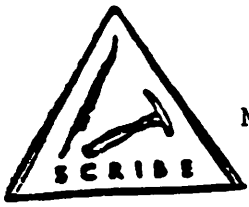


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Established June 20, 1958

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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

REQUIREMENT: Items for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentine's to all - this year, our February meeting falls on Cupid's Holiday. We seem to have gotten off to a slow start in 1995 - the first meeting and field trip both cancelled due to record rains. The rest of the year should now run smoothly (shouldn't it?)

We have some interesting field trips on the books so far, including of course Quartzsite this month, the rescheduled Lithium Queen trip in March; and a trip to Lucerne Valley/Victorville for Bug Eye Rhyolite in April, prior to the extended field trip in May. Hopefully the weather will cooperate from here on out.

With the cancellation of our January Meeting, there has been even less opportunity for all to renew their membership and pay their dues. Please remember this must be done this month to insure inclusion in the Searchers Roster.

Tonight's speaker, also rescheduled from the January deluge, should be able to give us the latest insight on matters of vital interest to our club--the new desert use regulations. We are very pleased to have Bob Waiwood, BLM Geologist from Riverside, here to update us and answer our questions tonight. Next month, we are fortunate Cliff Coan speaks to us about Australian opals.

The forecast is for rain on Valentine's, but fortunately nobody is very good at predicting the weather--rain or shine, I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting

L.C. Madsen, MD



THE FLOOD WATERS have subsided, and Marge has been able to dry out her typewriter, so she will be doing the bulletin again. I'm so glad. For Marge, of course! Please send any information to be included in the March bulletin to

Marge Jordan
12161 Bartlett Street
Garden Grove, CA 92645

in time for it to reach her no later than March 7.

REFRESHMENTS

I'll be passing a clipboard tonight and asking that people volunteer to provide refreshments at an upcoming meeting. As usual, the club will pay for the food, you will only need to see to its getting there. Last year, several people said the sheet was all signed up before it got to them. The response was great! However, if you would like to work in pairs, that would be fine with me, and perhaps easier for a newcomer who might volunteer. Thanks

Jeanne Howe

SUNSHINE



George Mitchum has suffered from pneumonia following our heavy rains and flooding. He reports he is feeling better now.

Queenie Osborne had a stroke last August, and a second one the week before Christmas. She is suffering the effects, and is now blind in her right eye. We are all so sorry to hear this news.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, MILLY ARVANITES

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DUES ARE DUE!!

Dues are due on January 1, and delinquent after March 1 '95

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If you are unable to attend either the January or February Meeting, please mail your dues to:

Milly Arvanites
5200 Irvine Blvd.
Space 388
Irvine, CA 92720

We want to welcome Trudie K. Reed, who is a returning member.

Bob and Sue Hodges have a new address:
211 N. Citrus Ave., Sp. 19
Escondido, Ca 92027
Phone: 619/739-1640

Another new address to note:

Michael's Lapidary has moved. They are now located at
354 South Tustin
Orange, CA 92666
Phone 714/997-3246

SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

The Board meeting of the 25th of January was the first of the 1995 Board's tenure. CHRIS Madsen is enthusiastic that this year WILL be the year we get a workshop back.

The Board talked about the non-profit status of the organization and providing more opportunities for direct community service for the club as a whole and for individual members.

The status of the lobby group, the California Desert Coalition, which the Searchers has supported in the past, was brought up by Elmer Parsons who was asked to present a report to the membership at the February meeting.

Connie reported on the field trips: Lithium Queen was rained out and rescheduled to March 25. See the Bulletin.

Herb's programs sound exciting and fun, as usual.

The Board is looking for ideas and volunteers for field trips, programs and community service projects.

From Doris Pelfrey, (714) 774-2754.



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SHOW REPORT:

We had our second show meeting Thursday, January 17th and things are moving along smoothly.

After our first show meeting (October 20th) it was questionable as to whether or not we would have a Craft Booth in our show since we did not get a volunteer Craft Chairman. I really didn't want to give up a Craft booth so it was decided that if we could get members to make 6 or 8 items on their own and IF we could get someone to setup and organize the booth we should be able to have a successful Craft booth this year.

The word went out during the Thanksgiving field trip and everyone we approached thought it was a great idea and many agreed to make 6 or 8 items. Since then we have had more volunteers but we still need more. You can make what you like. After you have completed them give me a call and I will arrange to have them picked up or you can let me know what you have and bring them to the general meetings. If you have any questions please give me a call.

I'm happy to say that Margaret Neeley has volunteered to do the setting up of the booth on Friday (and she will certainly need volunteers to help) and to run the booth.

Members, with all your help and ideas I'm confident that we will not only have a lot of nice items but a successful Craft booth. We have a lot of talented members, male and female who have made nice items in the past so, let's "go for it" and make this year's booth a success.

I would also like to thank Sue Hodges for the lovely Afghan she made and donated for the Friday night drawing. If anyone else would like to make one it would be appreciated.

If you need any more info please call me at 897-2407 or 895-4620.

George Mitchum
1995 Show Chairman



SEARCHER LOGO WATCHES:

I still have a few Searcher Logo watches (men and women). The price is \$18.00 plus \$1.40 tax, \$19.40 total. This is my cost. I purchased these on my own and not with Searcher funds. These are nice watches and are waterproof and our logo is attractive....something no member should be without!

George Mitchum

MEMORIAL DAY EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

Plans are being made for an extended field trip into Utah after the Memorial Day weekend.

The May field trip will be May 27-29 somewhere between Barstow and Copper Mountain.

For those who can go on the extended trip: Tentatively it will start at Orderville for Septarian Nodules. Then, on to Beaver for local hunting and a dutch oven dinner, being planned by George Lux. Next would be Topaz Mountain, and possibly Dugway geodes. After that, further areas can be planned if there is enough interest.

If you have any questions, call Marvin Mog at 774-6374. More details will follow. This is just for your information now so that you can better make your plans.

Marvin Mog

IN MEMORIAM

Those of you who have been in the club for sometime will surely remember June and Denny Dennison who were very active members until they retired to the Newberry Springs area.

On January 19, Denny died, after a lengthy illness. We will surely miss him. The Dennisons joined the Searchers in 1970, while living in Santa Ana. Denny was two time field trip chairman, leading the membership to many interesting digging areas. The only accident sustained by the Searchers in their field trip history, left Denny with a busted jaw and ankle when the jeep carrying several members rolled over.

June remains, at least for now, at 42667 Bedford, Newberry Springs, CA 92365.

ANY TAKERS?

Walter Wentzel, a Searcher, has some colored glass gleaned from cleaning ovens at a glass factory. He lives at the KOA Kampground (Box 18) at 16530 Stoddard Wells Road in Victorville, 92392. Sorry, we don't have the space number, but believe it is a Pace Arrow Motor Home.



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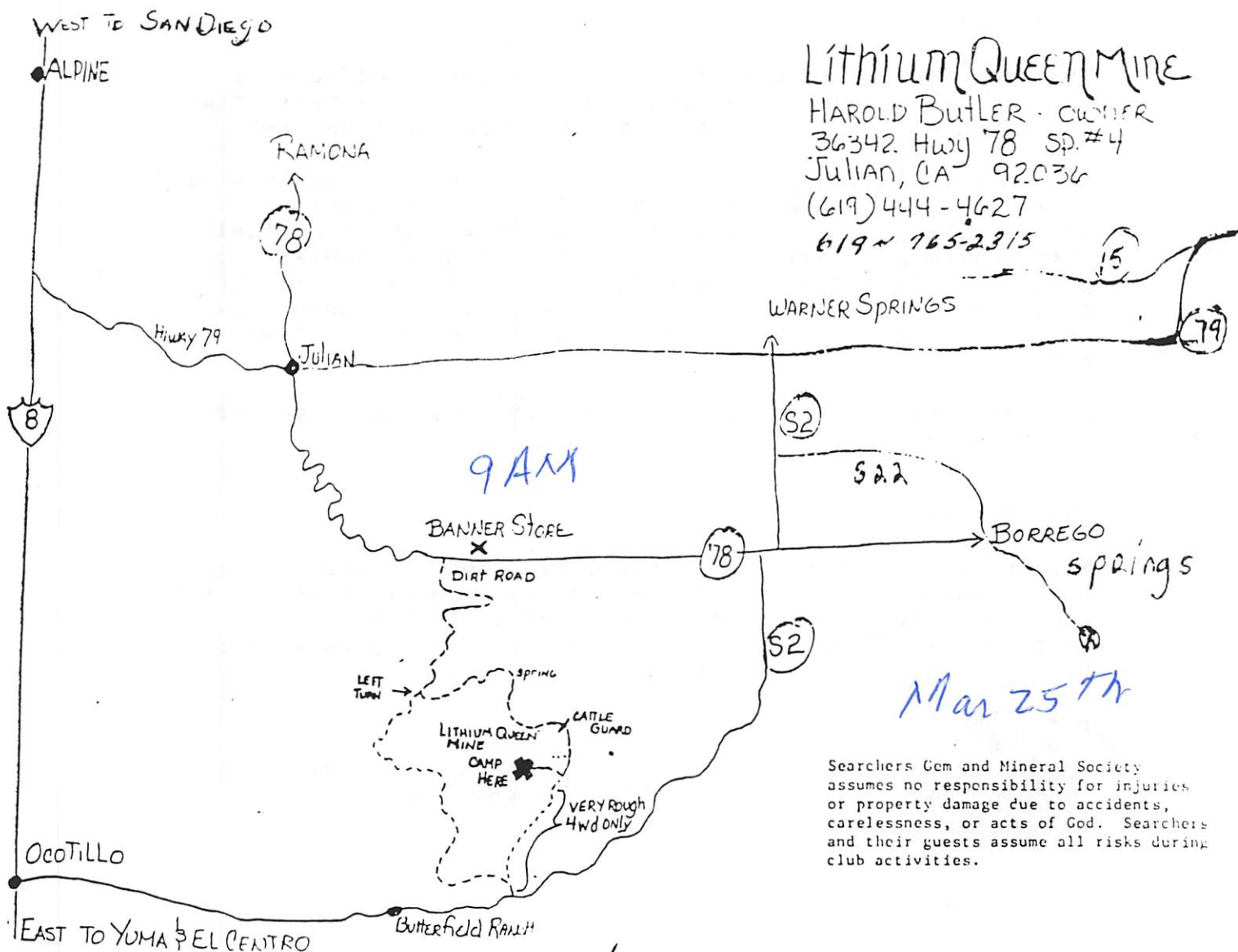
COLORING SILVER

To darken silver, dip finished pieces into a hot solution of liver of sulfur (potassium sulfide). When the desired dark color is reached, rinse thoroughly under running water and buff as needed.

A green patina is produced on silver by dipping the finished article in a solution of hydrochloric acid, water and iodine with the proportions 3-1-1. Remove the rinse in running water when proper tint is reached.

Steel blue silver is obtained by placing the finished piece into a small metal container which contains some sulfur. The container is then heated slowly with a torch. The silver should be suspended so that it does not touch the sulfur. It is the sulfur fumes that will produce the blue color. As always, remember the safety rule: Always add acid to water!

From CFMS Bulletin



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