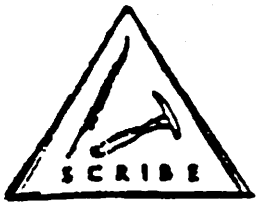


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
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American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Meeting number one has come and gone. Thank you, Jeanne Howe, for taking minutes and also typing them. It's greatly appreciated. Many thanks for those committee persons who are staying as chairpersons of their respective committees, and those who will be new chairpersons.

We still need volunteers for the following:

Cultural Arts  
Public Lands  
Long Term Planning, and  
Social activities.

The most obvious thing to remember is, without chairpersons, nothing will be done in those areas.

As President, I can only make the decision that these areas are not important to the club and therefore not necessary, and will so proceed.

Our program this month is on Geodes. A club member gave me the lead and now we have a program. I'll accept all help, and most advice. However, if you have an idea that requires extra work don't suggest it unless you're ready to work on it.

Remember, this is not my club, or the board's club. It belongs to all the members, so let's all work together and make 1992 a GOOD YEAR.

Lola Tapia

## CRAFTERS

Join us March 11 at 9:30 AM for a craft work day and potluck lunch at the home of Mary Nelson, 11922 Weatherby Road, Los Alamitos. Phone 213/431-7382.

We are still in need of helpers to work at home on projects. We hope to paint scenes on Howlite again this year. If any one can paint, we could use your help, along with others to help on other projects.

Jan Gillette

## AT QUARTZSITE

We had a good turnout of members. The weather cooperated. We had nice days and good campfires with the exception of Thursday, when it rained on and off all day and hard that night. Friday turned out sunny, but the ground at all events was muddy or had puddles for a few hours.

Everyone made purchases and it was show and tell every late afternoon.

Phil and Joyce Martinez hosted a Rocktail Party Saturday to celebrate Joyce's retirement.

We had 17 rigs at the Golf Course and 33 people. Some members, 6 people and 3 rigs stayed at Clouds and 1 rig at the BLM area and 1 rig at Shady Lane RV Park.

Saturday evening our old friends, and past members from Lake Isabella, Bob and Marian LeMasters, stopped by to say hello.

Also, some of our members who have not been on our field trips for sometime were able to join us. It was good to see the Lynns, the Whites and Van Kampens.

Hilites from January Meeting

George Mroch issued Honor Camper Certificates to members who had attended four or more field trips in 1991.

Margaret Neeley reported that the Arts Council will hold their annual soiree March 7th at the Inn at the Park. She moved we buy a table as we have in past years, at a cost of \$500. The motion passed. It was also agreed that Mae be directed to buy a suitable piece of jewelry for our donation to the live auction.

It was announced that the school board has written to the City saying they will be taking our building back by June 1st.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

IT'S TIME TO START WORKING AGAIN!

The next Show Committee meeting is on March 10th, Tuesday, at 6:30 at the Center.. All Committee Chairpersons and any other interested parties plan to attend.

The approved plans are back; we have a security agreement; we are ready to roll.

Don't forget to call Eva Coan to offer help and to donate awards and door prizes. If each member solicits from two places they do business, we will have a good start.

We still need a volunteer for the plants; call me or Jan Gillette and tell us you'll do it.

CRAFTS! CRAFTS! Call Jan and start crafting. We all need to make something innovative, clever, and inexpensive for the booth.

Remember that Lola Tapia will need lots of little somethings for the Wheel of Fortune. Call her at 776-9815.

EVERYONE get involved; it's fun!

Your show Chairperson, Beth Pelfrey is at 256-8000 (work) and 774-2754 (home). Eva Coan, Donation Awards, is at 539-8394. Jan Gillette's number is 776-9467.

Beth Pelfrey

FIFTH ANNUAL ROCK AND STORY SWAP AND FUND RAISER:

About 35 people attended the rock/story swap and aluminum can drive Saturday, Jan. 25th at the Cultural Arts Center. We did not do as well on our aluminum can fund raiser this year, but we still received \$225.21 for the cans that members brought in. Again, I would like to thank Wells Erthal for all the cans he brought in. He would have had more but some culprits broke into his storage area and absconded with 9 bags of cans.

There was a lot of good material swapped and available to members who came down .

Jim Williamson

PROGRAM

Our program tonight will be presented by Russ Korn, and is all about Geodes.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Lester A. Klumb

1913  
Wisconsin

1992  
California

The Searchers have lost a special member and well loved friend in Les Klumb. From 1970, when he and Evelyn joined the club, he was an active participant in all our activities.

He served as Field Trip Chairman for several years, always carefully researching the area and providing the uninformed with samples of how the collectibles look in the field. The first trip he led was to Wileys Well. His trips were always well run, practically planned and organized.

Les loved to tease the ladies. He would offer the unsuspecting a ride to the dig site. Then he would delight in driving closer than anyone, often with at least one wheel over the edge of the cliff.

When our show was held at the Union Hall, Les was in charge of the "Big Rock Display". Gathering rocks from members, showing them and returning them to their owners was physically taxing and an exercise in ingenuity.

Les was always glad to share his expertise, from helping the novice find specimens worth cutting to teaching advanced lapidarists to facet, at which he was a master. He both displayed and demonstrated at our Searchers shows and gave liberally of his time to the Orange County Fair Gem and Mineral exhibit.

Les was well respected and loved. Love is not a tangible thing, but rather of the spirit, so we know our love is with our friend as well as with Evelyn and their family.

## SEARCHERS

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the kindness and sympathy we received during Les' long hospital stay and passing away.

The many calls of concern, beautiful floral tributes, cards, and food were much appreciated.

It was wonderful that so many of you took the time to come to the Memorial Service and share in the fellowship later. The Searchers are real GEMS and we love you all.

Evelyn Klumb and family

SHOW DATES:

- Feb 22 - 23                    San Fernando Valley Gem Fair  
Valley Plaza Recreation Center  
12240 Archwood Street  
North Hollywood, CA  
Hours: Feb 22 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Feb 23 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 7 - 8                      Monrovia Rockhounds  
Masonic Temple  
200 W. Foothill  
Monrovia, CA  
Hours: Mar 7 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Mar 8 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 14 - 15                    Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
Ventura, CA  
Hours: Mar 14 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Mar 15 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 14 - 15                    Pasadena Lapidary Society  
Lamands Park Masonic Temple  
2425 Seneca Street  
Pasadena, CA  
Hours: Mar 14 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Mar 15 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## For Sale

American Faceter with dops, lap, index gears and instruction book. Price \$600.00. Call Eva Coan, 714/539-8394

## Sorry to Hear

Fred Snowden, one of our members who moved to Victorville several years ago, is usually at the Stoddard Wells/Victor Valley Tailgate get together. We missed him this year, and are sorry to learn that Fred is seriously ill.

## ALL ABOUT GARNETS

The garnet comes in many shades and hues. The name comes from the Latin "granatum" which means seed. It probably referred to the rounded shape of most garnet crystals.

Garnets are among the most plentiful gemstones in the world. Garnets have also been found in many archeological excavations and are mentioned in the Bible and in folklore.

According to an ancient Talmudic legend, the only light in Noah's Ark was from a huge red garnet. Renaissance artist Benvenuto Cellini told a tale of an Italian winemaker who caught sight of what he took to be a glowing coal at the root of his vines. At first he could not find the source of the red gleam, but on closer inspection, he found it was produced from a bright wine-red stone. No one could identify the stone until a visiting jeweler called it a precious gem material known as a "carbuncle" since the time of Pliny. The jeweler promptly purchased the stone for 10 scudi (about \$10) and then sold it for 100,000 scudi to the Sultan.

Red stones were widely believed to confer invulnerability from wounds, making them extremely popular with soldiers of ancient times. Some Asiatic tribes believed that blood-colored stones would inflict more deadly wounds than ordinary metal pellets and so used garnets for bullets.

Garnets have been used for personal adornment for centuries, but are also used commercially for such commonplace things as abrasive paper, studded snow tires, and jewels in the movement of watches. Whether or not the garnet brings its wearer power, grace and victory, it is a very beautiful and durable stone, worthy of a place in every collection.

from Gemstones of North America, via Ghost Sheet & Rocky Review.

PRECIOUS STONE RECORDS

## Most Precious

A flawless natural ruby of good color was carat for carat more valuable than emerald, diamond or sapphire and, in the case of a 6-carat ruby, brought \$30,000.

## Largest

The largest recorded stone of gem quality was a 520,000 carat (229 pounds) aquamarine found near Mrambaia, Brazil, in 1910. It yielded over 200,000 carats of gem quality stones.

## Emeralds

Of gem quality emeralds, the largest known is the Devonshire stone of 1350 carats from Muso, Columbia.

## Sapphires

The largest cut sapphire in existence is the "Black Star Sapphire of Queensland" weighing 1,444 carats, carved in 1953-1955 from a rough stone of 2,097 carats.

# Orange County Gem and Mineral Council

## MEMBER CLUBS AND MEETING LOCATIONS

ORANGE COAST	Westminster Library 13th St. in Westminster turn east off Beach BLVD between Bolsa & Hazard	1st. Mon. 7pm 714/546-4389
CAPISTRANO VALLEY	San Clemente Community Center Multipurpose Rm. 100 N. Seville, San Clemente	3rd. Wed. 7:30 714/492-2819
SANTA ANA	Amer. Legion Post 131, 1404 N. Grand, Santa Ana Go No. off 5 Fwy at Grand offramp	3rd Wed. 7pm 714/731-1959
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY	Assembly Hall behind Library 209 S. Orange, L.H. La Habra Civic Ctr, Euclid & LaHabra Blvd.	2nd Tue. 7:30 213/865-2040
FACETERS GUILD OF SO. CALIF.	Amer. Legion Post 496, 5938 Parkcrest, Long Bch One block S. of Carson off Woodruff	4th Wed. 7:30 714/897-0358
GEM CARVERS GUILD OF AMERICA	Hinshaws Dept. Store, Arcadia, Last Sunday -October thru May Corner of Baldwin Ave & Duarte, Arcadia	1-5 pm 310/693-6139
SEARCHERS	Anaheim Cultural Arts Ctr 931 N. Harbor, Anaheim 2 Blks S. of 91 Fwy on Harbor Blvd.	3rd Thr 7:30 714/992-2757
AMERICAN OPAL SOCIETY	Meets second Thurs. of April, June, Aug-Oct. and Dec. Call Joyce, Sec. for time & place	310/869-0527

## CLUBS NEEDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR GUESTS:

Autonetics	Meets 4th Tues. 7pm at 3450 Miraloma, Anaheim	714/772-5995
Leisure World Jewelry & Allied Arts Club, Laguna Hills, Call Jim Perlowin		714/837-7213

## FIELD TRIPS: Chairperson & phone listed

### FEBRUARY

21-23	Lavic Siding O.C. Radke 847-3144
29-3/1	Cady Mtns. NOC Bill Burns 818/288-2896
29-3/1	Rainbow Ridge Auto. Forest Rhoads 640-1562

### MARCH

13-15	Wiley's Well Sea. Walt Mroch 826-2132
20-22	Newberry Spgs. O.C. Radke 847-3144
28-29	Stoddard Wells Auto F. Rhoads 640-1562
28	Tick Cyn. 1 day Sea. Mroch 826-2132

### APRIL

10-12	Tecopa Pass Sea. Mroch 826-2132
10-12	Boron SHow O.C. Radke 847-3144
18-19	Hackberry Wash S.A. Davis 542-8480 (All clubs invited on this trip)
17-19	Owl Hole NOC Burns 818/238-2896
25-26	Hector Hills Auto. Rhoads 640-1562

## COUNCIL SHOWS AND Council Recommended Shows.

Mar. 28-29	North Orange County Club
May 2-3	Searchers show, Brookhurst Community Ctr, Anaheim
May 15-16	West Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. 60 Dirs. Costa Mesa Holiday Inn near South Cost Plza.

## Annual Jubilee of Gems Show

### North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Saturday, March 28, 1992	10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29, 1992	10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

- Dealers
- Displays
- Door Prizes
- Demonstrations
- Free Rock to Children

Free Admission

Free Parking

Goods for sale —  
Cutting available

### Dealers

- Dahnke, Int.
- Hamel Minerals
- Hobbies Unltd.
- Silver Specialties





### January Field Trip #2 Report

Thanks to Milly Arvanites for taking great notes on the trip. 14 Searchers and guests attended the Stoddard Wells/ Victor Valley Tailgate on January 17-19, 1992. As usual, trading or buying material from the dealers was the main activity. Saturday activity was brisk until an accident blocked the freeway exit. Friday/Saturday afternoon winds forced many people to leave. There was a bingo game and potluck dinner on Saturday night. Some surprise visitors were Bob and Faith Harper (ex-Searchers now part of the Victor Valley Club) and Norm and Sue Hickman.

### Mineralogy Class Announcement

The Pacific Mining Association will have 2 hour courses on all aspects of mineralogy. Meetings are at Union Federal Savings on the corner of La Palma and Imperial in Anaheim and they start at 7PM. The course costs \$30 for nonmembers and is free to members of the PMA (membership \$25 individual / \$40 family). Lab manuals will cost \$37.00. The first class will be held on February 13, 1992 with other classes on the second Tuesday of every month for 8 months. In November there will be a field exercise for you and your fellow classmates to practice what you have learned. The first class was introductory only so you can easily attend the March class without being lost. A great refresher for those conversant in minerals and a learning experience for those who want to learn more. You may bring your dues and lab manual fee to the meeting but please call 714-761-1846 to let the PMA know that you are interested in the course and lab manual.

### New Book on San Bernardino Collecting Areas

With the amount of time that rockhounds spend in San Bernardino County I have found a book that will prove invaluable. It is called "Mines and Minerals of San Bernardino County" and costs \$32.95. It is available from the California Prospecting Company which has undertaken the effort to reprint this "out-of-print" book from the State of California. If you want to find where certain minerals and gemstones have been found in the county then this book is for you. Realize, however, that you should also check BLM records and with the USFS, etc... to make sure that areas are still open to collecting and/or vehicle entry. You will find that many are still accessible.

### February Field Trips

45 Searchers and guests attended in Quartzsite, AZ. The group size varied from day to day since many went from show to show or points beyond. Temperatures were in the 70's with little if any wind. On Thursday, the weather took a change for the worse. It rained causing most dealers to close at 2PM. Most shows seemed to be crowded only on opening days and then thinned down. Overall show attendance seemed to be lower than in previous years. There were field trips available but, as far as I know, only Elmer Parsons took advantage and collected some turquoise. The overall consensus was that it was a good field trip since the weather was good for the most part and so were the deals.

The trip to the LA County Museum of Natural History will be rescheduled to a later date when the weather conditions improve.

### Petrified Wood Seminar 2/21/92, 7-9PM and 2/22/92, 9AM-3PM

Kern County Mineral Society will host a Petrified Wood Seminar at Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield, CA. It will focus on the identification of petrified wood. Bring petrified wood and a microscope if possible. The fee is \$8.00 per person.

### ZZYZX Earth Sciences Seminar April 5-10, 1992

Classes will focus on fossils, minerals, flora, fauna and field trips. The signup forms will only be available at the Searcher's meeting on February 20th. The flat rate fee is \$140 for one week. For more information contact Ray Meisenheimer at 805-642-3155.

USFS Open House 2/19 and 2/20/92. 3PM-9PM and 2/22/92. 11AM-4PM

The USFS will have a public meeting at Glendora Library, 140 S. Glendora Avenue, Glendora, CA to discuss plans to issue a Special Closure Notice regarding the recreational use of the San Gabriel River. They are asking for input from rockhounds and recreational miners to review and comment on USFS plans. The 2/22/92 meeting will be at Follows Camp, East Fork, San Gabriel River Canyon which can be reached by following the highway up through Azusa. If you plan on going I urge you to ask why their proposal does not address mineral collectors picking up specimens from the ground. Their plan only seems to address panning, dredging and sluicing.

April Field Trip

The trip to Tecopa Pass has been changed to Hackberry Wash, hosted by the Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Society, as a joint field trip with other OCGMC clubs to show our commitment to this group and our fellow rockhounds. The dates for the Hackberry Wash trip will be April 17-19, 1992 rather than April 10-12, 1992. The map and additional information will be in the March bulletin.

Extended Field Trip

The May/June field trip will not be rescheduled to September as some members have suggested. The decision to store or sell our workshop equipment has been set for the end of March. If we do not have a permanent location where we can set up our equipment it will be stored in a locker that we will hopefully have donated to our nonprofit organization. This means that in April we will need a firm commitment from members to help disconnect and move all of our equipment and fixtures.

## March 13-15, 1992 Field Trip Chuckwalla/Wiley Wells

Directions: Take Interstate 10 east towards Blythe. You will pass turnoffs to Palm Springs, Indio, and Desert Center. About 9.5 miles east of Desert Center you will turn off at Corn Springs Road. Once off the freeway make sure that you get on to Chuckwalla Valley Rd. which heads east, not south. Follow this road for 13.5 miles where you will meet Graham Pass Rd. Follow this road for 6 miles due south to a road junction. Camp will be on the north side of the road that turns right.

Dry camp - bring food, water, firewood, picks, shovels

What to collect - Black agate, sagenite, chalcedony nodules, geodes, barite, banded agate, jasper, petrified wood, chert, opalite, fire agate, psilomelane

Other nearby collecting areas - Wiley's Well, Hauser Beds, Coon Hollow

