



The Rock Slab News

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

The new year is well underway and Quartzsite is now over. It was great to see several of our club members enjoying all the great finds at Quartzsite this year, and hope everyone found treasures to bring home with them. This year we're looking forward to some fantastic fun, learning and exploring as we set out on various upcoming fieldtrips, plan for the big show, and more.

I want to remind everyone that the club is only as strong as it's members! We need folks to step up, get involved and help out. Whether you have ideas, knowledge you'd like to share, whatever - just do it! I'd also like to ask for members to help Yery out and provide him articles, items of interest, etc to share in our newsletter. The more we all share, the more we can learn and expand on what we do!

Thanks, *Terry-Lynn*

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE

Garnet

Garnet, the birthstone for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. Garnet, derived from the word granatum, means seed, and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone dates back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as inlays jewelry. Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorites. The rarest of these is the blue garnet, discovered in the late 1990s in Bekily, Madagascar. It is also found in parts of the United States, Russia and Turkey. It changes color from blue-green in the daylight to purple in incandescent light, as a result of the relatively high amounts of vanadium (about 1 wt.% V2O3). Other varieties of color-changing garnets exist. In daylight, their color ranges from shades of green, beige, brown, gray, and blue, but in incandescent light, they appear a reddish or purplish/pink color. Because of their color changing quality, this kind of garnet is often mistaken for Alexandrite. A sample showing the deep red color garnet can exhibit.



GENERAL INFORMATION

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
 Board Meetings: 7PM, 3rd 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
 Membership Dues: Individual- \$25, Couples- \$35, Junior (17 & under)- \$10
 Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

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FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIPS SPRING 2011			
Feb 19&20 2011	Jimmy Peterson	Siam Siding-Chapenite Cadiz-trilobite fossils	Planned
Mar 19&20 2011	Robert Burson & Jay Valle	Chuckwalla Mts-agates (plume, moss, fortification and banded) and jaspers	Planned
April 2011	Jim McGeough	Buffington Pockets Nevada (about an hour outside of Vegas)- Blue agate	Tentative
May 2011	TBD	Greenhorn Mt-rose quartz	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

UPCOMING CFMS GEM SHOWS**February 18-27, 2011 - Indio, CA**

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem amp; Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
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February 25-27, 2011 - Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newaro Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri.and Sat. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Sun.
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Lary Ham, show chair - (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 5-6, 2011 - Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043 /
lilliananderson@juno.com
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February 25-26, 2011 - Northridge, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds
Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd.
Hours: Fri. 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Sat. 10:00 am
to 5:00 pm
Chris S. Ward
Email: chris_ward678@yahoo.com
Website: delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 11-13, 2011 - Stoddard Wells, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stodard Wells)
Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15
Hours: 8-5 daily
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323
Email: Bretts88@verizon.net
Club (760) 243-2330
Website: www.vvgmc.org

March 5-6, 2011 - Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

March 12-13, 2011 - Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Turlock Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway
Hours: Sar. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
Email: Bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com
Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 12-13, 2011 - San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4
Joe & Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Email: joenmar1@verizon.net

March 12-13, 2011 - Salinas (Spreckels), CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Veteran's Hall, Spreckels, CA
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: Sat. 10-5 daily
Karen Jones (831) 678-0337 /
KenKaren0337@att.net

March 19-20, 2011 - Bakersfield, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
Kern County Shrine Club
700 south P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)
Hours: 9-5 daily
Lewis Helfrich - Home (661) 323-2663
Cell: (661) 378-4450
Email: lewsrocks@bak.it.com

March 26-27, 2011 - Angels Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)
Hwy 49 in Angels Camp
Hours: Sat. 9-5 - Sun. 9-4
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
Email: Tak2me@msn.com
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 26-27, 2011 - Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4
Glori Marie (530) 367-2262
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 8-10, 2011 - Vista, CA

San Diego County Council
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9-5 daily
Ray Pearce (769) 726-7570
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987
Simon King (619) 991-2226
Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 9-10, 2011 - Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa Co. Fairgrounds
Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of Mariposa
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Diane (209) 742-7625
Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net
Website:
www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info

April 9-10, 2011 - Paradise, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge
6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
Email: mmpg@earthlink.net
Website: <http://paradisegem.org>

April 15-17, 2011 - San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: Fri 9-5, Sat & Sun 10-5
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 23-24, 2011 - Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Corner of Church and Center St
Hours: 10-5 both days
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675
Email: wdeanwelder@yahoo.com
Website: www.scmgs.org

April 30 - May 1, 2011 - Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4:30
Beth Pelfrey (714) 774-2754
Email: martin.swiderski@jacobs.com
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May 13-15, 2011 - Anderson CA

Northern California Treasures
Sponsored by:
Superior California Gem & Mineral Society
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Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Shasta District Fairgrounds - Anderson, CA
Near Redding, CA - Off Highway 273
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Show Chairman: Steve Puderbough -
steve@applyaline.com
Website: www.superiorcal.com

BURRO CREEK FIELD TRIP REPORT

Jan 21, 22 & 23, 2011

by Steve Duncan

We had an excellent turn out for the Burro Creek trip, especially considering the distance, and the fact that it was the same weekend as the Quartzsite PowWow. From the Searchers we had Jimmy and Ester, Norbert and Ana, Jay and Kim, Carrie and Wei, Steve and Stevie, Susan and Jim, Marcia and I, Kurt and Kathy, Robert, Margaret, I don't think I missed anyone. We also had quite a few visitors, which always increases the fun. My friends Ron and Violet from Quartzsite (who are practically Searchers), as well as their friends Ken and Mary and Nolan and Carol joined us, as did new friends Terry and Dick from Tucson, and Forrest from the San Diego Gem and Mineral Society. Anyhow, you get the picture, we had a great turnout.



On Friday we started by going into Burro Creek from Nothing AZ, Suicide Wash. This way is shorter than the alternative Crossing Rd). It was an E with Carrie dragging his running boards, and Kurt bending a skid plate. many people decided to use Burro Creek Crossing Rd. Some of the occasionally tried suicide again. Friday we explored a "purple agate" one of my old maps, I would call what we found mostly pastelite rather purple agate we found years ago, but the pastelite is still very nice we were finding purples and lavender. We also went to some other and found some dendritic agate, as well as some small purple agate



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the corral. Saturday we went to old favorites Vern's Canyon, where the Pastelite is a carpet on the ground, and then to the yellow and pink jasper place. This location has giant boulders of colorful jasper, but you need to work hard to get it out. When we were ready to go Susan refused to leave before she got her boulder (150 lbs?) out. I went to help, and decided pretty quickly that it was still going to take a lot of time and work. But what do I know, in about 10 minutes it broke free. And Susan was nice enough to pass out pieces to everyone after it was broken up with the big sledge.



Sunday we had a smaller group, we went back to the corral, where Robert found some very interesting agates, and I just got scratched up by all the cactus, trees, etc. We then went to the pink Pastelite place on Burro Creek Crossing road, and everyone was able to find some of the pink.

As usual our Sat night potluck was a great success, lots of good food for everyone. It is easy to see that everyone is putting some effort what they bring, the quality of all the food was top notch.

All in all another great Searchers trip. The turnouts we have been getting recently have really made for some exciting times. Hopefully more of you will get to join us on some of our future trips, next month is Trilobites and Chapenite near Cadiz. Details are on the website.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

February 19 & 20, 2011

Siam Siding and Latham Shale, Cadiz, CA

Leader Jimmy Peterson

The Searchers will have a field trip to Cadiz, Feb 19&20, 2011. Siam Siding is famous for Chapenite, brecciated jasper. Small pieces are everywhere, but if you want any size you will need to be prepared to dig. You will be digging in soft sand, but it is still digging. The shale cliffs above camp contain trilobite fossils; we will spend some time there showing everyone how to collect trilobites.

We will be camping near Cadiz, directions to camp are below. This is a dry camp, with no amenities. Bring what you need, including lots of water and sunscreen. Also bring something for the Sat night potluck

The trips will start at 0900 on Sat and Sunday. Limited supplies and gas are available at Amboy (~8 miles from camp?). There is also a small motel there, which may or may not be open; there is a motel in Ludlow which is a bit further away.

Because it is winter dress in layers, you will still want sunscreen and lots of liquid.

Google maps says 3.5 hours from Orange to Chambliss (right next to Cadiz).

If you have any questions call me at 714 724 7102, or email me at wsd@iteris.com

Directions from Orange County:

Take 15 North to Barstow, then 40 East to Ludlow. Exit Ludlow, right at the bottom of the exit, then left at the stop onto Nat'l Trails Hwy (old route 66). Go East on Nat'l Trails Hwy past Amboy (this is the last gas and supply stop) to Chambless, turn right on Cadiz Rd. Cadiz Rd goes straight southeast for ~3 miles, and then bends sharply to the left. It goes a little less than a mile, and then turns right and crosses the tracks. **DO NOT** cross the tracks. You will turn left off Cadiz Rd onto a dirt road a couple of hundred yards before the turn towards the tracks. Camp is ahead a ¼ mile. There should be Searcher signs at the turn off, and at camp. You should be able to see the vehicles at camp from the paved road. Any vehicle should be able to make it to camp, and to the collecting spots, although there is some dirt road driving.

MARCH FIELD TRIP**March 19&20, 2011****Chuckwalla Springs**

There will be a field trip on Mar 19&20 to Chuckwalla Springs (between Desert Center/Blythe). This will be a multi-club trip, combining the Searchers with members of the Whittier Club and the North Orange County Club. The trip will be led by Searchers Robert Burson and Jay Valle. 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 amygdules.

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 sledge and gad.

Directions:

Take I10 east to the Chuckwalla Road off ramp, 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 you can contact the leaders; Robert at 562 860 5938, or Jay at 626 934 9764. Or you can contact me (Steve Duncan) directly at 714 724 7102, or wsd@iteris.com.

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