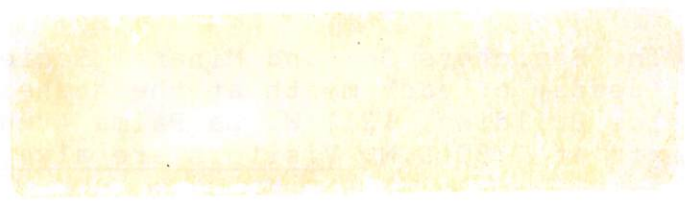


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
Established June 20, 1958  
Mailing Address: P.O.Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92804

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Note: List of Committee Chairpersons will appear  
in 'Searchers Roster

AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
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SEARCHERS: The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meets on  
the second Tuesday of each month at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital  
Medical Office Building, 1211 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim.  
Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Field Trips are usually held on the third 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.  
These will be held in the boardroom in the basement of the Anaheim  
Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - 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:

Jeanne Howe, 1482 Ponderosa Ave. Fullerton, CA 92635

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fair is over! I want to thank each of the members who helped in the Gem and Mineral Department, and those who exhibited. I've just completed my 9th year. Through our efforts, we received the names of 15 people interested in becoming members of a Gem and Mineral club. They all live in our area. We have invited them to join us.

Nominations start tonight. I would like to see volunteers from all you new members. Us oldtimers are tired, and need a rest. Please volunteer for the nominating committee, or at least accept when asked. We will all back you. Jeanne and I have done many a job, and have not found any to be of unsurmountable proportions.

Look out! Only 150 Days till Christmas.

We, the board, are going to propose 2 new ideas tonight, so please keep an open mind.

Merle

CLUB CALENDAR

August 10, Tuesday, 7:30, General Meeting  
August 21. Saturday Barbeque, Yorba Regional Park  
August 25, Wednesday, 7:30 Board Meeting  
September 14, Tuesday 7:30 General Meeting

UPCOMING SHOW DATES

August 13-15 Costa Mesa, 8th semi-annual Gem Faire, Orange County Fair Grounds Bldg. 16. Fri 12-7. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5  
August 20-22 Santa Barbara, Semi-annual Gem Faire, Earl Warren Show Grounds, Fri. 12-7. Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5  
August 28-29 Pico Rivera, Montebello Mineral & Lapidary Society, Masonic Temple 4573 Durfee Av. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Free Park & Adm.  
Sept. 4 & 5 Carson, La Pacifica Gem and Mineral Show; Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society and Palo Alto Gem & Mineral Society. Community Ctr. 801 E. Carson. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Graveside services were held for Blanche Davenport at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton on July 20. Blanche was the member of longest standing in the Searchers (after Jessie Vance, who was a charter member). She did beautiful lapidary work and jewelry, and her show case was always outstanding. She was awarded a thirty year trophy for her consecutive years of display.

Blanche had been confined to a rest home for the last two years, after suffering a series of strokes. Her son, Oliver, several grandchildren and four great grandchildren will miss her, as will all the Searchers.

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We are sorry to report that Forest Williams, silversmith, and friend of many of the Searchers died Friday, July 30 of a heart attack. Forest specialized in Indian jewelry and taught silversmithing to Senior Citizens.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Marge Jordan continues to suffer with complications on her leg. As of this writing, August 1, she is still in the hospital, but not too sick to appreciate calls or visits.

George Arvanites had cataract surgery August 2.

Jeanne Howe had the same surgery a day later, but different doctor, different facility.

FOR SALE by Henry and Mae Freedman, Phone 774-6665

Large Commercial Buffer - Dust catcher  
 Diamond Cabber: 2 Dia. Disks, Fully self-contained. 6 inch  
 saw, pump.  
 8" Star Diamond: 2 - 8" Dia. Wheels 800/600 mesh, Polisher  
 Sander  
 Metal sander  
 Flat sander; Geodes/slaba  
 Dia Drill for Beads  
 Show Lights  
 Pendants, rings and earrings, 1160 pieces

FROM MARVIN AND JAQUE in Australia, Letter # 4

Gooday Mates, from the land of the Banana Benders - Queensland.

Now we have been in every Australian State and Territory. In the last month we crossed Australia from West to East, and we are currently seeing the North East Coast region.

Leaving Western Australia, we drove across the Nullabor Plain, which means treeless. It wasn't desert, but not much vegetation. Some of the highway was close to the cliffs overlooking the Great Australian Bight and Southern Ocean.

We stopped at Whyalia to take a tour of the steel works of BHP, the largest Australian corporation. Nearby, the ore was taken out of a pit at Iron Knob and transported to Whyalia by rail. So, we saw the whole operation from ore to finished 20 ton slabs.

Continuing east, we passed through Port Augusta again and on to Broken Hill. There they mined silver and zinc in large quantities. In this area a large town is 25,000, while many are only 3-5,000. Mining is the main business.

On further east, we got to Lightning Ridge, another opal area. They are famous for Black Opal, the only place in the world it is found in large amounts. The prices, we thought, were very high.

Inverell was our next stop, which is the sapphire country. We saw a sapphire mine in operation where they processed a thousand tons of ore each day to get a small amount of sapphires, about one gallon. Only 3-5% are gem quality and the rest are for industrial use. Most of the gem quality ore is sent to South East Asia for cutting. The area claims that 75% of the world's sapphires come from there.

We left New South Wales and headed north to Queensland. One of our first stops was Chinchilla, to fossick for petrified wood. I'll be bringing back some samples.

Still heading north, we went to the Gem fields of Queensland. They have named their towns after gems such as Emerald, Sapphire, and Rubyvale. The gems are found in volcanic earth as deep as 75 feet. There are many open pits in those areas. This was considered Outback country.

After we left there, we headed to the coast. Next we'll be seeing rain forests, cane fields, and the Great Barrier Reef.

Until next month,

Marvin and Jaque Mog

## DEFINITIONS -- AGEING

When you know the answers, but no one asks you the questions.

When everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work  
When you feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere.

When you get winded playing chess.

When the gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bifocals.

When your children start looking middle aged.

When you look forward to a dull evening.

When your favorite part of the newspaper is Twenty-Five years ago today.

When you turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

When your back goes out more than you do.

When you have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

from Pasadena Lapidar Society May 93

## THE AGE OF CRYSTAL

Real quartz crystal has both a positive and negative energy field, and it oscillates. The clear electronic crystal, as grown deep in the earth over thousands of years of time, by nature produces tiny amounts of electricity when squeezed and releases oscillation or vibration at precise frequencies.

It is this controlled, repeating vibration that made modern technology possible. All telephone, radio, television, quartz timepieces, satellite communication and spacecraft guidance systems could not exist without the fascinating energy activity. Ours, in fact, might be called **the age of the crystal.**

from Hy Grader via Magic Valley Gem News

## REFRESHMENTS:

Joyce Martinez is bringing us tonight's refreshments.

In September, Betty Henderson is in charge.

## From TRAVEL COMPANIONS

Beware of Telephone Credit Card Theft. It takes place daily in the USA, especially at airports, train stations, etc. Even from a distance, thieves memorize numbers a traveler dials to make a credit card call. They then sell your phone credit number to other people who may then charge hundreds or even thousands of dollars of long distance calls to your account before the fraud is discovered. Don't dial or give your phone card number where it may be seen or overheard.

## Searchers Picnic

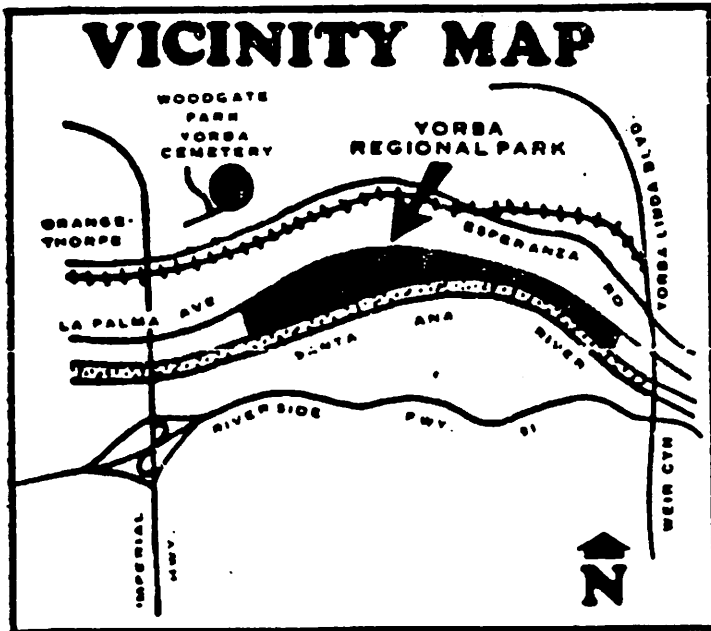
The Annual Picnic was held July 18<sup>th</sup> at Irvine Park, with 23 Searchers and guests in attendance.

Milly & Joanne and Mike have arrived first, and very early, followed by Guy and Marie Cole, George Arvanites, Guy and Phil Martinez, who all shared a delicious Continental breakfast together.

Later, with many other Searchers arriving, including Joan and Jim Everitt of Sun City and former Searchers Jan and Roger Cole of Exeter, Ca. We all enjoyed visiting, playing cards, playing a pitching dart game, similar to horse shoes, and finally at 1:00 p.m. a pot luck was served and eaten by all, including the local bees. Good food!

Many stayed on until evening, and in a traditional Searcher's way enjoyed the left overs and watermelon.

See you at the Bar B.Q. in Yorta Rinda!



BARBEQUE - SATURDAY AUG. 21

Yorba Regional Park  
7600 E. La Palma Ave.  
Anaheim, PH 970-1469

Operating Hours 7AM to 9PM  
Parking \$2.00 per vehicle,  
per entry.

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers & guests assume all risks during club activities.

Phil and Joyce will be at the park when it opens to reserve the Searchers spot. (anyone who would like to join them, please do.)

There is no electricity, so those of you who want coffee or tea must bring your own. The Club will furnish soft drinks. NO INTOXICANTS ALLOWED.

We will have BBQs, Charcoal and Starter. YOU BRING WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BBQ, (steak, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs). ALSO PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, i.e. potato salad, green salad, baked beans, veggies or dessert. If BBQing HOT DOGS or HAMBURGERS BRING YOUR OWN BUNS. We will have the condiments. WE WILL BEGIN BBQING AT 1:00 p.m.

BRING YOUR PLATES, EATING UTENSILS AND FOLDING CHAIRS. If you have a folding table, bring it since the park tables are stationary and we may need extra.

We look forward to seeing y'all on the 21st. Phil

