

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 9:30 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 6:30 PM
Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
 250 East Center St.
 Anaheim, CA 92805

Field Trips:
 Monthly field trips during cool months.

Mailing Address:
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 P.O Box 3492
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Website: www.searchersrocks.org

Membership Dues:
 Individual \$25
 Couple \$35
 Junior (17 & under) \$10
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Welcome to The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society 60th Annual Show, 2019

For Rock Lovers of All Ages!

Children's Activities: Look for red star balloons! ★

Wheel of Fortune	Grab Bags
Ring Making	Minor Miner
Gold Panning	Treasure Hunt
Dinosaur Search	Silent Auction

Inside Dealers:

Samstone	JPK Studios	Dragon Minerals	PT Creations
Custom-Creative Gem Cutting	Moroccan Fossils and Minerals	Zarina Exotic Gems & Stones	Lasco Diamond Products
Gerard Pope Fine Gemstones	Tucson Todd's Gems	Black-Eyed Susan's Beads and Minerals	SCC Gemology
John E. Garsow Gems & Minerals	Kathleen James Studios	Ken Gard	Ariana Gems and Minerals
M. Morchy & Assoc.	Kingmike Mining Company	Stewart Jewelry and Gifts	Ameri-Asian Business Corp

Patio Dealers:

Atlas Gems & Minerals	Art by Linda Queally	Elona's Jewelry Creations	Gem Natural Gravel
Ed Quo Co.	Keva Krystals	Nancy Rock	Gemstone Station
Sue Gevedon	Dan Guthrie	Lydia Pattison	RABCO Mining
Kilim Beads	Jeff Barnhouse	Route 66 Prospectors	Singularity Stones

Demonstrators:

Saturday		Sunday	
Kai Tsu Easlon	Intarsia	Laura Moore	Metal Clay
Paula Purpura	Wire-wrapping+	Paula Purpura	Wire-wrapping+
Sammy Florida	Carving	Sammy Florida	Carving
Sandra Moore	Scrimshaw	Sandra Moore	Scrimshaw
John Robinson	Faceting	John Robinson	Faceting
Alan Sprague +	Lapidary	Alan Sprague +	Lapidary

Lunch, drinks and snacks are in the Searchers kitchen!

Searchers Meeting Program, May 14, 2019, 7 PM

Anaheim Downtown Community Center

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Anaheim, CA 92805

WHEN IS WOOD A FOSSIL? When it's PETRIFIED!

Every piece of wood offers a beautiful window into the past, and Petrified Wood can show us the Earth from millions of years ago. Walton Wright will be our expert guest, educating us on petrified wood, its formation, and identification. Mr. Wright is the foremost authority on the identification of petrified wood in the United States. He is a botanist, ecologist, geologist, and paleobiologist. He has worked as a field guide, educator, consultant to educational institutions, as well as consultant to government entities including the U.S. Forest Service.

After the formal portion of the evening there will be an opportunity to interact with Mr. Wright. Please feel free to bring any specimens of your own that you would like help identifying or have questions about. He has agreed to examine them in order YOU to learn new information including their age and origin.

What an opportunity! You won't want to miss this!

Searchers Workshop:

The shop is open Thursday evening from 5:30 PM to 10 PM and Sat afternoon from 2:30 PM to 7 PM. We have a full complement of equipment: slab saws, trim saws, Genies etc. There are also experienced volunteer teachers to show you how to safely operate equipment and successfully make that polished stone of your dreams. For insurance reasons, the shop is only open to paid, up to date members of the Searchers. There is a \$5/session charge when using the shop tools to cover the cost of replacing expendables (saw blades, grinding wheels etc.).

Searchers Mission statement:

The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society of Anaheim is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to support the lapidary workshop at the VA Hospital of Long Beach, provide scholarships to teens and youth to pursue their educational goals, and support and educate the community with weekly workshops, monthly meetings, and annual events and activities.

Searchers AFTON CANYON FIELD TRIP RECAP (3/2019)

With beautiful weather over a dozen people showed up for a great rockhounding and camping experience. Led by John O'Connor (with help from Robert Burson), we were introduced to a great campsite and wonderful trip up Afton Canyon. The canyon was formed with the draining of prehistoric Lake Manix about 14,000 years ago and now provides drainage to the northern Cady mountains and brings down a lot of float with red and yellow agate, jasper (plume & sagenite), opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and much more.

On Saturday, after a cold night for tent campers, the group crossed one of the few areas the Mojave River surfaces and walked up the canyon with the "real" explorers climbing the crest trails and some seeking The Slot and Spooky canyons off the main canyon. The various geological strata were easily seen in the canyon walls, and those explorers wanted to get up close to the "good" stuff.

The campground was well-maintained with new shade structures, water and clean pit toilets. We hoped for some of the super bloom desert flowers, but we were a week or so early for that there. There was some birdlife and small critter trails – as befits a rare water source in the desert. We looked for big horn sheep, but we didn't see any.

Saturday afternoon saw us north of the freeway at an old pit-mining site with green rock and white opal. Jimmie P. finally found some rock for spheres! Andrew B. brought a great big kite in the shape of a green Trilobite. Then, further out, we searched for petrified and mineral specimens from a prehistoric bog. This area was all under an inland sea in prehistoric times and there are many areas to find specimens still.

That night we said goodbye to the day-trippers, shared a potluck meal with those folks overnighing, then sat and told stories around a fire pit and turned in early. It was not nearly as cold that night!

Sunday was a short trip north along the Bradshaw trail and Mojave River looking to reach the bluffs along the north side of the river, but the brush cover was too dense. We broke up the last of the "official" trip and all headed home – some with stops along the way for fording part of the river in their Jeep. – Bill Hogarth

