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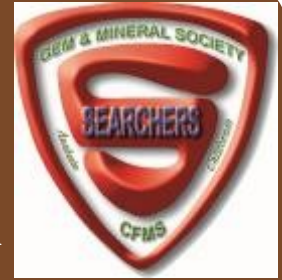
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The President's Message



Hello Searchers and friends,

WOW! Is it November already? Where did the time go?

Additional kudos to all of the Searchers who helped create and fill the display case at the Brookhurst Community Center. Seems I forgot Ira who was instrumental in setting up the display as well as supplying material for the display itself. Once again, thank you to one and all!

Jewel Tunnel, located in Baldwin Park, is sponsoring its annual open house this month. Our date to attend this event is November 15. The display and warehouse areas will be open to all Searchers and the prices are discounted to wholesale (plus tax). I will send out an e-mail blast containing the official invitation, location, sale information, hours and directions.

Lately I have received several requests to send out e-mail blasts for estate rock sales. As president, I feel that it is my responsibility to pass these opportunities on to you no matter how much (or little) of a response I expect them to generate. That is up to you to decide. I have noticed that some rockhound heirs are fairly clueless about the value of a collection and have no idea about how to sell the collection. Since we never know when we may be called to the "Ultimate Rock Garden", please leave a note in your important family papers on what to do with your collection and who to contact for advice.

Elections are coming up next month. If someone from the Nominations Committee has asked if you'd be interested in an office, please consider running. They feel certain that you will succeed in that position. Please contact Adrian who is heading this year's Nomination Committee if you are even remotely interested in running for an office. Additionally, along those lines, please note that I will be taking classes for the next semester or two and that they may interfere with my duties as president if I should be re-elected to that office.

Elections night always means that it's Pie Night, so please don't forget to bring along a pie or dessert to share!

Also,

Become a rockhound activist. We're not asking you to "rock the world", but protect what you love.

Jay

Holiday Party Time. See Page 6 for details.

November is Pie night page 3.



Field Trips



DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
11-22 & 23 2014	Robert Burson	Chuckwalla Mountains Agates and Jaspers	Planned
12-13 & 14 2014	Jim Peterson	Coliseum mine & Copper World Mine	Planned

Chuckwallas

Nov. 22-23 2014 Robert Burson

There will be a field trip on November 22&23 to Chuckwalla Springs (between Desert Center/Blythe). The trip will be led by Searchers Robert Burson. We will be collecting agates (plume, moss, fortification, and banded), and Jaspers of many colors. Sagenite is found here too. There are also agate filed geodes and amygdulites.

The camp will be accessible by RVs and cars, although the last stretch of the road may need to be driven carefully. This will be a dry camp, bring what you need. Don't forget sunscreen and hats, lots of water. It could be hot during the day and cold at night. Gas and simple supplies are available at Chiriaco Summit, Blythe has anything you could need, including motels. We will be having our traditional potluck on Sat night, so bring something good to share. Telling tall tales around the campfire is also on the agenda.

We will leave the camp every day at 0830, a high clearance vehicle will be necessary to reach the collecting sites. We will carpool as required. You will want to take lunch. Standard rock tools should suffice, rock pick and spray bottle. You may want a small sled and gad.

Directions:

Take 91 freeway East to the 60 South. In Indio take 10 East travel to first exit past Desert Center. Take Corn Springs exit West which is 9.3 miles east of Desert Center. Take the old highway east 13.2 miles to Graham Pass Road. Turn right and go south for 5.9 miles to the Chuckwalla Springs Rd, there should be a sign here. We will put out some Searchers signs to help you find your way. Without traffic it is about 3 hours and 20 minutes from Anaheim to the freeway turn off. If you have any questions about the trip feel free to contact Robert at 562 706 4892 or Steve Duncan at 714 724 7102, or wsd@iteris.com.



For field trip
information

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December Field Trip Dec 13 & 14

Coliseum Mine and Copper World Mine

Trip leader Jimmy Peterson cell (714) 904 8573

Our Dec. field trip will be a little different as we will be staying at Whiskey Pets in Primm or the Gold Strike In Jean. and then going up to the old Coliseum mine. We will be collecting pyrites, calcopyrites and other iron minerals. We will meet Sat. morning @ 8:30 at the Yates Well Rd. off ramp on I-15. This is the 1st off ramp west of Primm. It is also the off ramp for the big solar electric plant. The road is steep and rough so a high clearance vehicle is required. We will go to a buffet at one of the hotels for our Sat. night potluck. Sun. morning we will go to the copper world mine off Cima Rd. It is on the way toward home. For people joining on Sunday we will meet at the Cima Rd off ramp on I-15 at 09:00. Wear warm clothing as the mines are at aprox. 6000 feet altitude. Bring a small (or bigger) hammer to break rocks. The room rates currently are just under \$50 per night for two people. It is a good idea to make reservations early. Hope to see you there.

Trip Report: Big Bear Area

A couple of pictures from the last field trip to Big Bear. Report to come next issue. Lots of good crystals and great dendrites were found.



Planning Ahead

Searchers,

It's never too early to start saving material for the Show silent auction. When you are collecting, collect a piece or two for the silent auction. When you are slabbing set one aside for the silent auction. This is an easy way for you to give something back to the club. We have a reputation for having the best silent auction around and we want to continue that tradition. Normally I collect material for the show in the spring, but if you have things cluttering up the house that you want to get rid of you can always bring them to the club meetings and I will store them until the auction. Thanks in advance for helping out the club

November Pie Time and Cabinet Member Elections



Description: We will be electing our new cabinet members for the year 2015. 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
11-2014	None	Pie Party and Cabinet Member Elections
12-2014	No meeting	Christmas Party

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

www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2014 CFMS Gem Shows

October 18 - 19: PLACERVILLE, CA El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Bob Graton, (530) 676-2472 Email: info@rockandgemshow.org Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org Club Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

October 25 - 26: CAYUCOS, CA San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club Cayucos Vets Hall 110 Cayucos Drive Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: Kim Patrick Noyes, (805) 610-0603 Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com Website: www.slogem.org

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November 1 - 2: CONCORD, CA Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Centre Concord 5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.) Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Harry Nichandros, (925) 289-0454 Email: show-c@ccmgs.org Website: www.ccmgs.org/gem_show

November 1 - 2: OXNARD, CA Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Miriam Tetreault, (805) 642-5779 Email: ml_tetreault@hotmail.com Website: www.oxnardgem.com

November 8 - 9: ANAHEIM, CA American Opal Society, Garden Grove The Phoenix

Club - Festhalle 1340 S. Sanderson Ave. Hours: Sat 9 - 6; Sun 9 - 5 Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959 Email: info@opalsociety.org Website: www.opalsociety.org

November 8 - 9: SACRAMENTO, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Alyssa Mesiznger, (916) 205-4441 Email: gem-show@sacramentomineralsociety.org Website: sacgemshow.com

November 8 - 9: YUBA CITY, CA Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall 442 Franklin Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Kartie Slightam, (530) 673-9649 Email: mktalternatives@comcast.net Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 14 - 16: EUREKA, CA Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society Redwood Acres Fairgrounds 3750 Harris Street Hours: Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Diana Reed, (707) 839-2079

November 22 - 23: SANTA CRUZ, CA Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society Winter Sale Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 - 17th Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509 Email: julia.cornblatt@gmail.com Website: www.scmgs.org

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January 17 - 18: EXETER, CA Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia Exeter Veterans Memorial Building 324 N Kaweah Avenue, Hwy 65 Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Bill Bingaman, (559) 741-6381 Email: bandgbing@aol.com Website: www.tulegem.com

FEBRUARY

February 13 - 22: INDIO, CA San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society, Cabazon Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival 82-503 Highway 11 Hours: 10 - 10 daily Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674 Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 27 - March 8, IMPERIAL, CA Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society Imperial Valley Expo 200 East 2nd Street/dd> Hours: Weekends noon - 10 pm; Weekdays 4 pm - 10 pm John Pyle, Jr. (760) 562-3453 Email: jcwus@sbcglobal.net Website: www.IVGMS.org

February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall 900 Fairgrounds Drive Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 daily Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950 Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net Website: www.vjgems.org

November Birthstone - Topaz

November Birthstone poem - the Topaz
"Who first comes to this world below
In dreary November's fog and snow,
Should prize the topaz amber hue,
Emblem of friends and lovers true."



November Birthstone - Properties of Topaz

The Topaz is commonly colorless, also light to medium blue, violet yellow, pink, peach, gold, green, red and brown. Topaz with Orange-red and pink colors are rare and most valuable.

The word Topaz is derived from Topazos, a small island in the Red Sea, where the Romans obtained a stone which they called by this name. A mineral occurring in rhombic prisms, generally yellowish and pellucid, also colorless, and of greenish, bluish, or brownish shades. It sometimes occurs massive and opaque. The crystal structure of the Topaz (aluminum fluor-silicate), the November birthstone, is orthorhombic.



Other Field Trips

One of our sister clubs (the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society) has just listed an impressive field trip schedule for 2014. Members of their club often join us on our trips, and we are welcome to join them on their. You can never get too much rockhounding right? Anyhow, their schedule is below, if you plan to join them please do get in touch with Joe Goetz (their field trip leader) at (626) 622-9420. This way they will know you are planning on attending, and be able to update you if there are any changes to the plan.

2014 Field Trip Schedule

Nov 1-2 Whittier Claim Area: honey onyx, agate, jasper, palm root, etc.

Nov 28-30 Wiley's Well Area: Annual CFMS field trip for geodes, agates and other good stuff.

Dec 6 Himalaya Mine Tourmalines: Dig your own pink and green California tourmalines near beautiful Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, 20 miles east of Pala. This is a fee collecting site.

For up-to-date information on these field trips call Joe Goetz at (626)- 622-9420.



Jewel Tunnel Imports

An invitation for the members and friends of the Searchers Gem and Mineral Society to attend an open house at Jewel Tunnel Imports

Saturday November 15, 2014 - 10 AM to 4PM

13100 Spring St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706, 626-814-2257

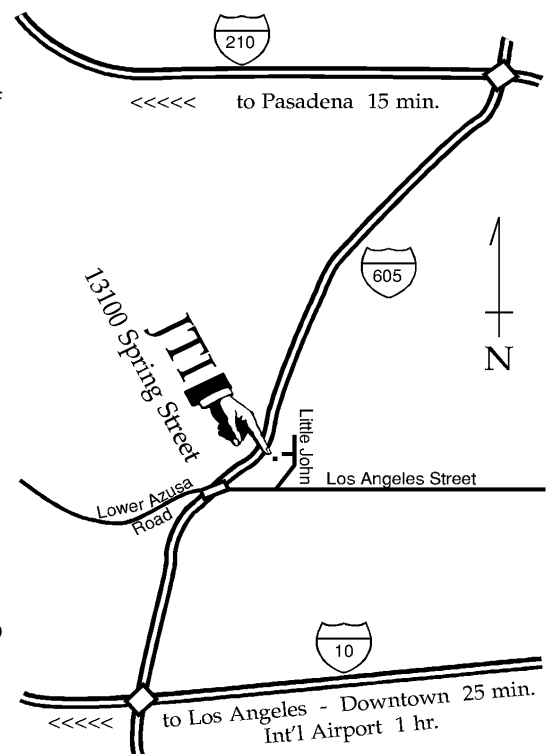
Starving students and others will be fed. Unattended children will be sold as slaves.

Map also available at jeweltunnel.com

Jewel Tunnel Imports is a leading wholesale distributor of mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, tumbled stones and many different kinds of lapidary items like balls, eggs, jewelry etc. made from different minerals. We have a warehouse in excess of 10,000 sq. feet full of mineral related natural history items, perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States. Check out our website jeweltunnel.com.

Historically Jewel Tunnel Imports has had limited open house parties for mineralogically and geologically oriented groups such as the students and faculty of various university geology departments and members of certain gem and mineral societies. These open houses, by invitation only, on a few weekends just proceeding Christmas, offer a chance for individuals belonging to these groups to buy minerals and crystals at wholesale prices and to learn something about the whole-sale gem and mineral business.

Jewel Tunnel Imports is a wholesale only warehouse and this invitation is only for the date of the open house. If you wish to return during the year to purchase items you will need to obtain your own resale permit from the California State Board of Equalization. The 9% sales tax will be charged. All sales are final.



Kid's Corner

We will be starting a section for kids. The information will be coming from a newsletter for kids called *Mini Miners Monthly* by Diamond Dan Publications . He is kind enough to allow us to use parts of his newsletter. This is from earlier editions, Vol. 8 No. 9. Page 8 is from Vol.8 No.8.

Mystery Minerals

Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

I am a native element.

I am metallic.

I crystallize in the isometric system.

Often I form as very thin wires and sometimes as very thick bundles of wires.

People use me to make coins, forks, spoons, knives and rings.

I am very bright when clean, but tarnish easily to black.

Who am I?



Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

My chemical formula is $\text{NaCaB}_5\text{O}_{16}(\text{OH})_6 \cdot 5(\text{H}_2\text{O})$.

I am found in evaporite deposits.

I am mostly found in California and Nevada.

When my crystals grow parallel to each other, I can be cut and polished to make "tv stone" because my crystals work like fiber optic cables.

I was discovered by Georg Ludwig Ulex.

Who am I?



Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

My crystals can be found in over 600 different forms.

I am a carbonate mineral.

Two other minerals have my chemical formula, but crystallize in different crystal systems. These two minerals, aragonite and vaterite, are called polymorphs.

I dissolve in hydrochloric acid.

Who am I?



See bottom of page 7 for the answers.

More Mystery Minerals

Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

I am lemon yellow and have a resinous luster.

I am often found in salt domes. I am also found at the vents of volcanoes.

If you touch me with your warm hand, my surface will crack.

You might even be able to hear the crackling!

A match will set me on fire. When I burn, I smell like rotten eggs.

I am an element.

Who am I?



Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

I am extremely rare.

I was discovered in San Benito County, California.

I have also been found in Japan and Arkansas.

I am blue and when clear, can be cut as a gemstone.

I am found in the rock serpentinite.

I am the official State Gem of California.

Who am I?



Mystery Mineral: Who Am I?

I am often found with the mineral you see above.

I am found in San Benito County, California.

I have also been found in Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec and in the Kola Peninsula of Russia .

I am very dark red - nearly black.

I am found in the rock serpentinite.

I was named after Neptune, the god of the sea.

Who am I?



Answers to page 7 Silver, Ulexite and Calcite Answers to page 8 Sulfur, Benitoite, Neptunite.

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Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

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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).

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