

JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 6-10pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	6	7 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
8	9	10 7-9 pm General Meeting	11	12 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7 pm Board Meeting	13	14 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
15	16	17 7-9 pm 2008 Show Wrap-Up Meeting	18	19 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7-9 pm	20	21 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
22	23	24	25	26 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7-9 pm	27	28 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
29	30					

SEARCHERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Date: _____

Name 1: _____

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Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

Individual: _____

Couple: _____ \$20

_____ \$25

Junior members (17 and under): \$2

Please indicate the club activities that interest you:

Minerology () Geology () Lapidary () Fossils () Other _____

Meet other Searchers and volunteer to help a committee(s): _____

Anaheim Arts Council () Historian () Library ()

Website () Membership () Monthly Drawing ()

Phone Comm. () RSN Editor () Sunshine ()

Veteran's Workshop () Hospitality () Workshop ()

Rock'n'Kids () Annual Show () Silent Auction ()

The Rock Slab News

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To whoever took digital photos at the Show on May 3 & 4, please send us something for the newsletter. Send them to Yery Camacho at yery.camacho@ugs.com

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The Purpose of the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

By-Laws, Article 1, Sec. 2

This society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial persons for the purpose of studying mineralogy and the earth sciences by means of association with other mineralogical societies and with their members; presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, and similar programs; field trips for exploration, study and collecting of specimens; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts; the procurement and maintenance of collections of minerals, mineral products and related pictures, writings and other information thereof; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

This organization is not formed for profit and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Keith Droste

Well, another month has gone by and next Tuesday is our general meeting; time flies when you're having fun! Glad to see Herb Beckman

back safe and sound from his vacation; welcome back, Herb.

I want to briefly touch on the subject on attendance at our meetings. We have some 140+ members in the club and last meeting 27 attended. This is pretty sad. I really don't know why this is; but I am wondering why anyone joins a club like ours, pays yearly dues and then doesn't take advantage of the meetings and/or the workshop. What do we need to do to get more of you folks involved? If you know, let me know. We also especially need more involvement from some of our younger members. I'm really tired of hearing how busy everyone is! Those of us who are on the Board or are involved with one area or another in the club are busy, too. It's time to step up and help remake this into the great club it's always been. We can't do it alone. Coming to our Show to buy is just not enough to keep this club going. We need help in a lot of areas. Contact me, Keith Droste, at (714) 563-4754 or Kathy Clark at (714) 639-9927 and volunteer! Our next Show is our 50th, but there won't be many more after that if you members don't support the club!

TO OTHER CLUBS & THEIR EDITORS

Please contact us at hanky1panky3@yahoo.com to receive the Rock Slab Newsletter by email.

Please bring slabs for the Vets.

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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:** 7PM, 2rd Thursday 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).
- No workshops:** Nov 23 & 25.
- 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 \$20
Couple \$25
Junior (17 & under) \$2
Valid Jan.1-Dec.31,not prorated
- Bulletin:** Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: editor@searchersrocks.org.
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- California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
 - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

SEARCHERS BOARD

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FIELD TRIP

None this month

Remember that the Gold panning trip is next month.

Collecting names for people interested in going to the Ocean View mine. Please contact Steve Duncan at: wsd@iteris.com

JUNE EVENTS

June 10	7 pm	June Meeting
June 12	7 pm	Board Meeting
June 17	7 pm	2008 Show Wrap-Up Meeting
June 27-29	10am-5pm	CFMS Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA Just off the 101 freeway Adults \$5 Seniors \$4 Students \$3 Under 12 free Contact: Bural LaRue at (909) 874-5664 or bpalarue@earthlink.net

JULY EVENTS

July 12&13	10am-5pm	Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veterans Auditorium 4117 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA Cross street Overland Contact: Rick Shaffer (310) 391-8429 or Email: maryellenandrick@aol.com Webpage: CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta
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For a full list of CFMS Gem Shows, go to www.cfmsinc.org. And don't forget to check in with our friends at www.goldprospectors.com.

JUNE PROGRAM

By Walter Mroch

Searcher member Robert Burson will recount his San Carlos, Mexico, rockhounding trip that he attended last year with the Houston Gem & Mineral Society. They collected a wide variety of agates and cryptocrystalline quartz materials. It will be a combination slideshow and some sample materials from his trip.

Robert is always very knowledgeable about his subject, and this program promises to be a bit out of the ordinary since most of us probably have not been rockhounding in Mexico. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

ABOUT 2008 SHOW THANK YOU SO MUCH

By Beth Pelfrey

This is just a note of appreciation for each and everyone one of you who helped out in the kitchen this year. It ran pretty smoothly and we got many compliments. Without you it would have been a big flop. Now, this is a pre-printed for as my handwriting has gone South over the last five years, so please do not even think it is an impersonal statement.

Next year is the "Big One" 50 years of shows. I have agreed to chair the kitchen committee one more time and hope that each of you will be able to help me make it a success.

Some notes:

We had about 1/3 fewer attendees, so had much less revenue. Also, the food costs went up a lot and although I tried to raise the prices to reflect that, we made less over all.

I am hoping that next year will be much better.

I would like for the 50th Annual Gem Round-Up to be the best ever and I hope we can make the kitchen be a prime component of the success.

Thanks again for your hard work and sweat equity. I hope to see all of you next year.

As an added note for this years' show, we have a great time back in the kitchen, so if you want to get in on the REAL fun at the show, volunteer for next year.

If I forgot anyone, I am devastated, even ashamed, but, on the other hand, I recognize that my brain cells, once lost, are never returning from out yonder in la la land.

SUNSHINE REPORT

By Kathy Clark

Our hearts go out to Bob Piazza whose father, Robert Piazza, suffered a heart attack and passed away Thursday, May 29, 2008. Mr. Piazza was one of the founding fathers of the First Methodist Church in Shallotte, South Carolina. He resided in North Carolina.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Kathy Clark

Please welcome the newest members of the Searchers' family:

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HERITAGE DAY

By Kathy Clark

The 27th annual Heritage Day which was sponsored by the Canyon Hills Women's Club was held Sunday, June 1, 2008, at the Oak Canyon Nature Center from 11am-4pm. The Oak Canyon Nature Center is located at 6700 E. Walnut Canyon Road in Anaheim just off the 91 freeway at Lakeview or Imperial. Look for the Oak Canyon Nature Center online at www.anaheim.net/ocnc and Canyon Hills Women's Club at www.canyonhillswomensclub.org.

From the Oak Canyon Nature Center Trail Guide: "Oak Canyon Nature Center is a 58-acre natural park nestled in the Anaheim Hills. A year-round stream meanders through the park. Consisting of three adjoining canyons, four miles of hiking trails traverse one of the few remaining areas of oak woodland and coastal sage scrub in our region. Native wildlife makes the canyon their home and is just waiting to be discovered. Also located on site is the John J. Collier Interpretive Center, a small museum with live animal and regional natural history exhibits. The Nature Center is the perfect place for you to learn about the wonders of the natural world in a tranquil setting. The trails are ideal for those who are just stepping into the wilderness for the first time or for those more experienced trekkers who are seeking a short hike."

Last year at Heritage Day, after setting up the Searchers table of rock jewelry, I watched as a Native American teepee was raised. Next to that was a blue-grass band that played the most wonderful folk songs all day. On the other side of us was a barbecue where you could buy a hotdog or a hamburger for your lunch, and there was also a snowcone machine. Later in the day I walked up to the Nature Center to see what was going on there. A band of Mission Indians were showing kids how to pan for gold on the stream that runs through the park, how to use ancient hand drills for making holes in small abalone shells for necklaces, teaching how to chip rock to make arrowheads, and they were demonstrating blacksmithing. On the other side of the Nature Center some of the older kids were churning butter. There was also an area set up where you could make your own tortilla. After it was cooked you were invited to spread on some freshly churned butter and eat your tortilla. Delicious! There was so much to do and see. There was even a petting zoo at the end of the trail. Oh, did I mention the historical re-enactors like Benjamin Franklin. I didn't get to half of the tables and demonstrations because we had so many kids needing assistance with their rock rings at the Searchers table.

Anyway, I must say that I had a ball. It was a wonderful experience for me and all the kids I saw that day had smiles on their faces. This isn't JUST for kids; it's truly a family event. And I have been looking forward all year to attending Heritage Day again. I wish all you Searchers could have been there.

This year the Searchers did not attend Heritage Day. Clarke Benich and I had gladly volunteered to be there, but I had something come up with my family that I couldn't ignore and Clarke was very ill that day. Every thing was completely prepared so any of our Searcher members could have taken over for us. Clarke called members and also emailed them with the map on how to get to the nature center and park, but no one responded to his call for help. If the Canyon Hills Women's Club should ask us again for next year, I sincerely hope that a few of us will volunteer and follow through with Heritage Day. It is a very worthwhile event for the community and a great philanthropic opportunity for the Searchers.

UPCOMING DUES INCREASE IMMINENT

As time marches on and the cost of everything else from gasoline to groceries it is time for the club to raise the membership dues. The Searchers Board recommends that our annual membership dues be increased as follows:

Individuals	\$25.00 from \$20.00
Couples	\$35.00 from \$25.00
Children	\$10.00 from \$2.00 each

Our dues have not been increased for a long time. However, because of the very substantial increase in CFMS dues (\$9.75 per adult or child member) the Board has deemed this increase as necessary for the future of the Searchers. This means that for the past several years we actually lost money for every child member of the club.

Why must we pay CFMS dues? Primarily because the CFMS as a large group is able to offer the Searchers liability insurance which provides coverage for all meetings, workshops, shows and field trips. This type of insurance is not affordable and generally available elsewhere.

Every year the cost of the newsletter (printing and postage), monthly programs, and operating and maintaining the workshop has also increased. While we have encouraged members to take electronic

delivery of the newsletter there are also costs associated with that such as Internet fees. We also are in the process of revamping the website to make it easier for members and potential members to get current information easier. The cost of our Annual Show has also increased. Some items that were once free now have a hefty price. The cost of professional security for the Annual Show has increased year after year as well as our fee for use of the Brookhurst Community Center, fire permits, plan checks, equipment rental, etc... Our Annual Show, and primary fundraiser for the year, generates revenue mainly from selling space at our show to Dealers and the Silent Auction since we no longer have the big donation award drawing.

This notice is to let the membership know that there will be a vote on this in the very near future, i.e. a general meeting. Please attend the monthly general meetings so we can all discuss this dues increase.

A VISIT TO THE SEARCHERS WORKSHOP

By Keith Droste

Many of our members, sad to say, do not take advantage of our wonderful lapidary workshop. I really feel this is their loss. Though many of you have lapidary equipment at home, as I do, spending a few hours in our workshop is well worth the time. Being with other "rock heads," both from the educational and the social aspects make our workshop a fun place to be.

The workshop is open on Thursday nights from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-7:00 p.m. On Thursdays you will find members busy slabbing rough rock with one of our large slab saws, cutting slabs on one of two excellent trim saws or grinding cabs and buckles on our Genii grinders. The workshop is also equipped with a large flat lap grinder for those who want to polish slabs and an excellent polishing wheel to put that mirror shine on cabs.

One of the most important things you can do in the workshop is to learn. Herb Beckman or one of his workshop helpers are happy and willing to answer questions, teach new or old members how to grind cabs and to show you the proper use of other equipment. You can also receive instruction in wire wrapping and on Saturdays our master silversmith Clare Gagnon will teach you the fine art of jewelry making. Searchers workshop also has an extensive library where books and videos are available to increase your knowledge. The workshop also has large supply of rough and slabbed rocks which are available free to all members.

So, what are you waiting for? Come on down and join in the fun. News members make their first cab for free and after that there is a small \$3 charge for those using the lapidary equipment. This helps us to replace saw blades, grinding wheels, supplies, etc. Wire wrapping and silver instruction are free. Hope to see you all there soon.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Searchers Board has decided that it is in the best interest of the club that the members shall not be allowed to sell at general meetings. Our sponsor the Anaheim Arts Council has prohibited the sale of anything by the membership on city property where an Anaheim business license and a seller's permit are required. Since we are a 501© organization we should refrain from any activity that might jeopardize our tax exempt status.

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\$25 donation.

**TO WHOEVER TOOK DIGITAL PHOTOS AT THE SHOW ON MAY 3 & 4, PLEASE SEND US
SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER. SEND THEM TO YERY CAMACHO AT
YERY.CAMACHO@UGS.COM**

**PLEASE BRING SLABS FOR THE VETS. THERE IS A BOX IN THE BACK CORNER
DURING GENERAL MEETINGS TO ACCEPT YOUR DONATIONS.**



*Happy Birthday to all those Searchers' members who celebrate
their birthdays in JUNE*

B.L.M. CLOSURE OF THE CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA

EMERGENCY CLOSURE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008 OF 31,000 ACRES WITHIN THE CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA INFORMATION SHEET

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began conducting a study in 2004 on asbestos exposures experienced by CCMA users during typical recreational activities. The study was conducted to provide BLM with information to manage and minimize human health risks at the CCMA and to update a similar study conducted by the BLM in 1992.

One May 1, 2008 the EPA released the report, "CCMA Asbestos Exposure and Human Health Risk Assessment." The report stated the exposures measured by EPA for many recreational activities at CCMA are "above the EPA acceptable risk range of lifetime cancers." It also notes that children "have greater risk than adults due to higher exposure measurements [and] are of special concern because their exposures occur earlier in their lives.

Based on the findings in the report, BLM simultaneously enacted an immediate temporary closure on May 1, 2008 of 31,000 acres of the area to all public access/entry upon release of the EPA report while a Resource Management Plan (RMP) to determine the long-term management of the area is underway. The BLM's number one priority is to protect the public's health and safety.

Over the next two years, BLM will be preparing a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement to guide the long-term management of public lands within the CCMA, EPA and BLMA will host a public meeting to discuss the results of the EPA Human Health Risk Assessment and BLM will discuss the need for the temporary emergence closure on May 8, 2008.

The Fee Program has been suspended and partial refunds will be issued to all persons who purchased a Season Pass.

For More Information

Contact the Hollister Field Office at (831) 630-5000 or visit our website at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area.html

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JUNE BIRTHSTONE

PEARL

The modern June birthstone is the Pearl. It is also given on the 1st, 3rd, 12th and 30th wedding anniversaries. Pearls are formed when a tiny grain of sand or mineral lodges in the body of certain mollusks (oysters, for example) and the animal responds to that irritating grain by secreting nacre. Over time that grain is coated with the nacre and a pearl is created. Since the pearl itself isn't part of the oyster the animal continues to add to the growing pearl so it increases in size. Originally pearls were found by luck. Divers would open many oysters for every decent pearl found. These days most pearls are of the cultured variety. Cultured simply means that people insert the grain into the oyster. The grain is of a size and type more likely to produce the desired pearl. The oysters are then harvested after a couple of years and the pearls extracted. Indian legend has it that pearls were heavenly dew drops that fell to the sea. In India, ancient warriors attached the pearls to their weapons to symbolize the tears and sorrow of those slain by the weapons. Like all fine gems pearls range in price from very affordable to very expensive. A pearl necklace made of nicely matched perfect exotic pearls could be several thousand dollars.



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