Don't hesitate, sign up and give these chairpersons all the help they deserve. To make this a successful show we must all do our part.

George Mitchum  
1995 Show Chairman





DONATION AWARD TICKETS AND PRIZES:

The sale of Donation Award Tickets is our biggest and only fund raising project for the year. I would like to remind you that it is the obligation of each member to either sell or buy himself/herself \$10.00 worth of Donation Award Tickets. REMEMBER this helps with club expenses throughout the year thus, the more YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR Club.

If you have not picked up your \$10 worth of tickets we will have them available this evening. If you do not pick them up we will have to mail them to you and postage these days is expensive.

All checks are to be made payable to "Searchers Gem and Mineral Society" and all monies and ticket stubs are to be returned to Jan Gillette by show time, May 6th.

We still need Donation Award prizes. These should be quality (remember when selecting your donation prize please be sure the image we project is the one we are proud of). These prizes may be brought to the Brookhurst Center Friday, during set-up or Saturday during the show or at the April meeting.

For any member who may be contacting business people for donation prizes there are Donation Request letters available for your use. Also flyers and posters advertising our show. Check with George Mitchum (for letters) or Walter Mroch (for posters and flyers).

Jan Gillette



HOURLY DOOR PRIZES:

We still need donations for the Hourly Drawings during the show. This could include necklaces, key chains, pins etc. -- anything that is UNUSED. Please bring them to the April Meeting and to the Center Friday during set-up.



Paul and Peggy Wesley

WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

If you have polished rocks, slabs, geodes (cut ones) that you cannot use, small vials of tumbled rock, railroad spikes etc, 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.

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



MONTHLY LIBRARY DRAWING:

I have volunteered to do the Library Drawing during our General Meetings and I would appreciate it if any of you have anything related to our hobby that you would like to donate for the drawing we could use them. Perhaps that something that you may never use might be something that someone else could use. We do purchase some items but we can always use more things for the drawing. Any questions please give me a call.



Floyd Neeley  
535-2030

MEMBERSHIP:

Please welcome our new members:

CHAMPLIN, Richard (714) 828-3575  
CHAMPLIN, Eenee  
10620 Dogwood Way  
Stanton 90680

WILKINS, Hal (714) 220-5959  
9878 Caesars Court  
Cypress, CA 90630



Also, welcome back to:

WEASE, Majorie R. (619) 257-3843  
352 Condor Road  
Newberry Springs, CA 92365

This brings our total membership to date 119.

Our new 1995 Rosters are available for pickup this evening...see me.

Milly Arvanites

REFRESHMENTS:

Lynnette and De McClean will be serving refreshments this evening and Mary Ellen Disney has volunteered to serve the goodies at the April meeting.

Jeanne Howe

THANKS:

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your prayers, phone calls, the lovely cards and flowers and for the monetary donations and your kind thoughts on the loss of my husband Denny.

June Dennison



PROGRAM REPORT:

Our February program featured Mr Bob Waiwood, BLM Geologist from the Riverside BLM Office. He gave a very informative program and answered a lot of questions and clarified many items plus distributed some very helpful maps on the desert closures.

Tonights program will be our own Cliff Coan who will give an interesting talk and show photos of their recent trip to Australia and some good information concerning Australian opals.

Herb Beckman

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday, March 25th will be a one day trip to the Lithium Queen Mine (please refer to map published in Feb '95 bulletin). You will meet Connie Van Kampen at the Banner Store at 9:00 AM and caravan to the mine. There will be no camping as originally shown on the maps due to erosion by our recent rains. For further information call Connie at (714) 993-2827.

The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club will be holding thir 19th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Wells, March 17th thru 19th. All clubs in the area are invited to go and enjoy buying, selling, trading, sharing, visiting and having fun. Most items for sale are gem and mineral related but not all. There are field trips to collect Verde Antique, Green and Black Jade or Tri-color marble. This is a dry camp area - bring water and other necessities (portable toilets available on site). Limited supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt that can handle motorhomes with no problem.

Several Searchers attend this Tailgate and do some selling, and some just for the fun. Jim and Joan Everitt will be hosting a Rocktail Party Saturday night to celebrate their 45th Anniversary.

Editor



Facette - Faceting Machine - complete \$500

Ohaus Balancing Scale - Model # 750 with weights \$50

Six Inch Trim Saw - "as is" \$40

For further information call Mae Freedman (714) 774-6665

SHARING AND CARING:



George Arvanites was admitted to Irvine Medical Center on Monday. He has been quite ill and the prognosis is not to promising. We wish the best for George and Milly too.

Marge

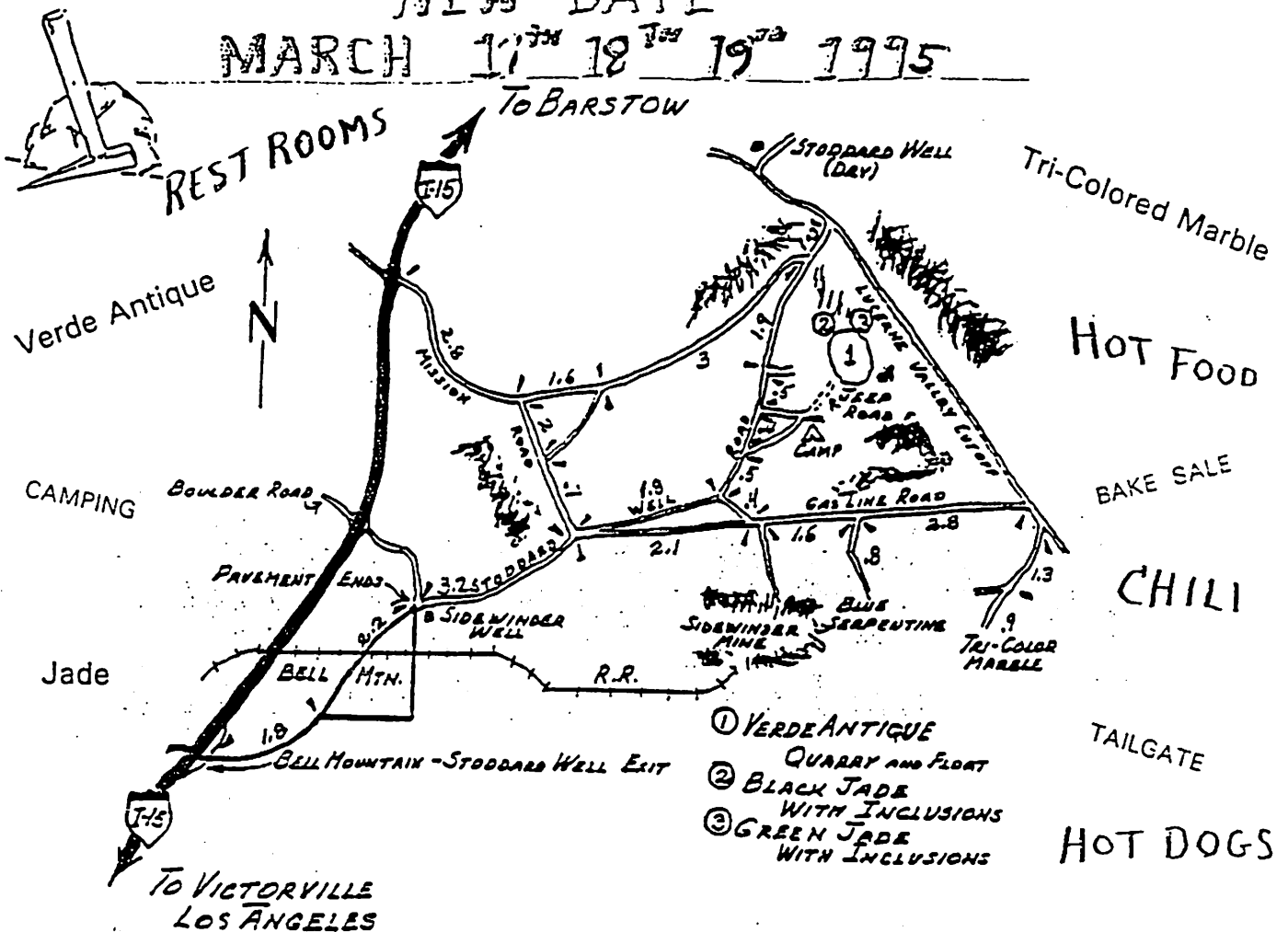
NOTICE: I will need all items for the April Bulletin NOT LATER THAN 4 April 1995.

Marge

# Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club 19th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well

NEW DATE

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 18<sup>TH</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> 1995



## Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade

**WHAT IS A TAILGATE?** It all began about 16 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Wells collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

**CAMPING:** This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motorhomes with no problem.

**GEM AND MINERAL COLLECTING:** Verde Antique, Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. A Field Trip on Saturday will take collectors to the nearby Sidewinder Mountains to find Tri-colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four wheel drive is advised for this trip.

**BAKE SALE:** There will be a Pie Booth with many delicious baked goods available throughout the Tailgate. This will be hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club.

**RAIN OR SHINE**

SEE YOU THERE!