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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this message finds everyone staying healthy and doing well. The COVID vaccine roll-out is slowly progressing – I'm hearing of some of our members getting their vaccination "jabs", which is great news. A few more months of continuing progress on vaccinations promises an end to the pandemic and a return to a more normal way of life. As of this writing, the Anaheim Community Center remains closed due to COVID-19. For now, we will continue to conduct our club board and general meetings via Zoom. More good news is that with the lifting of



California's stay at home order, our Board has decided to schedule club sponsored field trips again. I look forward to seeing some of you in person in the months ahead on one of our field trips.

For those who joined our general meeting in February, Sujatmiko Miko gave a great talk on the rock collecting opportunities in Indonesia. Miko is a member of our club who is also a geologist. He shared many maps and beautiful photos showing some of Indonesia's gem and mineral wealth. The variety and vivid colors were breath taking. Thank you Miko for sharing your knowledge with us. And thank you Sharon for arranging to have Miko speak to our club.

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At our February board meeting, we covered a few topics including a continuing discussion on how to better organize and share club documents online and how to better conduct club business in a "virtual" environment. To facilitate the storage and sharing of Board documents and help standardize our online presence, we have created a board Gmail email account with Google Drive folders where Board documents can be stored and shared. This should make the process of board transitions more seamless and less dependent on multiple emails and hand-offs of paper documents. The addition of a board email address should allow us to standardize access to a variety of online club tools and resources (such as our website, social media accounts, financial accounts, etc) without having to use individual personal board member email addresses as the log in credentials. Again, this has benefits from a board transition and club continuity standpoint. Other topics we discussed was finalizing a club budget for 2021 in order to project our year-end financial position. As of the February board meeting, our cash balance was \$27,863. While we project we will still have a sizable cash reserve at year-end, having a written budget will help document our assumptions for the year.

One last business item, we have received a couple of questions from members on how to go about paying dues this year. Without in-person meetings, about the only way to do this is via the mail. Dues payments should be mailed to; SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 3492, ANA-HEIM, CA 92803

That's all for now Searchers. Stay healthy!



Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- March 2nd ZOOM meeting

Member Meeting- March 9th ZOOM meeting

NOTE: The latest is that the Community Center is still closed

Searchers General Meeting February 9th

Margaret, Diana, Dean, Miko, Theresa, Sharon, Robert (kevintime), Paul, John, Charlotte, Jim, Sue, Diana, Jennifer, R Larzelere, Kim, Virgil, Dave, Jean, Carol, Feni, Maren, Jamie, Gwen, Jay, Linda, Adrian Meeting called to order at 7:05

New members: Jean Henryck new member and a friend of Jennifer who is a member; Feni, from GIA; Dave Duncan, newer member loves to rock hound and ran into members last year at Quartzsite

Dues payment: sending a check is the best way to pay dues and send to the PO Box

Meeting recap on the shows cancelation and possibility of a light show later in the year depending on vaccine and covid

A Brief Introduction to Indonesian Gemstones, by Sujatmiko Miko

Education from the Association of Indonesian Geologist Society of Indonesia. Indonesia is 5.2 million KM2 and is comprised of many small islands. 24 varieties of Indonesian gems were featured on stamps from 1997-2001

Focus for tonight is west java islands. Garut regency intense colors from petrified wood with copper and chrysocolla and other minerals including moss variation in intense bright colors.

Hardness of these stones is about 7. They are formations of minerals in cracks or fault lines in the stone. Look like very colorful landscapes.

Tasikmalaya Regency riverbed has jasper and is now protected by the government. Once these rocks are cut there is intense colors inside. Some resemble a burning forest (painting from Pinterest) Some specimens have coral when observed under microscope. Red Pepper jasper with Stromatolite Fossil and Bumble bee jasper is not really jasper and is also from Indonesia.

Are there clubs in Indonesia? How does one go about collection? He would publish discoveries and ask for government protection not to export. He published a book with short segments on the gems and works on the preservation of them. Chan is a risk in that they come in and buy the whole mine or collection (and not just from Indonesia)

Will Andrew be doing a February field trip? Not sure yet, Andrew was not able to join tonight.

Possible show and tell for next meeting - Jimmy for sphere making; Kim for his showcases any lapidary shops to do a virtual tour

The Searchers has a YouTube channel if you are out someplace and make a video make sure you post it out there

Sharon has a new great grandchild born January 24th, baby girl.

No other questions this evening, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Searchers Board Meeting Minutes, February 2nd

The board discussed Searchers social media accounts and web presence. We are in the process of consolidating and clarifying our social media presence and goals. The board is also excited about incorporating Paypal functionality to the website for paying dues. The board wants to remind Searchers that Searcher Merchandise is available from https://fineartamerica.com/featured/searchers-logo-kim-strange.html?product=regular-tshirt. There is a link on our homepage https://www.searchersrocks.org/.

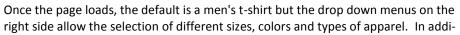
The board also discussed recent donations to the club, budget preparation, and our CFMS insurance. We are scheduling field trips again, with COVID-19 precautions.

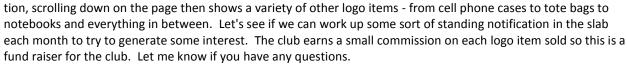
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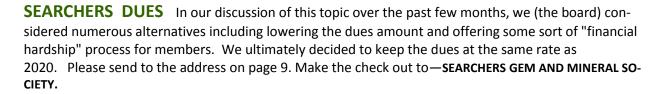
Searchers New Logo Wear Website

Here is the link:

https://fineartamerica.com/featured/searchers-logo-kim-strange.html?product=regular-tshirt







Show News

Our dedicated Show Committee works on our show all year long, making or gathering prizes, thinking about improvements, and collecting and tumbling materials. I am tumbling donated materials that were marked for tumbling in the Searchers' storage unit. If any wire wrappers or other fabricators would like to make show prizes with these tumbled materials, I could get some to you. Also, think about what we could do with tumbled rock bits and small tumbled pieces of glass. These offer creative opportunities for all of the makers in our club. Collaboration is encouraged! I tried to make clear Elmer's glue suncatchers in yoghurt lids with bits of tumbled glass, but they fell apart in the rain. Resin is not sun safe; Dean suggested using superglue, and I've wanted to try marine-type coatings. We'll see if those work. All ideas are welcome. It would be great to have lots of prizes to bank for our 2022 and future shows. Let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to the Show Committee.



March Meeting

Speaker: Pete Goetz Topic: Opal

Description: An Introduction. Etymology, Chemical make-up, Structure, how colors are created, types of

Opal, where found and mining techniques.

Searchers will have the General Meeting by Zoom, March 9th 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom is dependent on a computer/tablet/phone with a microphone and camera, and Zoom loaded on it. If you need to download Zoom, do so at https://zoom.us/

We would set an appointed day and time (have Zoom downloaded) and then click on the meeting link below. Then you would click the "join meeting" button, then enable your microphone and enable your video.

If you are using an iPad you might have to touch the screen to see the speaker and video options at the bottom.

NOTE: for those who can't use Zoom, call us, we would love to have you!

Topic: Searcher's Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

The club purchased our own Zoom account when we learned that Margaret would be retiring this year. The Zoom ID that has been set up for our general meetings is;

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169783495?pwd=QzQwTndNc0lSajRNdW5raTZ5NkZaZz09



Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

Searchers One Day Field Trip to Baxter Wash 2-20-21

High winds ruled the day for a fun trip out into the North Cady Mountains and the Baxter Wash. We had 32 folks join in 17 cars, making for quite a caravan moving through the desert. The group had a nice mix of Searcher's, members of Santa Ana Rocks and Minerals, and a few other guests. A few folks were on their first rockhounding trip. Essentially from the meetup until we departed, the winds were sustained between 20-30 kts. While being sandblasted, we were still able to find many nice specimens at the Jewel Box deep in the wash and at a second location closer to Afton Canyon in the Pink Hills.

A couple of noteworthy happenings. On the initial drive up the main wash, I spotted a DSLR camera on the side of the trail! Fortunately, I saw it as the lead vehicle, for it certainly would have been lost in the dust cloud had I not. Turns out it belonged to one of our own, and I was glad to return it to him. Secondly, I accepted a donation of a Rockhounding Barstow book by Justin Zzyxx. We appreciate this donation made by Cyndy Mandell of Mining Supplies & Rock Shop and we happy to have them join our trip. (https://www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com/)

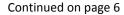
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Future Field Trips

Our next field trip will be to Tecopa, CA on March 13-14, 2021. This was a trip we had planned for last year right at the beginning of the pandemic, and we've been eager to execute it ever since. On Saturday we will visit Sperry Wash and collect a variety of agatized flora fossils and on Sunday we will visit the War Eagle Mine in Shoshone in search in interesting minerals. This was an old iron mine, with secondary mining of gold and silver. Stay tuned for an email with detailed info in a field trip flier.

Searchers Information

Slab Archive on Searchers Website

Thanks to Kendall and John (our Wheel of Fortune team at our show) we have even more years of the Slab in an archive on the Searchers Web Site. Do you have any paper Slabs tucked away? If you do, please check to see if you have any of these issues. They can be scanned and returned to you:

Pre-1991: all issues

1991: January, June, July, September-November

1992: January, July 1993: January 1994: October

1995: June 1997: April

1999: March, May-December 2000: January-July, September

2001: June-December 2002: January-December 2003: January-December 2004: January-December

2005: January-July, November-December

2006: December 2007: December

2008: January, February, December

2009: December 2011: February 2013: July

Check out the archive at https://www.searchersrocks.org/2019-slab-archive

Margaret Hogarth

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How to Read Topographic Maps

For an overview of topoView, the USGS topographic map viewer, an interesting history of topographic maps, and how to read a topo map see https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/help/

Do you want to learn about Quartz?

I came across a link to a wonderful website that explains just about everything you could want to know about Quartz. Did you know that the agate that many members of our club love to collect, cut and polish is actually a cryptocrystalline variety of quartz? Did you know that banding in agate can be described as either "wall-lining banding" or "horizontal banding"? Information on these and many more topics, many beautiful photos and a host of reference material is available at the below website. Check it out...

http://www.quartzpage.de/index.html

Upcoming 2021 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfms inc.org

Due to the ongoing virus check to see if any shows are still on. Most all have been canceled

2021 Shows

March 6 – Ventura, CA CANCELLED!!!

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

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Ventura County Fairgrounds

April 10-11, 2021 - Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club Mountains of Minerals Show Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd.

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Website: http://mariposagemclub.org

May 1-2, 2021 - Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society Kennedy Mine Gem and Craft Show Hwy 49 in Jackson CA Saturday – 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday – 10 AM - 4 PM

Contact: (209) 296-4061, black-wolf@vgolcano.net

June 12-13, 2021 – Escondido CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido CA 92025

Saturday – 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4PM

Palomar Gem and Mineral Show – presented by the Palomar Gem and Mineral Club. Held in the California Arts Centers museum and ballroom. A beautiful indoor facility. Secure for vendors and comfortable for attendees. 30-35 dealers. Website: pgmcshow@palomargem.org

August 14-15, 2021 – Arcadia CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society "Inspiration Unearth", 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381 Email: ellenbf207@aol.com Website: pasadenalapidary.org

September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral SocietySilver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928 Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4

PM

Contact: 1 530 586-7052; Website: http://featherriverrocks.org

October 9-10, 2021 - Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society

Saturday and Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM

Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384,

steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net

Website: http://pggs.org

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One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA

March Birthstone: Aquamarine & Bloodstone







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Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan -

Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center

250 East Center St. Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

P.O Box 3492

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