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The President's Message

Hello fellow Searchers

"November is board election month, and also pie party month. Come for the elections and stay for the pie, or come for the pie and stay for the elections. We are looking forward to seeing you there."



Doug Flaugh President



Christmas Party Dec. 1st
See page 5 for details



See page 2-3 for Field trip information. There are 2 planned for November.

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.

For field trip
information

contact: Matt
Buchanan V.P.

Field Trips,
Searchers Gem and
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mattdbuchanan@gmail.com

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
11-3-18	Joe Goetz (Whittier Club)	Calico Mt. area	planned
11-17,18-18	Jim Peterson	Ludlow area	planned

November Field Trip: Ludlow area Nov. 17-18th

The material we will be looking for on Sat. will be copper/iron ores. Sunday will be Thulite.

We will camping at the Ludlow gravel quarry. It is reached by going 3 miles west from the Dairy Queen in Ludlow on old Highway 66. Turn right on a dirt road for about 1/2 mile to the quarry. There will be Searchers signs at the turn. The gravel quarry is a large flat area for camping further from the trains.



We will leave at 9 AM on Sat. morning from the Dairy Queen. On Sat. night we will have a potluck around 5:30.

Sunday morning we can go to the Thulite site which is about 11 miles East of Ludlow.

Questions, call Jim Peterson at

714 904 8573



Fieldtrip from the Whittier Club Rockhouser Newsletter

The first fieldtrip of the hopefully cooler collecting season will happen on the first weekend of November 3rd. We'll be going to areas around the Whittier club claim and the Calico Mtns. Saturday we'll meet up in the hotel parking lot at 8:30 am Saturday morning. It is on the frontage road south of Ghost Town Road. When all who are interested are there we'll head on out. Where we go will be determined Saturday morning. It'll be a surprise for all of when we figure out where we will go.

Be sure to bring a lunch and have lots of water, electrolyte water or even Gatorade to drink. A broad brimmed hat, sun block, collecting materials (ie. something to put rock you find and a rock or geology pick or something similar). The hotel was the Oaktree Inn and now it is the Baymount.

After visiting some sites throughout the day we'll have "potluck" at Peggy Sue's where you can dine of delicacies of deep fried pickles and wash it down with a pineapple shake.

Sunday morning we'll meet up again at the hotel parking lot at 8:30 am. We'll go out to more collecting sites until 12 noon and those that are going home can beat it before the traffic gets too heavy. For those that remain it may turn into an exploratory trip or if some of those who are there on Sunday but not on Saturday we may just go back and revisit some of the locations that we went on the day before.

Whitewater Rocks Field Trip Report:

Our small group had a great time at Whitewater Rocks. The weather was perfect, the staff were super helpful, and we all found something that caught our eye. We had fun combing for pieces on the ground in the back boulder lot, and found some beautiful things! The rocks were very reasonably priced; the large blobs of beautifully colored glass cost more, but we are looking forward to seeing the finished products! We had a delicious and interesting lunch at Brown's BBQ and Soul Food, run by a very nice family. We think Whitewater Rocks is worth checking out every year or so, as their rocks move quickly and sometimes they get one-of-a-kind pallets.



NOTICE:

Searchers, we have lost Jimmy's open fruit box of fluorescent rocks with three spheres that were in the fluorescent show case. The spheres are either in cloth bags or socks. In the flurry of show take down, we lost the box. I feel terrible about it. If you have it, please let me know (hogarth.m@gmail.com, or 909-815-3045).

Searcher's Show News

I am going to cancel the November 10, 2018 and December 1, 2018 Show meetings, as I believe we can work by email. Jay and Kim Erb donated two show cases that need refurbishment to the club. Bill and I will refinish them and then we hope to have two more cases to feature workshop creations. Start planning your exhibits!

As you collect or clean out your stash, remember to donate good quality rocks to the Silent Auction. We can store the Silent Auction rocks in our storage unit, if that helps. Contact Inez Flaugh <ieflaugh@gmail.com> if you need to move materials over.

As you create, make one to donate as a prize for the show! We need many prizes for both children and adults.

A rockhound at Camp Paradise donated many yards of denim to the club that I will be using to make heavy Searcher aprons. They will be so useful and sturdy!

Keep on rocking!

Margaret Hogarth

hogarth.m@gmail.com

909-815-3045

Description: We will be electing our new cabinet members for the year 2017. New faces, returning ones, and repeat position holders are all welcomed. Also, as the topic title suggests, please bring pies, so that we all can have some fun and enjoy sharing pie on our last official monthly meeting of the year.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
11-13-18	None	Pie Party and Cabinet Member Elections
12-1-18	No meeting	Christmas Party

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2018-2019 CFMS Gem Shows

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](#)

November 10 - 11: YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Karen Horita, (916) 677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

November 17 - 18: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002
Email: webmaster@oxnardgem.com
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com> [Show Page](#)

DECEMBER

December 1 - 2: BARSTOW, CA
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community Center
841 S. Barstow Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Danny Watts, (760) 373-1309
Email: dvwatts@msn.com
Website: www.mdgms.net

JANUARY 2019

January 19 - 20: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Laura Manser (559) 308-0632
Email: ldriggs5@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com [Show Page](#)

FEBRUARY 2019

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 16 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 23 - 24: VALLEJO, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

MARCH 2019

March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Beth Farmer, (510)-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!

March 8, 9 & 10, 2019
80th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
POMONA, CA
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society
[Show Page](#)

For Vendor Forms: showdealers@pasadenalapidary.org
Or call: (626) 260-7239
Details will be posted as they develop.

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494
Email: bud.mcmillin.B7YJ@statefarm.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
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March 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, (408) 629-5735
Email: sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

November Birthstone: Topaz & Citrine



Searcher's Holiday Banquet



Mimi's Café

December 1st 2018 at 5 P. M.

Price \$25

17231 17th St., Tustin, CA 92780



Questions: Veronica's cell # (714) 501-9959 or return email angeldragonflight@yahoo.com)

Checks made out to: "Searcher's Society" or "Searcher's Gem and Mineral Society"

Cash or Check payments need to be sent to: P.O. Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92803

Deadline for payments and sign-up needs to be no later than: Monday November 26th

(bring at event otherwise)

Gift exchange: only those who bring a wrapped gift may participate in the gift exchange, and the gift should preferably be related to rocks/rock-hounding/minerals if you can

(minimum \$10 or more value)

Soups and Salads: All entrees come with a choice of Caesar salad or a cup of soup.

Drinks: The dinner menu comes with basic drinks (ice tea, water, soda, etc...); special drinks or alcoholic drinks must be ordered and paid for separately by the member.

Dinner Choices: French Pot Roast, Roasted Turkey Dinner, Citrus Salmon or Chicken Cheddar Mac

Desserts Options: Choco Chip Bread Pudding, Crème Brulee, Molten Lava Cake, French Silk Slab Pie

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For more information:

http://www.opalsociety.org/Opal_Show_Current/opal_show_current.htm



Thanksgiving is coming soon

(Author unknown; reprinted from Rock Chips, Nov. '08)

For those here who are my friends and family, just a quick note to let you know that Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. I'm telling you in advance, so don't act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won't be coming, I've made a few small changes:

Our sidewalk will not be lined with homemade, paper bag luminaries. After a trial run, it was decided that no matter how cleverly done, rows of flaming lunch sacks do not have the desired welcoming effect.

Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of Indian corn and fall foliage I had planned to make. Instead, I've gotten the guests involved in the decorating by having them track in colorful autumn leaves from the front yard. The mud was their idea.

The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, we will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this IS Thanksgiving, we will refrain from using the plastic skull goblet or the Santa napkins from last Christmas.

Our centerpiece will not be the tower of fresh fruit and flowers that I promised. Instead we will be displaying a hedgehog-like decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper. I assure you it is a turkey.

We will be dining fashionably late. The kids will entertain you while you wait. I'm sure they will be happy to share every choice comment I have made regarding Thanksgiving, pilgrims and the turkey hotline. Please remember that most of these comments were made at 5:00 a.m. upon discovering that the turkey was still hard enough to cut diamonds.



As accompaniment to the kids' recital, I will play a recording of tribal drumming. If the kids should mention that I don't own a recording of tribal drumming, or that tribal drumming sounds suspiciously like a frozen turkey in a clothes dryer, ignore them. They are lying.

I toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, I chose to keep the traditional method. I've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, I will ask the kids to sit at a separate table. In a separate room.

Next door maybe.

Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning: Do not, under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not enter to check on my progress. I have an electric knife. The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reason that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind my diners that "passing the rolls" is not a football play.

Before I forget, there is one last change.

Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, we will be serving the traditional pumpkin pie, garnished with whipped cream and fingerprints. You will still have a choice; take it or leave it. I hope you aren't too disappointed that Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. She probably won't come next year either.

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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