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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Established June 20, 1958

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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 \$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

I am pleased to announce that our club is planning some great activities for members during September and October.

In September there will be an Ice Cream Social at Yorba Regional Park, Bernie and Elena Goldgorin are the volunteer organizers. Also in September, a Bead Stringing Workshop, volunteer organizers, Alice Lux, Maxine Gagnon and Elizabeth Madsen. Information concerning both of these events located elsewhere in this bulletin.

Those of you who have been around the Club for the last four or five years will remember that workshops are a very informative and an enjoyable experience. If the Bead Stringing Workshop is well received we will try to put together another workshop in October or November.

Last months Progressive Dinner (a Searcher first) put together by Connie Van Kampen, the Parsons and the Howes was a big success. Judging by all the comments I've heard everyone had a great time and, the club ended up with a nice collection of rock slabs and mineral specimens.

October's field trip will be to Jalama Beach (you know the place noted for it's Jade). Jim Everitt has volunteered to lead this trip. Last month's bulletin carried an article full of information on the trip.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed and the members are Bill Keyes. Alice Lux and Nancy Reed. The committee's responsibility is to nominate members for club offices. This committee will be working on this task until November's General Meeting when elections will be held. The committee will contact club members by phone or in person seeking nominees to fill the slate of offices necessary to operate our club.

Membership involvement is what makes this organization OUTSTANDING. To perpetuate this outstanding organization it is necessary to bring forth the experience of the more senior members and draw on the newer members for fresh ideas. With this I encourage YOU to get involved and TAKE an active part in the operation of our club.

To gain a good understanding of the operations of this club I urge you to review the club By-Laws, Standing Rules and Job Duties. You will see how easy it is to fulfill the responsibility of taking an active role in the club. While you are considering that office position keep in mind each officer (past and present) was new and uninformed at one time. Help from long time members who have held these various offices many times is just a phone call away!

Now that you know who the Nominating Committee members are you don't have to wait for them to call you, you can call one of the committee members and volunteer to run for an office.

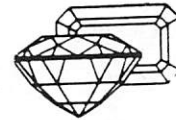
Jim Williamson

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

September 24th Ice Cream Social/Picnic  
 September 26th Bead Stringing Workshop  
 September 28th Board Meeting  
 October 11th General Meeting

SHOW DATES:

Sep 17 - 18 Delvers Gem & Mineral Society  
 Apollo Park Neighborhood Service Center  
 12458 Rives Avenue  
 Downey, CA  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5



Sep 24 - 25 Faceters' Guild of Southern Calif  
 Orange County Fairgrounds, Bldg 14  
 Corner of Fairview & Arlington Dr.  
 Costa Mesa, CA  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5

Sep 30 - Oct 1 - 2 San Diego Lapidary Society  
 County Rockhound Gemboree  
 Del Mar Fairgrounds  
 Hours: Fri/Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5  
 Del Mar, CA

Oct 1 - 2 La Puente Gem and Mineral Club  
 El Monte Community Center  
 3130 Tyler Ave  
 El Monte, CA  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5

Oct 1 - 2 Valley Gems  
 9050½ West Ave "J"  
 Lancaster, CA  
 Hours: Sat 9 - 6 Sun 9 - 5

Oct 8 - 9 Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society  
 13357 Main Street (new location)  
 Trona, CA  
 Hours: Sat 8 - 5 Sun 8 - 4

PUBLIC LANDS:

I received a call from Steve Mazzara who lives in Yorba Linda (714) 693-9335, regarding the Desert Protection Act (S 21/H.R. 518). Mr Mazzara said that the "Orange County Register" would place an article in the "Opinion" section of the "Orange County Register" IF they received enough letters against the Desert Protection Act.

I would urge members to WRITE and make your comments on Desert Closure known. We as individuals can make a difference. Letters should be addressed as follows:

EDITOR  
 Orange County Register  
 P O Box 11626  
 Santa Ana, CA 92711

HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:

President Williamson congratulated members who donated their time to support the Orange County Fair in the Gem and Mineral Building during "Searcher Day" and also other days during the fair.

Elmer Parsons, our Public Lands representative referenced a letter from Mr Ahrens, Administrator, California Desert Coalition (Jul 28, 1994), concerning(S-21/H.R.518). Although an easy passage and win was expected by environmentalists, we still do not have a Desert Bill. It was stressed that we must work with Republicans to fight Senator Feinstein on this issue. The Desert Coalition is making headway but needs our support.(Please see letter elsewhere in this bulletin).

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Club to donate \$100 to the California Desert Coalition. Also, several members have agreed to send in their own personal donations. Send checks to our Treasurer, Betty Nelson, who will mail them in with the Club's donation. If you care to send a donation you may do so . Address follows:

California Desert Coalition  
6192 Magnolia Avenue, Suite D  
Riverside, CA 92506

Alice Lux, Maxine Gagnon and Elizabeth Madsen are going to work together to set up a Bead Stringing Class in the very near future. This class would be held in our meeting room here in the Medical Building. Also discussed, the possibility of other classes to be held on a Saturday to teach silver smithing, Knapping arrow-heads and the like. This of course would depend on how many members would be interested in attending a class of this sort which could be held weekly or bi-weekly. There will be a survey to see if there would be enough participation/interest.

Connie Van Kampen reminded everyone of the upcoming Progressive Dinner on August 20th and announced there would be no field trip for September.

Bernie and Elena volunteered to organize and do an Ice Cream Social/Picnic on Saturday, September 24th at Yorba Regional Park (more detailed information elsewhere in this bulletin).



There was much discussion regarding withdrawing from the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council and a change to our Standing Rules regarding our Annual Show Trophies/Awards. Due to small attendance both items were tabled to be discussed at a future date.

Our program Chairman had scheduled a video for the program but due to the length of the meeting and a show of hands to not show the video, no program was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Editor

BULLETIN ITEMS: All items for the October bulletin must be in WRITING and in my hands NOT LATER THAN October 4, 1994.

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Work hard and save your money and when you are old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.

Anonymous

**California Desert Coalition**  
**6192 Magnolia Avenue, Suite D**  
**Riverside, CA 92506**  
**(909) 684-6509 FAX (909) 684-2043**

July 28, 1994

Dear Friend:

The California Desert Coalition has successfully affected the outcome of the controversial California Desert Protection Act (S.21/H.R.518). Although environmentalists have touted an easy passage and sure win in this nine year battle, some surprising events have taken place in recent weeks. We still do not have a desert bill.

Much to the ire of some of the most powerful and influential democrats in the country - the Coalition is being heard. And loudly. Congressman Miller, Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, did his best to railroad the bill through his committee, expecting easy passage on the House floor. However, we were ready with sponsors for several amendments and have diluted the bill with some startling changes. The House has approved an amendment making the East Mojave a preserve rather than a national park. This allows hunting and less stringent protection for the area and has put a major crunch in the environmentalists push for their "jewel of the desert". This is a move that is abhorrent to their agenda and totally unacceptable to them. Another amendment, perhaps the most important single vote on property rights in this Congress, also passed. This prevents the federal government from devaluing property through implementation of the Endangered Species Act, then condemning it and purchasing it at the devalued price.

Since the bill passed the House, the bill's differences must be resolved in a Joint Senate and House Committee, then again be voted on by both houses of Congress. This must be completed in less than 40 congressional working days. We must not allow this to happen!

It is clear that the Coalition has made some startling headway in defeating this bill. It is crystal clear that our decision to hire the prestigious lobbying firm of Fleishman and Hillard has been our best move. They are hard hitters and will be essential in furthering our goal to **KILL THE BILL**.

As the saying goes, we must line up our ducks. They must be lined up for the kill in the joint committee. The two bill versions are very different and contentious. Now we must work toward having each house defend their version of the bill, and not settle on a compromise easily. We must also work with Republicans to deny Feinstein this win to deter her chances of winning her reelection. And we can do this. But only with Fleishman and Hillard.

Just as the cost of freedom is great, so is the cost of effective lobbying. The Coalition's commitment to Fleishman and Hillard is \$8,000 a month plus expenses. We will need to fund our lobbyist for three more months. Please send a generous donation today. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. With your help, we will defeat this bill.

/s/ Mike Ahrens  
MIKE AHRENS  
Administrator

The following article is from the Baker Valley News, copied from the Spotlight, Washington, D.C.:

### SENATOR ACCUSED OF FRAUD

by John Brown and Don Fife

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and the Sierra Club have proposed the largest land grab in the U.S. history (8 million acre) the lower 48 states, and those opposed to it are alleging the freshman senator and former San Francisco mayor is involved in financial fraud.

The energy and mineral rich California desert is their target. The excuse for talking so much land out of multiple use, (since 1980 protected by the California Desert Conservation Area - CDCA - plan) is to "protect the fragile arid desert." However, the areas included in S.21 have largely been for sale at bargain prices for more than 100 years with no takers. There is no water and these lands, unlike the fringes of the desert (like Palmdale and Palm Springs or the Colorado River where agricultural water is being converted to urban use), are protected by their very aridity and the existing CDCA Plan enforced by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The desert is known to contain several rich mineral deposits of gold, silver, rare earths, borates, talc, iron and other minerals. The CDCA produces about \$1.5 billion dollars per year in new mineral wealth for the California economy and employs more than 20,000 highly paid workers.

Several pension and health insurance funds have large holdings at risk. These include AFL-CIO, United Steel Workers (several trusts about 8,000 to 10,000 members and 40,000 acres), California State Teachers Pension Fund (about 250,000 members and 300,000 acres) and Catellus Corporation with about 400,000 acres owned 41 percent by CAL-PERS (California Public Employees Retirement System), representing 800,000 city, county and state employees in California.

The Steel Workers health and pension assets are the mines and highly mineralized lands acquired when Kaiser Steel's Fontana, Calif. steel mill was forced into bankruptcy by overzealous environment regulations and Japanese dumping of steel in the late 1970's.

Feinstein's "Desert Bill" includes 140,000 acres of National Forest found unsuitable for wilderness by then California Sens. Alan Cranston (D) and Pete Wilson (R) in the 1983 California National Forest Wilderness Act, including 12,500 acres of the Bighorn Mountain Wilderness in the San Bernardino national Forest that impact the AFL-CIO trust properties.

The greatest damage to union trust assets is the expansion of Joshua Tree national Park by 234,000 acres to surround their Eagle Mountain Iron Mine of three sides with national Park Wilderness. This will probably prevent the mine from ever producing again.

The 300,000 acres of Teachers Pension fund lands are the unsold state school sections that were given by the

federal government to the state more than 100 years ago. They have been for sale for 100 years and because there is no water, they are not threatened with development.

Unlike the AFL-CIO pension and health insurance funds, the State Legislature and the State Lands Commission discouraged exploration on those lands for energy and mineral resources. Their energy and mineral value is largely unknown, but it could be high as it is not uncommon that a single deposit like gold, silver, borates or rare earth could exceed several billion dollars in value. Life the AFL-CIO trusts, The Teachers Pension could also lose big under the terms of S.21.

The 400,000 acres of Catellus Corporation, owned 41 percent by CAL-PERS's 800,000 members, are the old "checker-board" railroad lands that Catellus' railroad predecessors acquired for building transcontinental railroads.

According to Dehnert Queen, a San Francisco businessman, in his criminal complaint to U.S. Attorney Michael J. Yamaguchi and Ms. Sylvia Scott of the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission, Sen. Feinstein "misrepresented facts to defraud a public corporation (CAL-PERS, Prudential), abused power and conflicts of interest to defraud State and U.S. Taxpayers..."

Mr. Queen states, "In early 1993, CAL-PERS doubled its investment in Catellus to 41 percent..." It is Mr. Queen's contention "that both Senator Cranston and Senator Feinstein acted to sponsor the Desert Protection Act (S.21)...in order to preserve and protect the formal agreement that Mayor Feinstein signed with Catellus to build the Mission Bay Project in 1984, updated in 1986 and shepherded same through the City's departments and commissions. Senator Feinstein's acting to add language in the version of Senator Cranston's original bill (which grants Catellus the RIGHT TO EXCHANGE 'USELESS' PRIVATE DESERT PROPERTY FOR VALUABLE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY), where the bill, upon being enacted Congress...will generate the monetary value (approximately \$500 million) necessary to execute Catellus' large-scale development projects located throughout the Bay Area."

It is interesting to note that Feinstein's, S.21 Catellus land-exchange language was pulled from the bill before it could be debated in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee or debated on the Senate floor. S21 passed the Senate by a vote of 69 to 29 last month.

Was Mr. Queen's complaint circulating in the halls of Congress then?

Last week Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), representing the East San Francisco Bay area, pushed through his House Natural Resources Committee S.21's companion bill, HR 518, by Rep. Richard Lehman (D-Calif.). THIS bill contained the Catellus land exchange.

via Pasadena Lapidary Society 7/94

& Bellflower G&M Society 9/94

BEAD STRINGING WORKSHOP:

If you've wanted to try making a bead necklace, now is your chance. Bring beads of your choice, either new or some that need restringing. Come join the fun.

WHEN: Monday, September 26, 1994

WHERE: Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Bldg (our meeting room in basement)  
1211 W. LaPalma  
Anaheim, CA

TIME: 7:30 to 9:30 PM

BEADING INSTRUCTORS: Maxine Gagnon, Alice Lux and Elizabeth Madsen

WHAT TO BRING:

Beadboard or small towel; Beads--adequate quantity for desired length (may be one size and color or a combination); Tigertail - 12 inches longer than intended necklace, Clasp; Crimp Beads; Crimping pliers or Chain-nose Pliers; Cutting Pliers (small and sharp to cut Tigertail).

Bead sizes = .012      .018      .024       (pointed tweezers)

OR IF YOU PREFER -

Silk or Nylon Cord (color optional); Bead Tips; Clear nail polish or equivalent; Pointed tweezers; Twisted wire needles; Chain-nose pliers and Scissors.

POSSIBLE SUPPLIERS: BEADS, BEADS - 949 N. Tustin, Orange  
LAPIDARY INTERNATIONAL - 1228 S. Beach Blvd, Anaheim  
MICHAELS, 12282 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove

Alice Lux

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to our new member who joined at our August meeting. This brings our total membership to 155.

THUNSTROM, Ralph E.  
10402 Oakhaven  
Stanton, CA 90680  
(714) 826-3346

Please change GREENAMYER, Wesley R.  
phone number to read - (714) 841-4515

Milly Arvanites

REFRESHMENTS:

The Searchers are fortunate to have two gentlemen who are very knowledgeable rockhounds who continue to participate in our functions. Only last year De McLean celebrated his 90th Birthday and tonight we are celebrating Henry Norek's 90th Birthday. Congratulations Henry! Folks, doesn't that say a lot for the rockhound hobby?

Thanks to Bud and Betty Henderson for their planning and getting the refreshments together for this evening.

Tony and Lola Tapia will be in charge of refreshments for our October meeting.

Jeanne Howe

TIP FOR STRINGERS: Fresh water pearls are strung on silk thread with knots after every third pearl. If you knot between each fresh water pearl, the necklace will not lay properly.

via CFMS 9/94 and others





FIELD TRIP REPORT - PROGRESSIVE DINNER:

The Searchers Progressive Dinner hosted by Mary Jane and Elmer Parsons, Jeanne and Merle Howe and Connie Van Kampen on August 20th, was a huge success. About 40 Searchers rendezvoused at the Parsons' for salads and socializing, then migrated on to Connie's for the main course, spaghetti, dinner which included candlelight and Italian music and more socializing. The dinner event was finalized at the Howes' home where everyone rallied for desserts and more socializing.

Searchers did a great job donating rock and mineral specimens for each phase of their dinner visit. The boxes of specimens and slabs will be given to the president who will oversee a special use for them in a future club function.

I would like to give a big thanks to the Parsons and the Howes for their parts in hosting the Progressive Dinner and a big thanks to those who participated. It was a lot of fun.

Connie Van Kampen

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SEARCHERS:

The Progressive Dinner, August 20th, was a delightful idea, a great success and fun for those of us who attended.

A BIG THANKS to chairwoman, Connie Van Kampen and her fellow helpers, Mary Jane and Elmer Parsons and Jeanne and Merle Howe. They all worked very hard to make this a success. Their yards and homes were lovely and the food was great.

I want them all to know many of us appreciated their efforts.

Mae Freedman

PROGRAM REPORT:

Tonight's program will be a video entitled "Stewart Tourmaline Story" which gives background and history on the mine. This was to have been our August Program but due to a lengthy meeting it was voted that we postpone it.

Our October guest speaker will be Byron Lewis from the Amber Company. He not only covers Amber but other facets of the gem and mineral hobby.

Herb Beckman

SUNSHINE:

No reports of illness from any of our members which is good news, but, I regret that I do have some sad news.

In the July bulletin we mentioned the passing of Al and Margaret Kramm from the Bellflower Club and charter members of the World of Rockhounds Association (WRA). It is with great sadness that I now must tell you that WRA has lost another dedicated member and hard worker, Jean Hazelton.

Jean was instrumental in organizing the WRA's Annual Meetings in various areas of our California Desert. She was secretary, newsletter editor, membership and, always pitching in. She was always there to greet you when you arrived in camp. She made you feel welcome and got you involved. We shall all miss her.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL/PICNIC - SATURDAY, SEP 24th

The Ice Cream Social and Picnic will be held at Yorba Regional Park (7600 E. LaPalma). Merle and Jeanne Howe will be out to the Park when it opens to reserve our spot. They will be having a Continental Breakfast and if any of you would like to come early (7:00 or 7:30 AM) and join them for breakfast please do and bring juice, fruit, do-nuts, danish, coffee, tea or whatever...anything you don't have to cook.

As in the past many like to come for breakfast and others nearer to lunch, bringing their own lunches. If this is your choice, bring your own picnic items and should you plan to BBQ (there are grills there) be sure and bring charcoal and starter, hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments etc. and coffee or tea (no electric for brewing hot drinks).

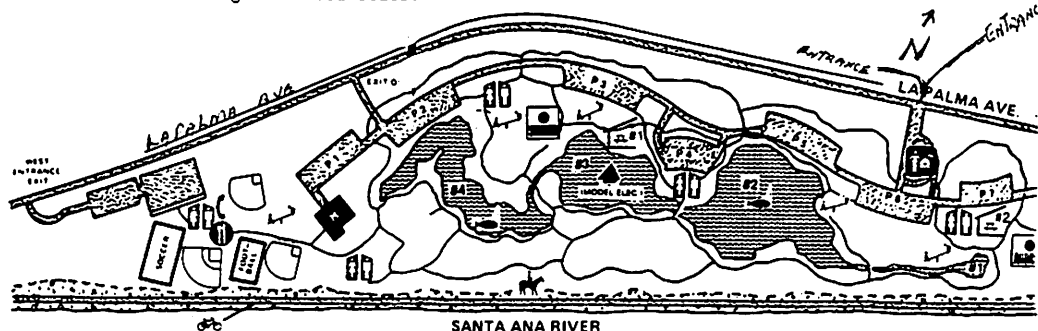
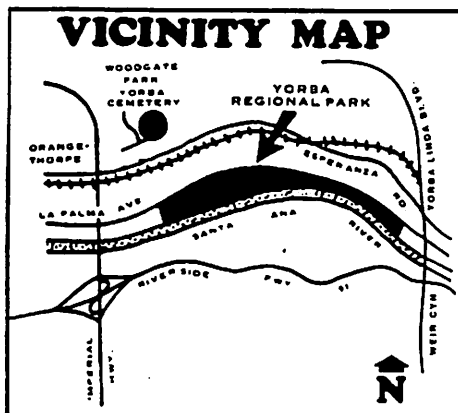
DONT FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN PLATES, EATING UTENSILS AND FOLDING CHAIRS, The Club will furnish the Ice Cream, Toppings and Soft Drinks. YOU BRING CAKES, PIES, COOKIES and IF YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE GAMES PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG.

Ice Cream will be served about 1:30 PM. Let's have a good turnout...this should be a fun day.

Entrance/Parking Fee is \$2.00 (suggest you use dollar bills or quarters). After entering the Park watch for Searcher Signs.

Bernie and Elena Goldgorin

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during club activities.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP:

Re the Jalama Beach trip, Oct 14 thru 16th. There have been questions as to whether or not we will be in the Group Camping Area. NO! We will be down near the water but in the area with NO HOOKUPS. For those who would prefer hookups you may camp in the area directly above the No hookup area. When arriving, after entering the gate make an immediate LEFT turn going back towards the way you entered and continue down the hill. There are NO individual campsite reservations, it's a first come first served park but hopefully we will all be pretty close together. Many have asked about fees for a second vehicle per night. This DOES NOT APPLY to your tow vehicle or to those with motorhomes who are towing a vehicle. It applies to those campers who have others join them on their campsite and come in another vehicle. BRING FIREWOOD. Please refer to your map in the August bulletin.

Jim Everitt

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP:

Marvin and Jacque Mog are still touring, first the USA then Canada and now on to South America, those lucky two! Doesn't that make you envious? They will be home to do the Thanksgiving campout which Marvin sez will be Wiley's Well. More info in the October bulletin.

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