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FIELD TRIPS

- January 23rd.
Burro Creek

JANUARY GENE- RAL MEETING SPEAKER

- Brandon Browne

Topic: The 1912 Erup-
tion of the Katmai
Volcano in Alaska.

The Rock Slab News

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The President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR SEARCHERS!

Well, Christmas is behind us, as well as all the hustle and bustle it brings with it. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday however you celebrate! As we step into the new year, remember to get involved in your club! We have several field-trips in the works, so keep your eyes posted here in the Slab as well as the website for information as it becomes available. We also have the annual show quickly arriving in May. We need our members to step up and get involved with this event. It's a huge undertaking, but if we all sign up to do a little something either during the show or behind the scenes in

preparation, it would make a huge job relatively easy. There will be plenty of other activities to get involved with as the year progresses. Remember the slab and website are your sources of information, check them often and get involved!

Be safe and enjoy a wonderful New Year's Celebration!

Teri-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. Today, the most important sources for garnet are Africa, Sri Lanka, and India.





For field trip
information contact:

David Nelson, V.P.

Field Trips, Searchers

Gem and Mineral
Society,

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Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
1/23/13	Tracy Jackson	Burro Creek, AZ	Scheduled
1/25/13	Tracy Jackson	Quartzsite, AZ show	Scheduled
2/22/13	David Nelson	Wiley Wells, CA	Scheduled

For a more complete listing of shows go to website:

www.cfmsinc.org, www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html

www.firemountaingems.com, www.southsunproducts.com

www.route66goldminers.org, www.auctionmasters.com

Burro Creek Field Trip Details

January 23rd thru 24th, 2013

We will be camping at the Burro Creek Campground, off of I93 south of Wikieup AZ. This camp has a minimal fee, and has rest rooms. This campground is a very nice one, with scenic views of the river gorge. The trip will target agate, jasper, pastelite, and anything else we can find. This trip requires 4 wheel drive, so if you don't have a 4x4 please arrange your rides before the trip. The trips will start at 10:00 on Wednesday,

and 9:00 on Thursday. We will be having our potluck dinner on Thursday night. Limited supplies and gas are available at Wikieup. There is also a small motel there, depending on whether or not it is hunting season they can fill up. Because it is winter dress in layers, you will still want sunscreen and lots of liquid. Wear boots, bring picks, gads, rock picks, 5 gallon bucket and 3lb crack hammer if you wish. Some sites may require some hard

rock mining, but not all. This is before the weekend of the Quartzsite Powwow, you may want to include that in your plans, it starts on Friday, Jan 18th. Google maps says it takes 2.5 hours from Quartzsite to Wikieup. If you have any questions call me at 714-705-3445, or email me at oaamimi@aol.com. Directions: From Orange County: I5N to 40E to 93S, past Wikieup to the campground. Google maps says it is 6 hrs to Wikieup. From Quartzsite: I0E to 60E (exit 31) to 71N to 93N to campground (a few miles before Wikieup. Google maps says it is 2.5 hrs to Wikieup. To Quartzsite from Orange County: Take I0E. Google maps says it is about 3.5 hrs to Quartzsite.

For more details contact:

Tracy Jackson
714-705-3445

Quartzsite Field Trip Details

January 25th thru 27th, 2013

We will be going to Quartzsite for the rock and gem Pow Wow as well as Desert Gardens and various rock sales areas. We hope to see you all there during the weekend.

Books Recommended for Searchers Library



Hello Searchers! We are trying to build our library up with some much needed additions and updates. The list below is what we are looking for at this point. If you have any of these books and would like to donate them to the clubs library, please speak

Herb Beckman. Thank you!

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN#
Agates and Jaspers	Ron Gibbs	978-0-578-00555-3
Agates Inside Out	Karen Brzys	978-1-89113-97-7
Complete Guide to Fossils, and Fossil Collecting	Steve Parker	978-681375-76-5
The Complete Metalsmith	Tim Mc Creight	0-87192-240-1
Dana's Textbook of Mineralogy	Edward Salisbury Dana	
Desert Gem Trails	Mary Francis Strong	
Emerald and other Beryls	John Sinkankas	0-945005-03-2

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Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
1/8/13	Brandon Browne (Geology Professor from Cal State Fullerton)	The 1912 Eruption of the Katmai Volcano in Alaska.
2/12/13	Jim Pisani	Fluorescent Rocks!
3/12/13	Justin Zzyzx (yes, it's his real name)	California Rock-Hounding Locations – Part 2!
4/16/13	pending	pending

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING YOUR SLAB SUBMISSIONS

Searchers, we have been receiving concerns that the Slab isn't being sent out early enough in the month, and prohibiting members from participating in various activities. Well, that's going to change! Yery, who puts together our Slab informs me that he would be able to get it out the first week of the month if all submissions were sent to him by the third week of the preceding month. SO.... please remember if you want your article, information, pictures,

games, comments, whatever in the Slab they MUST be to Yery no later than the third week of the preceding month. This allows Yery the time he needs to put everything together and get it sent out. This new guideline will start next month. February's newsletter will be out the first week of February, and any submissions for that edition have to be in Yery's hands by JANUARY 19th. If it is received by this time I have been assured your article will be included,

the Slab will be published and in your inboxes by February 8th. If your submissions are not received by this deadline, they will be deferred to the following month. If you have any questions or comments regarding this, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Teri-Lynn



Upcoming 2013 CFMS Gem Shows



February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival

46-530 Arabia Street

Hours: 10 - 10 daily

Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674

Email: bert67@verizon.net

March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley

Newark Pavilion

6430 Thornton Avenue

Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 305-4196

Email: Cdmiller59@gmail.com

Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

The Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

301 Baldwin Avenue (Ayers Hall)

Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily

Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com

Website: www.Moroks.com

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725

Email: abaris2007@gmail.com

Website: www.vgms.org

March 9 - 10: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

San Marino Masonic Center

3130 Huntington Drive

Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239

Email: joenmar1@verizon.net

March 9 - 10: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club

Spreckels Veteran's Hall

5th & Llano Streets

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233

Email: kcbakes27@yahoo.com

Website:

www.salinasrockandgem.com

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 North Broadway

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494

Email: terry_mcmillin@yahoo.com

Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 16 - 17: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Solano County Fairgrounds

900 Fairgrounds Drive

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 745-1816, cell (707) 334-2950

Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net

March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Calaveras County Fairgrounds

101 Frogtown Road

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277

Email: amy95247@yahoo.com

Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers

Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds

800 All American City Blvd

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Gloria Marie, (530) 367-2262

Email: gloriarosevilleroollers@gmail.com

Website: www.rockrollers.com

March 23 - 24: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Ken Miller Recreation Center

3341 Torrance Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851

Email: Sudduth3@msn.com



Books Recommended for Searchers Library *from page 3*

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN#
The Field Guide to Geology	David Lamberg	0-8160-1697-6
Field Collecting Gemstones and Minerals	John Sinkankas	0-945005-00-8
Gemcutting, a Lapidary's Manual Third Edition	John Sinkankas	0-442-27630-3
Gem and Lapidary Materials	June Culp Zeitner	0-945005-18-0
Gemstone and their Origins	Peter C. Keller	
Gemstones of the World—Third Edition	Walter Schumann	1-4027-4016-6
Geodes: Nature's Treasures	June Culp Zeitner & Brad Lee Cross	
How to's of Cabbing and Carving Montana Agates	Tom and Jim Harmon	0-9707103-1-3
Minerology for Amateurs	John Sinkankas	
Phenomenal Gems	Fred and Charlotte Ward	
The River Runs North	Tom Harmon	0-9707103-0-5
Studies of Agates	Terry Mason	

Mail

From: Harry <harleyharry@aol.com>
 Date: January 5, 2013 8:37:22 AM PST
 To: Teri Lynn Wheeler <we34god@yahoo.com>
 Subject: Asset manager

I am Harry Mari and I've taken on the role as Asset Manager for the clubs property. Things such as tools, equipment, records, show supplies, field-trip signs, rocks & equipment for silent auctions, books, and well basically anything that belongs to Searchers. My goal is to get everything together to be able to expand our workshop and be able to rent/loan equipment to members. I'll be looking for support and help from members in locating everything and being able to catalog all the assets. I will be calling and emailing members and if you have any info or comments you can mail me at harleyharry@aol.com and call or text me at (714) 833-9737.



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



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, 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

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

Membership Dues:	Individual	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering three great classes that may be of interest to your club members:

February 22-24 Rocks and Minerals of Joshua Tree National Park

March 8-10 Geology of the Mojave National Preserve

March 16 Volcanoes of Joshua Tree National Park



**JOSHUA TREE
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Kevin Wong

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