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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW, what a fantastic show and we couldn't have done it without you! Our club is filled with so many wonderful people who stepped up, gave of their time and talents to provide the community with an outstanding weekend of fun and learning. Thank you to everyone! A special thanks goes to Robert Burson and Beth Pelfrey for leading our group throughout the year of planning and organizing, and most of for all their hard work making sure every aspect was planned and thought out! We had several new members sign up and folks come to our show for the first time. That's what this show is all about, sharing our hobby and the world of gems and minerals, and you all should be proud that we succeeded in doing just that!

Tery-Lynn Wheeler

JUNE BIRTHSTONES Alexandrite & Moonstone

A relatively modern gem, Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light. Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of this enchanting gemstone. (Synthetic gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural material, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.)

The second birthstone for June is the Moonstone. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon — a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called adularescence) and sometimes show either a multirayed star or a cat's eye. Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called feldspar, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia, the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources



GENERAL INFORMATION

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
Board Meetings: 7PM, 1st Wednesday 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
Membership Dues: Individual- \$25, Couples- \$35, Junior (17 & under)- \$10
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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FIELD TRIPS

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| June 11, 2011 | CFMS Trip | Somis-fossil sand dollars, clams, and scallops Details at CFMS website | Planned |
| July 2011 | CFMS Trip | Greenhorn Mt-rose quartz Details should become available on the CFMS website | Tentative |
| Sept 16,17&18, 2011 | CFMS Trip | Jade Cove-Jade and Serpentine Details should become available at the CFMS website | Tentative |
| Sept Dates TBD | Steve Duncan | Sandy Wash for agate Lucerne valley for orbicular rhyolite | Tentative |
| Oct Dates TBD | Jim McGeough | Goldfield Nevada Agates and more 3 collecting days trip | Tentative |
| Nov Dates TBD | Robert Burson | Baxter Wash? Chuckwallas? Wileys Well? | Tentative |

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org
Also see www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html.

Other websites of interest:

www.firemountaingems.com
www.southsunproducts.com
www.pioneergem.com

www.route66goldminers.org
www.auctionmasters.com

CLUB MEETING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2011

| Date | Presenter | Subject |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Tuesday, June 14 th | Conrad Grundke | "A History of Intarsia/Comesso in some Native American Families" |
| Tuesday, July 12 th | Lothar Vallot | "Simulates, Synthetics, and Treatments" |
| Tuesday, Aug 9 th | NONE | Rock swap |
| Tuesday, Sep 13 th | Joe Girtner | "Jewelry Processes – inlay, jewelry design, process, and sculpting" |
| Tuesday, Oct 11 th | NONE | Silent Auction |
| Tuesday, Nov 8 th | None | Officer election/pie night |

UPCOMING CFMS GEM SHOWS

June 3-5 - WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Pierce College
20800 Victory Blvd
Hours: 9-5 daily
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802, (cell)
(818) 321-6290
Email: Show@Rockatomics.org
Website: www.Rockatomics.org

June 4-5 - GLENDORA, CA

Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 East Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638
Email: Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 4-5 - LA HABRA, CA

North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: 10-5 daily
Dave Swarton (626) 912-1531
Email: swanni3@adelphia.net
Website: www.nocgms.com

July 9-10 - CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterians Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave (Overland & Culver)
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Robert Thirlaway
Website:
<http://www.CulverCityRocks.org>

August 5-7 - NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall
298 S. Thompson Ave.
Hours: 10-5 daily
Gloria Dana (805)929-6429
Email: info@onsinc.org
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 6-7 - SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Golden Gate Club
136 Fisher Loop, The Presidio of San Francisco
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Carleen Mont-Eton (415)564-4230
Email: publicity@show.sfgms.org
Website: www.sfgms.org

September 2-5 - FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
363 N. Main St, (corner of Main & Laurel)
Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6; Mon 10-4
Jerry Sommer (707) 917-1833

September 10-11 - DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614

September 17-18 - STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Jan Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff
(209) 629-3837 / (209) 603-4539
Email: slmshow@juno.com
Website:
<http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

September 24-25 - MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Matt Biewer (831) 659-4156
Email: mattbiewer@aol.com
Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>

October 8-9 - TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website:
www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 15-16 - ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Briggs Street
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000; Cell (530) 604-2951
Email: steve@applyaline.com
Website:
www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 15-16 - PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5 daily
Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Show Website:
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 15-16 - SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Ave
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5
Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
Email:
santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

Website: www.srmgs.org

October 15-16 - WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Email: joemar1@verizon.net

November 5-6 - LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9-5 daily
Cheri George, (562) 243-8470
Email: lizardwoman3@yahoo.com
Website:
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 5-6 - SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Road
Hours: Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 10-4
Bob Hancock, (619) 461-5783, (619) 889-6886 cell
Email: rhbobhancock@cs.com
Website: www.sdmg.org

November 19-20 - OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Norb Kinsler, (805) 644-6450
Email: show_info@oxnardgem.com
Website: <http://www.oxnardgem.com>

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Buffington Pockets Nevada-May 2011

By Steve Duncan

For a trip as far from home as this one we had a good turnout with 21 Searchers on Sat, and 15 on Sunday. Jim McGeough did a great job leading his first field trip, leading us into beautiful country over an E-Ticket road. All vehicles made it through safely, including two 2 wheel drive trucks. The first stop Sat was a location where many small agate nodules were imbedded in a harder matrix. Everyone was

able to add some of these nodules to their buckets, and while here I got to witness one of the great things about a Searcher trip. Pretty quickly folks realized that it was quite a bit of work removing the nodules, and so a large group of people started working together. And pretty soon you could hear cheers of success, and oohs and ahs as nice material was liberated. We also had the pleasure of having a couple of younger Searchers along on the trip, and they were digging and helping also. This camaraderie and teamwork are really what these trips are all about. After a few hours of nodules Jim led us further into the wild, and took us to a location he had just quickly scouted previously. After a little while getting orientated pretty soon people were finding nice colorful material. This collecting was seam agate(or hard opalite?) that was available in float, and it was found in reds, green and purples. There was a lot of material here the trick was to look for thicker pieces with good colors. Again everyone found plenty, and I for one am looking forward to seeing how the seam material cuts. If it cuts well some will be magnificent.

Saturday we had our usual potluck and campfire, although a few people decided they would be more comfortable in Las Vegas than with us. I am not sure why they could think that☺ Everyone being pretty worn no one stayed up too late. Sunday we explored some new areas, but then because some members had skipped the second site on Sat we returned so they could try this location, and that gave us a chance to explore it further. It appears that the field of material extends for a long way, and although some areas were a boring gray, other areas would be all purple, or all green, or a combination. Certainly a good spot.

Kudos to Jim for leading a good first good trip, I can tell he will be an asset to the Searchers, we are already planning a slightly longer trip to the Goldfield Nevada, probably in Late October.

Our field trips have been very successful recently; if you haven't been joining us you have been missing a good thing. We would love to have you with us. And if you have been with us, I look forward to seeing you again at the next trip. You know how fun the trips have been.

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Beth Pelfrey

Our own long-time member, Wes Miller, has had major surgery. He is back to his routine, after coming through like a trooper. Please send him a friendly note or card to:

WES MILLER

c/o New Era Guest Home

13361 Nina Place

Garden Grove, CA 92843-2709

I know he'd appreciate some sunshine.

I also have sad news to report about Wes and Betty Miller. Their only daughter, Carrie Lynn Miller, died suddenly on May 2, 2011. She used to go on field trips with her Dad and Uncle Grant Miller some years back. Carrie was a very sweet young woman. Please let Wes and Betty know you are thinking of them. Send notes and cards to their home at:

8308 Portulaca Way, Buena Park, CA 90620

All our best wishes go out to hard-working members Karl Norton and Sarah Harris for Karl's continued recovery from his recent surgery. Notes and cards can go to their home at 9172 Margate Circle, Westminster, CA 90805-4627

Everyone please let me know when you have any personal announcements to share with the club.

SLABS FOR VETERANS

One of the things that the Searchers do as a community service is to supply material to the VA Lapidary shop in the VA hospital in Long Beach. Several Searchers are heavily involved in this shop, including Larry Ritchie who is currently in charge of it. A chat with Larry about the shop is always interesting, the shop does great things for disabled veterans, it's really an inspirational program. The shop is currently getting low on slabs, and can use our help. Next time you are cutting slabs, cut one for the vets. Bring any extra slabs you have to the monthly meeting, and we will make sure that they get to the veterans.

BENCH TIPS

by Brad Smith

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Santa Monica, CA USA

MAGNETIC HOLDER FOR FILES

An easy way to keep all your files organized at the bench is to use a magnetic tool strip. They're not expensive and help keep a lot of small tools from cluttering the bench top. I got a couple of them from Harbor Freight for about \$5 each. See <http://www.harborfreight.com/18-inch-magnetic-holder-65489.html>

Only regret was putting some of my small drills on the magnets. The drills got a little magnetized and now stick together when I carry them in a bottle in my tool box.

FINISHING PIERCED PATTERNS

After sawing patterns there's always a little cleanup to do. Needle files (7-8 inches) can get into the larger areas, and escapement files (4 inches) can get into some of the corners. But I often find myself looking for even smaller files. Couldn't even find them at a watchmaker tools supply company, so I had to try something else. I ended up grinding down the tip of a 4" barrette file using a separating disk (or cutoff wheel) in your Dremel or Foredom.

The wheels are inexpensive and do a great job grinding steel (poor at soft metals like silver). The disks have other uses like modifying pliers and making design stamps. My preference is the one inch diameter ones as shown at

<http://www.ottofrei.com/store/product.php?productid=3919&cat=3439&page=1>

Be sure to hold the wheel firmly so nothing moves to break the disk, and definitely wear your safety glasses. A flake of steel in your eye makes for a bad day.

Rock Sale for Searchers Only

There will be a rock Sale at the home of Helen Schleiderer on Sat June 18th from 0900 to 1500. We have done preliminary set up for the sale and so I know there are South American Agates, Plume Agates, Dry Head Agates, Dino Bone, Copralite (Dino Pooh), several types of petrified wood, Opal from the Spencer mine, etc. The material being sold is the result of many years of collecting, there is a lot of very nice material. Most material will be sold for \$0.75 a pound, although some (Dino Bone,

Copralite, Opal etc) will be slightly higher, but still great deals. This sale is open only to members of the Searchers at this time. This gives you a chance to get some great material for a great price.

Saturday June 18, 2011
0900-1500 hrs
2908 W. Lynrose Dr
Anaheim CA
92804-3924

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