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The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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The President's Message

Hello fellow Searchers

I want to let you know about some of what your board of directors is doing. We are in the process of finalizing the location for the annual Searchers year end banquet. It will be at a different venue than the most recent years. Details will be released shortly.

An update to the Workshop Rules is in work to give more members the opportunity to use the machines without having to arrive early or wait too long. In making these changes, the board has had to consider the purpose of having a workshop, and whether the existing rules advanced that purpose. In spite of collecting a modest fee for use of the workshop, it is still one of the biggest drains on our finances, so it is imperative that we get the most value for our investment, and that means participation by the most members.

We are processing an amendment to the Standing Rules to remove the requirement that our annual financial audit be performed by a qualified professional auditor or CPA. By allowing the board to select an otherwise qualified individual to perform the audit it will save us money and bring our practices in line with the best practices of other similar organizations. The amendment may be adopted by a majority vote of those members present at a regular monthly membership meeting after a minimum one-month notice is given. The notice will be sent to the membership via email and will also be announced at a membership meeting at least one month prior to scheduling a vote.

To reassure our members that we are committed to integrity and transparency, I would like to remind the membership that Article IX, section 1 of our bylaws state that "All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any member or member's agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time."

The board is currently searching for a new Asset Manager. Anyone willing to step up and take on this role will receive the help of the board as well as of the current Asset Manager. Lydia has done a fantastic job of organizing our property and the storage space to make it easier to manage so now is a good time to transfer this task to another member. Anyone interested can contact myself or any board member.

Also a reminder that the Searchers picnic is coming up this month on Saturday the 11th.

Q. What happened to the Rock hound that went to Las Vegas?

A. He lost his Chert.....

"coprolites happen"

Doug Flaugh, President

Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Veterans!

Note: We just discovered that the VA lapidary shop has a faceting machine and now has someone available to teach them. Any faceting rough you could donate would be a great treat for them.



Dates to Save: Searcher Annual Picnic Aug. 11

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS

No Field trips this month instead a: Field Trip Exploration

For field trip information contact: Matt Buchanan V.P. Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, mattdbuchanan@gmail.com

After running across some information online about fossil sites near Ventura, we set off to scout out a possible field trip. The site near Coyote Creek and the Ventura River didn't mention poison oak nor the many houses built nearby. Even after examining the road cuts carefully, I didn't find a single fossil. We tried to find access to the mountains on the south side of the Ventura River but they were either fenced oilfield land or private property. The 101/150 fossil site was not very exciting, so we gave up and went to the beach. We found free parking and beach access (path can be steep at the bottom) at the Carpentaria Bluffs Nature Preserve, just south of the Seal Sanctuary, and north of Rincon Point. I found several fossils such as aggregates of small shells and a larger rock of oyster shells. This was a tar mining site and we found plenty on the beach. This is a beautiful, rocky, shallow beach meant for low tide access. (The Seal Sanctuary is closed September 1-May 1 for pup season.) There are no facilities or water. I would recommend this as beachcombing destination. We were able to clean off our feet without problem when we got home. The only Ventura River access we found was up near Ojai. Do you have any rock adventures you would like to share or field trips to recommend? If so, send them in to Doug for the Rock Slab.

Margaret Hogarth



You Might be a Rockhound If....

A collection from Numerous sources...

Mel Albright, editor of Osage Hills Gems (Osage Hills Gem and Mineral Society, Bartlesville, Oklahoma) says, "You might be a rockhound if ..."

- ☐ You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions.
- ☐ You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.
- ☐ The rock pile in your garage is over your head.
- ☐ Your screen saver on your personal computer features pictures of rocks.
- ☐ You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.
- ☐ You went to a rock festival -- and you hate music.
- ☐ You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools as Christmas gifts.
- ☐ When friends say they're going to Tucson, you assume it'll be in February.
- ☐ You can find Quartzsite on a map in less than 5 seconds

Richard Busch, editor of Lithosphere (Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Fallbrook, California) says, "You might be a rockhound if ..."

- ☐ When someone mentions "Franklin" you think of New Jersey rather than Ben.
- ☐ You can pronounce "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.
- ☐ The polished slab on your bola tie is six inches in diameter.
- ☐ You examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.
- ☐ You shouted "Obsidian!" to a theater full of movie-goers while watching The Shawshank Redemption.
- ☐ Your children have names like Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.
- ☐ The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks.
- ☐ On a trip to Europe, you're the only member of the group who spends their time looking at cathedral walls through a pocket magnifier.

Dan Imel, editor of The RockCollector (Rochester Lapidary Society, Rochester, New York) says, "You might be a rockhound if ..."

- ☐ Your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor.
- ☐ Your wife knows you are down in the basement sorting rocks but can't quite find you.
- ☐ Your local rock shops send you get well cards when you don't stop by in more than a week.
- ☐ The local jewelry stores and libraries give out your name for information on rock clubs.
- ☐ The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.
- ☐ The local university's geology department asks permission to hold a field trip -- in your back yard.
- ☐ The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in your back yard.
- ☐ You get excited when you find a hardware store with 16-pound sledge hammers and 5-foot-long pry bars.

Club Meeting Presentation: The man who doesn't need a microphone to get our attention, Lothar of the SCC Gemology program returns to deliver a talk a day at the Jeweler's Bench. He retired last year from teaching intro and advance Colored Stones at SCC, but that doesn't stop his ability to entice a crowd and teach them about gems and jewelry. And for anyone who hasn't taken the Gemology classes, you can be expected to be severely tempted after he's done.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
8-8-2018	Lothar Vallot	"The Jeweler's Bench Explained"
9-11-18	TBD	
10-10-18	None	Holiday Bouquet

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2018 CFMS Gem Shows

AUGUST

August 3 - 5: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, (805) 481-0923
Email: sylvianadon@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 4 - 5: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Contact: Ellen Nott
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgemshow.org [Show Page](#)

SEPTEMBER

September 15 - 16: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

September 15 - 16: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: William Spence, (408) 398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org
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September 22 - 23: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mike Mathis, (510) 301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org

Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

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OCTOBER

October 6 - 7: GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke, (530) 274-2425
Email: 4vancian5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org [Show Page](#)

October 13 - 14: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org [Show Page](#)

October 13 - 14: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street (corner of Main & Trona Rd)
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub [Show Page](#)

October 14: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 20: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 - 5

Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634

Email: ginigem1@gmail.com

Website: www.rockchippers.org [Show Page](#)

October 20 - 21: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jean Klotz
Email: info@eldoradomineralandgem.org
Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

October 20 - 21: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
The Veterans Memorial
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Jolene, (707) 849-9551
Email: coons@sonic.net
Website: www.srmgs.org

October 20 - 21: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Frank Winn, (626) 239-5457
Email: RkhndFW@gmail.com
Website: www.wgmcsa.com

October 27 - 28: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 662-5819
Email: gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <http://SacramentoMineralSociety.org>

NOVEMBER

November 3 - 4: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org [Show Page](#)

August Birthstone: Peridot



CFMS News:

From your Federation Director

The CFMS is not holding a show this year and, instead, will hold one of their meetings to correspond with the Feather River clubs' show:

September 15-16, Chico, CA Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc. Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair St. Hours: Sat 9:30-5, Sun 9:30-4 Contact: John Scott, 530-321-6331

Email: hweazel@sbcglobal.net Website: www.featherriverrocks.org.

There will also be a banquet.

I'm going to try to go, but it's over a 10 hours drive. The next meeting will be in Nov. in Visalia, which I always attend.

The next CFMS show will be hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society at the L.A. Fairgrounds in Pomona in March. It would be wonderful to have members put in a display case, either in competition or not. You could do a club case!! Is there a member or two who would like to do this? I have a nice case if anyone wants to borrow it, I just need help with the lights.

There is now a Club Central at the show where your club can have a designated time to "talk up" your club. Searchers should consider doing this. And you can keep your club flyers out the whole 3 days. I can get more info if you are interested. It's a great way to get new members.

Our Federation always has 2 or 3 times as many cases as any other Federation. The information and rules for competition are to be found at cfmsinc.org. If you need help, please email or call me.

Rock On,

Nancy Bird nancyjbird@verizon.net 562 697-0636

Rockhound Retreats

I call these 3 weeks rockhound retreats. It has everything you could want to chose to learn how to do a lot, and you usually get to pick 2 or 3 facets of our hobby, plus there are often field trips every day.

There are 2 individual weeks in No.CA and 1 week here in the spring at Zzyzx, out near Baker. They are a fabulous opportunity to immerse yourself in one of your interests. They offer some of the best hobby teachers you could ever find in 1 week. They usually have room for 80 down here. There looks like there's some room left open for Camp Paradise.

I've been twice to Zzyzx and can't say enough about one of best "vacations" I've ever experienced. It is so much fun and you learn so much. Y'all should do it at least once either up north or here next year,

Federation Director for 3 clubs

Nancy Bird

nancyjbird@verizon.net

Searcher's Potluck Picnic 2018

Date and Time: Saturday, August 11th from 11am to 3pm



Location: Yorba Regional Park, 7600 E. La Palma Ave, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

Area: Site #6 by Parking Lot #2

Contacts: Veronica Purura (714) 501-9959

The Searcher's will provide sodas and water

Parking: \$5 fee (no free re-entry)

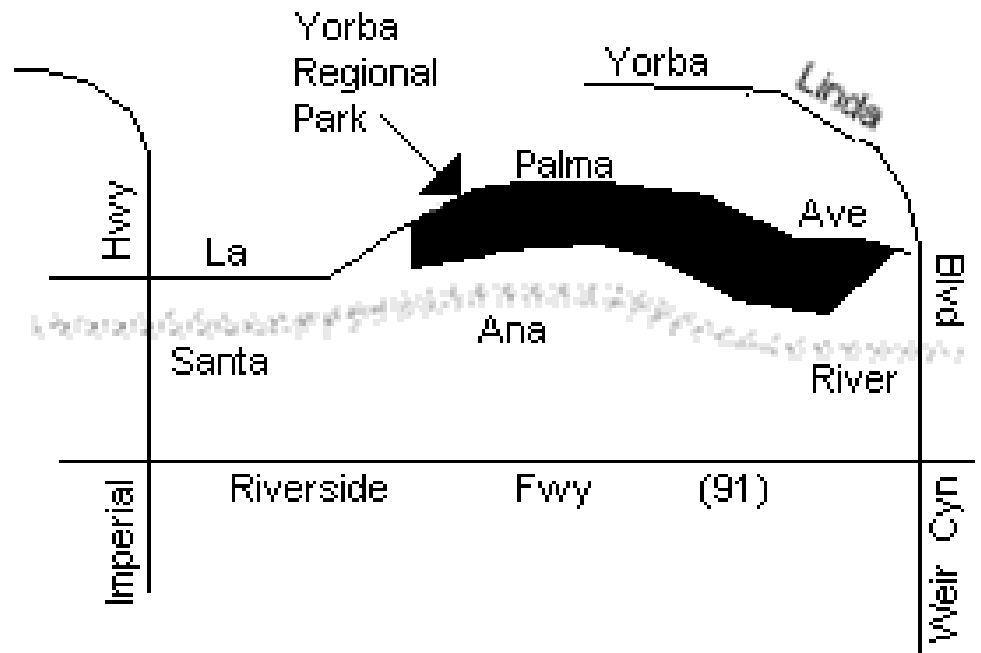


Please respond to Veronica angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com

if you are planning on attending and let her know what you would like to bring.

Notes: Please remember to bring appropriate serving utensils when you bring a dish.

Members can bring their own grill if they chose.



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

Membership Dues:	Individual	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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