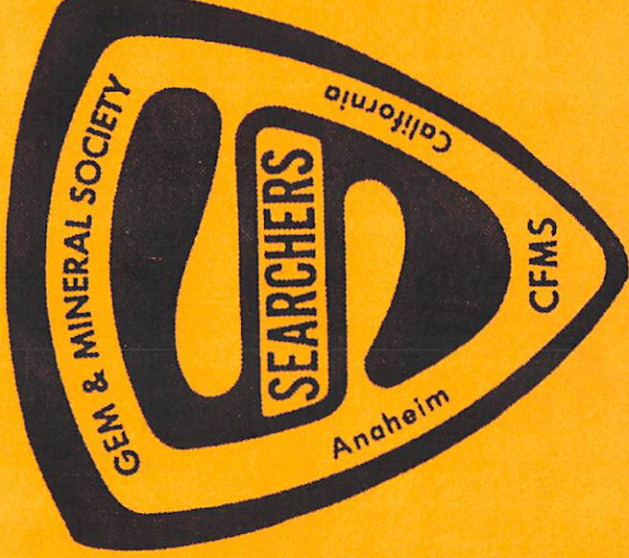
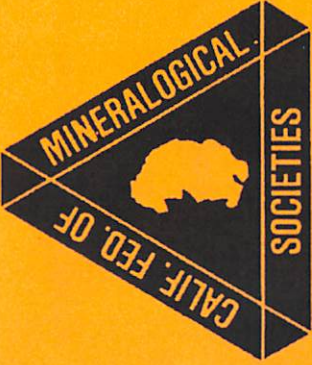




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Visitors are always welcome.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ** Douglas and Diana Lithgow	4	5 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 PM	6 * Dick Reed	7 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 PM
8 Columbus day 	9	10 Searchers meeting 7:00 to 9:00 PM	11 * Terry Bailey	12 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 PM	13 Deadline for November Rock Slab News	14 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 PM
15	16	17 *Marry Disney * Maria Bross	18	19 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 PM Board meeting 7:00 to 9:00 PM	20	21 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 PM
22	23	24	25 * Allen Imelda	26 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 PM * Ana M. Lorenzo	27	28 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 PM
29 Daylight Saving Time ends. Fall back 1 hr.	30 * Paul Ellis	31 * Robert New- ton 	* Birthdays ** Anniversary	 <p>They will be here sooner then you think.</p>		

Well, summer is officially over. I hope it has been a pleasant one for all of you

This is the time when the Searchers need to get down to serious business. First of all, Herb Beckman and his nominating committee will have their recommendations for next year's nominees for officers to present at the October meeting. Their goal is to have more than one nomination for each office. They need the cooperation of our members to make this happen, but it looks promising. If they ask you, try to say "YES".

We also need a show chairperson and a co-chairperson as soon as possible. The contract for the Center has been signed, reports and suggestions from last year are available, general instructions are ready to be handed over, and an analyses of the past several shows is being completed by Walt Mroch and Jim Williamson. Jim has been both Show Chairman and club president several times and is always involved with the show. Walt is a many time board member and always has an important involvement in our shows. Their evaluation and recommendations should be a big help to this years Show committee. The show is our only annual money maker so we are always eager to make it as successful as possible. The entire club gets involved in this event, and past chair people are always willing to help. Please talk to me if you have any questions or think you might be interested.

Remember, you get out of any organization only as much as you put in, and a club is successful only to the extent the members make it so. Ask the many members who are currently on the board, or serving as committee chair people, and as workshop foremen. We are very fortunate to have such an active group. But we need even more of you to try a position on for size. The more of us pull together, the more everyone will enjoy our club.

Remember, the November 14th meeting, is Pie Night. Each family brings their favorite pie to share for that night's refreshments. But if you happen to forget or don't have the chance to provide a pie, come anyhow. There is always more than enough for everyone.

This year's Christmas Party and Installation of new officers takes place on Saturday, Dec 2nd. Starting at 6 PM at the Garden Grove Elks Club. Searchers have been requesting a Saturday date, and this was the only one available as of last December. The menu will be the same as last year, turkey, veggies, and prime rib. The food has always been excellent. Cost with tax and tip are veggies or turkey with all the fixin's \$18.70. Prime Rib with baked potato \$23.10. Searchers will provide cake. We will vote at the Oct meeting on whether the club wants to supplement the cost for members. You can pay for your dinner at both the October and November meetings. Try to attend for the fun and to support your new Board. See you on Pie night!

Betty Nelson, Searchers president

THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP

Hello All:

Beth, at Diamond Pacific, has offered to give the Searchers a tour of their facilities. Date and time will be confirmed in November. Also, the Mojave Gem & Mineral Club will be presenting their show at the Barstow Community Center on Thanksgiving weekend. It's free and is considered one of the best shows in California. Art and Rosamond Riggle, specializing in spheres, have been presenting their amazing collection for years. If you attended the Riverside Federation Show, you were able to see a sample of their fine work. The center is located near Virginia Way on Barstow Road, just off the I-15 Fwy. Look for the fire station. If you are unable to attend the field trip, come on out and visit the show on Saturday the 25th or Sunday the 26th.

There will be plenty of activities to keep you busy on this Searcher's outing. I will be leading a field trip to Green Ash Hills, just east of Calico, to find petrified palm root, bog, and wood. When? Not sure what day, yet. We'll figure that one out at the next club meeting. Besides the field trip and rock show, there are several points of interest in the Barstow area. If you haven't checked out Rainbow Basin, off of Fossil Bed Rd. and Fort Irwin Rd., do it. The narrow, one way, dirt road meanders through a multi-colored, fossiliferous badlands topography. But, remember, no rockhounding here; it's a "National Natural Landmark." There are other recreational opportunities in this area, also. Doran Canyon has a maze of sedimentary gorges, ravines and side roads to hike and explore. You might want to hunt for sagenite in the backcountry of Mule Canyon, along with black agate, variegated jaspers and petrified woods. There are incredible scenic areas, abandoned mines and quarries to be explored in this region. Beside rockhounding functions, there are fashion outlets, the archeological Early Man Site, the new Route 66 Museum, and Calico Ghost Town to visit. Oh, and don't forget the dump, ladies. It's located near Early Man Site. Happy rock hunting!

Your buddy,

Connie Van Kampen

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Minutes of the General Meeting August 8, 2000

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The meeting was called to order by Betty Nelson at 8:15 PM. Guests were introduced and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given. She reported that this was the fourth year that a club case had been entered in the Orange County Fair and that we received first place and a trophy for this division entry. Not having a place to display this trophy, Alice Lux volunteered to contact the Center to see if we could put it in their hallway display. Betty also thanked all members who donated their time during our fair demonstration time on Saturday.

Millie Arvanites announced that two new members had joined tonight and that our membership now totals 204.

Joan Mccomber said that the Thanksgiving field trip to Calico and been cancelled due to the fact that there were no campsites available. You can still go and participate in the Calico Days if you had an early reservation. There was a sign-up sheet for the September Jade Cove field trip and Willow Creek area and that you could make your camping reservations on line at www.america.com. The sites for the Searchers is 88 through 115 at San Simeon State Park. You can also call her or contact her at her e-mail address for more information.

Betty announced that our Christmas Party will be at the Elks in Garden Grove on December 2nd. She would like to form a committee for next years Christmas Party with possibilities for other locations. Please contact her if you are interested.

Herb Beckman, chairman of the Nomination for officers for 2001, said that Doris Pelfrey and Sharon Burson were on his committee and he requested that members see his committee at one of the tables to sign-up to run for an office.

Beth Pelfrey announced that the North Orange County Club was sponsoring a bus trip with admission pass for twenty dollars a person on August 26 to visit the "World of Dinosaurs" in Riverside and to see her for a flyer on this event. The American Federation and Rocky Mountain Federation Show will be October 12-15 in Moab, Utah. There will be many field trips to collect petrified wood, Copralite and more. There will be dry camping available and to see her for more information and flyers.

Bob Dixon had some of the clubs library books and videos on display. They were available for members to check out for a two month period. More books and videos are available at our work shop times on Thursday evenings and Saturdays.

Richard Butler announced that the Rock Slab News deadline is always the Monday following our General Meeting.

Jim Perlowin introduced our guest speaker, Helga and Werner Wagoner from the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society of Torrance. Helga explained how she gained her knowledge and love of locating, collecting, and identifying the different petrified wood species. She had a two table long display of different woods with microscope and book of identification. We learned the two types of wood are either Dicot and Conafir(pine) and the period age and where they grew. After the lecture

we adjourned for refreshments and to get a close look at Helga's display of petrified wood and ask questions.

The Secretary Minutes of the July Meeting were read to the membership.

There was no Treasurers report due to her absence.

Audrey Nichols presented Allen Silverstone his trophy for ten consecutive years of entering a display case in our May Club Show.


Connie Van Kampen announced that she had been out to collect Butler Onyx in the Fort Irwin Road area. In the future her and Joan McComber will collaborate on a field trip in this area. Connie announced that she is having a spectacular October 28 Halloween party at her home and invited club members to come. Flyers were available.

The meeting closed at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by,



Nancy Norlund
Secretary



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL OCTOBER SHOW

The Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show is planned for the weekend of October 21 and 22 in Whittier.

Please leave out the enclosed announcements at your next meeting and pass this page on to the Bulletin Editor.

We're looking forward to a very successful show and trust that as many of your members as possible can come out and join us.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pat La Rue, CFMS President

Another Convention and Show is in the history books! This show was truly a first because for the first time in the history of the California Federation, the event was hosted by a club which had never organized anything larger than a loosely structured tailgate. Except for the few who are members of local clubs which host a gem and mineral show, its members had no idea what a show of this genre looked like even on a small scale.

The host club did have lots of help from its neighbors. Clubs in the area pitched in and sent volunteers to assist with set up and tear down. Others assisted at the hospitality desk registering exhibitors and showing dealers to their spaces. At least one did a shift at the ticket window. Just as they had in 1996, the Southern California Faceters Guild held a successful symposium in conjunction with the show. Members of local metal detecting clubs supported the coin hunt and visited the show. It's still amazing how all these people from all these different organizations representing a diversity of interests managed to come together to make this show a success.

The point I want to make is that any club in the Federation can host a CFMS Convention and Show. Club size doesn't matter. Two or more clubs may decide to host a show together. Although the host of the most recent show is quite large, a large portion of its membership lives outside the geographical area and many more did not have much interest in supporting the project. By design the core organizing committee was kept small and compatible; the respective chairpersons invited other members upon whom they could depend to assist when needed. Of course no volunteer was turned away! The basic operating guide was the show manual recently published by CFMS and available to any club wishing to host a Federation Show. All the information you need, plus some which you may never use is there for the reading. Many times the most challenging aspect of putting on the show is finding a suitable location to hold it. Most shows are held at fairgrounds or convention center facilities. Rates may vary depending upon the time of year.

Once you have a location and make a successful bid for a show, you will be assigned a CFMS show coordinator who will serve as your direct link to CFMS. The show coordinator is a person who has much experience organizing and/or chairing a show of this type. He/she will give you as much or as little assistance with the details as you request.

Your club can count on assistance from nearby clubs and the CFMS leadership residing in their area. Don't be afraid to ask for help! Putting on a show is a lot of work, but the sense of achievement your club gets when the event is successfully concluded is well worth it. We need clubs to host future shows. We are waiting to hear from you!

October 9 - 16-5, 2000

AFMS Show Moab, UT Field Trips

Debbie Bunn, Field Trip Leaders

(916) 929-6665 / fossilsff@aol.com

Kieth Lindholm & Carole Lockhart, Field Trip Leaders

(916) 638-2314

COOP has planned a series of collecting trips and sightseeing trips in and around Moab during the show. Five trips are planned. Collecting to include gastroliths, coprolite, agates and more. Sightseeing for pictograph, petroglyphs, dinosaur tracks and more. Contact field trip leder for details and to make reservations.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

No party poopers allowed! You need to wear a costume. If you try to crash the party without a costume, our entertainment committee will be prepared to help you select attire from our "Goodwill Throw Away Collection" or our "Raunchy Rags Recyclables." Should you require help in dressing up for the occasion, our crew will be glad to assist you. If you're lucky, we might even give you a "make-over."

If you plan to wine and dine, bring your own brew to drink and a potluck dish to share. If you'd like to cook an entree, we'll have a couple of barbecues fired up and ready to go. Some drinks will be provided as well as hors d'oeuvres to compliment the festivities.

WHAT TO BRING: Potluck dish, BYOB, a good joke to share, a good story to share, your lawn chair, and a good sense of humor.

WHERE: Connie Van Kampen's home at 16932 Cumberland Circle, Yorba Linda

DATE: October 28, 2000 (Saturday)

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLEASE: RSVP via e-mail at: CconnieCat@aol.com or call 714-993-2827