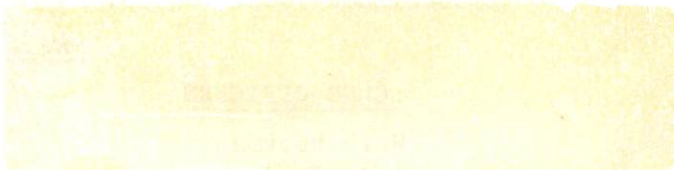


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Established June 20, 1958

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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 (under age 17) \$2.00.

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 Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held in the 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

The 37th Annual Searchers Gem Roundup is now history. Preliminary indications are that this show was more profitable and successful than last year. My thanks to all members, show chairpersons and especially, Jim Williamson and Larry Richey the Show Co-Chairmen who gave so much of their time and talents to make this show so successful. This year, we solicited constructive customer, dealer and demonstrator critiques on the show. The dominant, recurring theme in almost all responses was that the Searchers were very helpful, enthusiastic and supportive throughout the show. I've known this about Searchers for many years, but it is really gratifying to realize that these traits are so obvious to others.

A committee was formed in April to evaluate leasing a commercial facility to use for storage (of Searchers and Anah3im Arts Council equipment), as a workshop and classroom, and for office and administrative functions. The committee has had one formal meeting, and has also evaluated several local properties. A report will be presented at the May meeting.

Tonights meeting will be a program on Carving Fireagate presented by Larry Richey and promises to be a super program, and a comprehensive show report.

The Searchers extended field trip this month to Northern California, and central Oregon promises to be a scenic, exciting and productive one. So far this year, we have been fortunate in having great field trips. Ken Nelson has been doing a super job of scouting, publicizing, and leading these trips, and I hope that many of you will be able to participate in this one.

I urge those of you who cannot take time off for this field trip to support the Searchers booth at the annual Heritage Day event at the Oak Canyon Nature Center, Anaheim Hills (6700 E. Walnut Canyon Road, Anaheim). This is an opportunity for us to reach many hundreds of young people and interest them in rock-hounding. This event will also be reported on at tonight's meeting.

Herb Beckman

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

May 16th - After Show Meeting

May 21st - Board Meeting

May 25th-Beginning Extended Field Trip

June 2nd - Heritage Day - Oak Canyon Nature Center

June 4th - Bulletin Items Due

June 11th - General Meeting - Trophies/Awards and Annual Potluck

SHOW DATES:

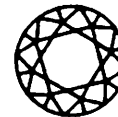
May 18 - 19 Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
 Borchard Park
 190 Reino Road
 Newbury Park, CA
 Hours: Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10:00 to 5:00 PM



June 1 - 2 Rockatomics
 Rockwell Rec Center
 8500 Fallbrook
 West Hills, CA
 West Hills, CA
 Hours: Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5



June 1 - 2 Glendora Gems
 Goddard Middle School
 859 E. Sierra Madre
 Glendora, CA
 Hours: Sat 10 to 7:30 PM Sun 10 to 4



FEDERATION REPORT:



"Diamond Daze" CFMS/AFMS Gem and Mineral Show and Convention will be held August 6-11, 1996 at the Riverside Convention Center. Our Field Trip leader, Ken Nelson had designated this as our August Field Trip. The weekend would be August 9-10 and 11.

There will be a wide variety of activities at the show to keep you busy. Known speakers discussing a variety of topics, demonstrators and symposiums all in addition to the regular show activities. Many things to help you stay on top of what's happening with our "hobby". So many things to do and see you may have difficulty finding time to see and do it all.

1996 marks the 60th Anniversary of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS). The first convention of this organization took place January 4-5, 1936 in Riverside.

I have forms available for anyone interested in attending the various symposiums. Also, forms to enter CFMS Individual Member Application for Case Display and forms for Competitive Exhibit Entry.

I will have some Donation Award Tickets for sale for members who may not be going to "Diamond Daze" but would like to buy a raffle ticket. First prize, a top quality one carat diamond, unmounted and cut in a brilliant style. Also a one week for two at the famous Roaring Camp, a beautiful amethyst necklace and earrings plus many other fabulous prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you would like some of these let me know.

Marge Jordan
 Federation Director

BULLETIN ITEMS FOR THE JUNE BULLETIN should be forwarded to me NLT June 5th!
 The 1996 Post Show Committee Meeting - Thursday, May 16th, Classroom "A". Bring any notes you've made concerning this show experience.

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL MEETING:

More discussion about the Searchers joining with the Opal Society in some sort of lease arrangement so that both clubs could benefit by having a suitable workshop on a time share basis. A committee was formed by members who volunteered to look for a reasonable, suitable space where we could set up a workshop that would benefit both clubs. A report will be made at the next general meeting.

Our program for the evening was the video on amethyst that we had planned on using at our last meeting.

The extended field trip to northern California and Oregon was discussed. Ken Nelson stated that so far only 7 rigs are scheduled to go but hopefully there will be more. If anyone is interested in going please let Ken know as soon as possible.

Jim Williamson reported that show plans are moving along smoothly emphasizing the importance of more members becoming involved and helping out during the show and to help out during setup and tear down. It takes a lot of help by members to put on our show. The various chairmen passed clipboards and encouraged members to sign up. He also reminded members that it is their obligation to either sell or purchase themselves \$10 worth of Donation Award Tickets. This is our only fund raising project for the year. The various chairpersons passed their clipboards for members to sign up to help and encourage members to do so.

Marie Cole
Secretary

HERITAGE DAY - June 2nd:

Once again the Searchers have been invited to participate in the Heritage Day festivities presented by the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 1996 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The setting for this 15th Annual Event will again be the Oak Canyon Nature Center in Anaheim Hills, 6700 E. Walnut Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA.

The emphasis, as in the past, is to provide the community with an opportunity to explore our heritage. Children and their parents are encouraged to take part in the craft demonstrations and enjoy the entertainment provided in the outdoor theater.

Last year those who participated enjoyed the opportunity to present our hobby to some 500 plus children of the community. A sign up sheet will be passed around at tonight's meeting for those interested in helping us. If you were unable to attend tonight's meeting and would like to be included or need more information please call me at (714) 995-9080. If I'm not home please leave a message.

Jim Williamson

Memorial Day
LEST WE FORGET...



- 3 - ...To Those whom we owe
so much.

SEARCHERS 37th ANNUAL GEM ROUNDUP:

Congratulations Searchers, our 37th Annual Gem Roundup was another great show. We overcame some unusual obstacles this year with last minute dealer changes, a drop in attendance, extremely high gasoline prices and a shortage of volunteers to help during the show. Our quality gem show presentation requires a tremendous effort and many, many hours of hard work.

A special thanks to the Searchers who headed committees, worked on committees, worked at the show, donated prizes, cakes and/or pies and displayed cases. Our show would never happen without support and help from all of you! It has also been brought to my attention that there are fourteen members who were given \$10 worth of Donation Award Tickets (to either sell or purchase themselves) who have not turned in their tickets and have not paid for them. I remind you again, as a member it is your obligation to either sell or purchase yourselves \$10 worth of Donation Award Tickets. We request that you either return the unsold tickets or \$10 immediately in order for us to close out our Show expenditures.

The Searchers also extend a big thank you to the Anaheim Arts Council for their sponsorship. To the Brookhurst Community Center staff for all their help and our Dealers who supply us with a complete line of equipment and supplies for sale. Thanks to all of you for a fine job, we can be proud of this year's show.

Now is the time to start planning for next year's show. Thursday, May 16th we will hold a Post Show Committee Meeting to review this show and identify potential changes for next year. It was refreshing to see so many new members get involved, dedicate time and work during the show. I urge both new and seasoned members to step in and take over, after all, one day this club and its show may be your responsibility. The experience is a rewarding one!

Jim Williamson
1996 Show Chairman



PROGRAM REPORT:

Our program for April was the promised video on Amethyst. Thanks to Elmer Parsons. This was a very informing video showing how and where it is mined, graded, cut, sold and shipped and the procedures involved getting it to market.

Our program this evening will be presented by Larry Richey on the "Carving of Fireagate".

Our June meeting will be our Trophies and Awards and our Annual Potluck. Please plan on being there and bring a dish to share. The Club will furnish plates, eating utensils, beverage. The Potluck will start at 7:00 PM so that there will be time for presentation of Awards and to see the video. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

Lola Tapia

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Allen Silverstein who was presented a plaque for first prize for the best Calcite Mineral for Fluorescence at the 1996 Tucson Show. Only two plaques were presented and Allen won the first place. Way to go Allen!

Marge

THANK YOU!

This is my second year in the Club and my first year to become actively involved with our Gem Roundup. I volunteered to be Chairperson and coordinate the Craft Booth. This has been a rewarding experience in spite of all my apprehension concerning this project. Everything worked out beautifully but only because of all the help by all of the guys and gals who made all the lovely things and who were there to give a big helping hand at setup, during and after the show. I could not have done it without you. This was indeed a big team effort and I sincerely appreciate all you've done for Crafts, the Club and for me...THANK YOU ALL.

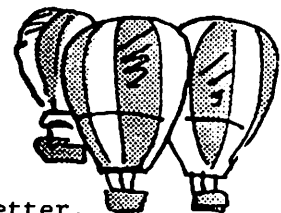
Ana Gabourel

LIBRARY REPORT:

We have done an inventory of our library and find we have 14 items out on loan. We would like members to check their book shelves/cabinets and see whether or not you may have any of the books or videos. If you do have them we would like you to return them to our library so that others may have a chance to use them. The following is a list of the publications/videos that we would like returned: (Inventories March 28, 1996)

| <u>Q/H</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1st Steps in Lapidary | Video |
| 1 | B.C. Gem Trails | Book |
| 1 | Faceting | Book |
| 1 | Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals | Book |
| 1 | Gemstones of America | Book |
| 1 | Handbook of Gem Identification | Book |
| 1 | Midwest Gem Trails | Book |
| 1 | New Zealand Jade | Book |
| 1 | Opal Cutting Made Easy | Video |
| 1 | The Agate of North America | Book |
| 1 | The Book of Agates | Book |
| 1 | The Complete Metalsmith | Book |
| 1 | Treasures from the Kremlin Metropolitan Museum of Art | Book |
| 1 | Video Carving Techniques | Video |

Bob Dixon
Librarian

SHARING AND CARING:

We are happy to report that our Beth Pelfrey is doing much better. Daring Beth went hot air ballooning at Perris Valley Airport (Apr 6). Up up and away she went and when she came down, "deballooned" and recovered her "land legs" and headed for the hangar..whoops..slipped on a skydivers "creeper" and ker boom. Suffered a severe concussion and an inner ear problem. This being the Saturday of Easter Weekend Beth spent her Easter in the hospital. Only Beth can tell you about her about her trip to the hospital with her paramedics Roxanne and Godzella.

Good news that you are improving...hurry and get back to good health that motorhome is ready to start rolling!

marge

FIELD TRIP REPORT - CLAY MINE ROAD - April 1996:

This field trip was attended by fewer people but those that made it had a good time. There were twelve of us for the rocktail party which turned out to be more a potluck Saturday night.

Mary and I as well as the Everitts and Fredericks arrived early Thursday, the Coles, Roger and Jan, arrived later on Thursday. We had a campfire Thursday night. Friday was windy, no campfire. Saturday and Sunday were beautiful.

Saturday morning we went for Travertine and the afternoon for Jasper and Jaspagate. Everyone got all they wanted. New members John and Carol were dragging their rear bumper when they left. Herb and his nephew didn't want to leave the diggins.

Sunday morning three of us went to explore a new area between Mojave and Tehachapi for agate. I can honestly say I've never been in a spot where multicolored agate was so plentiful. Most of it was easily fractured but some was good. There were pieces as big as 18" x 24" x 24" but we didn't have a winch to get them into Jim's Suzuki.

We had a good time once again.

Ken Nelson



MAY "LONG RANGE" FIELD TRIP:

We will be rockhounding in Northeastern California and Central Oregon. Meeting at the first camping spot, Lassen Creek Campground, just north of Davis Creek, CA on May 25th Memorial Day Weekend. It is approximately 725 miles to the Davis Creek area. This area is about 22 miles north of Alturas on Highway 395 you will go through Davis Creek, your next landmark. Pay close attention and don't blink or you'll miss it, there is not much there! Eleven miles further, north of Davis Creek the highway crosses Lassen Creek. You will be driving alongside of Goose Lake and starting down a slight grade. LOOK FOR THE SMALL, DIRT WILLOW RANCH ROAD ON YOUR RIGHT. Drive on this road about 5.5 miles in a generally south by southeasterly direction to the turnoff to the Lassen Creek Campground (Note: at the first crossroad, about 3 miles, go straight ahead) take a RIGHT turn and cross Lassen Creek and you'll see the campground almost immediately on your LEFT. There is springwater and one outdoor privy.

Elsewhere in this bulletin is a rough itinerary. This is the last bulletin prior to the trip. Note that some camping locations are still open. It's also possible dates may change. I'd like some flexibility, since often we get to a location we may want to stay longer or leave earlier depending on material, availability or weather.

If anyone is planning on meeting us part way through the trip please let me know so we can make special arrangements.

Two of the stops, Davis Creek and Glass Buttes, are for obsidian. This is volcanic glass. Don't forget, gloves, and safety glasses, this is sharp stuff. Shovels and a short pry bar would be helpful. Davis Creek area is in a heavily timbered area.

Everyone digging obsidian in the Davis Creek/Lassen Creek area will need to have a Forest Service permit with them. I have a supply of forms to fill out when we get there.

So far we have seven rigs confirmed. If there are others please let me know by May 14th.

JUNE FIELD TRIP - NONE SCHEDULED:

Anyone wishing to lead a trip in June may volunteer to do so. We will be on the "Long Range" trip. However, there is Heritage Day, June 2nd at Oak Canyon Nature Center and we would welcome members to sign up to help. See Jim Williamson.

Ken Nelson

1996 LONG RANGE FIELD TRIP ITINERARY*

| <u>Stop</u> | <u>When (Approximate)</u> | <u>Camp Location</u> | <u>Collecting Area</u> | <u>For</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 5/25 - 5/27 | Lassen Creek Campground | Davis Creek, CA | Obsidian; plum rainbow, needles, etc |
| 2 | 5/28 - 5/29 | Local Dry Camp (North of Plush) | Hart Mountain, OR | Sunstones (gem feldspar) |
| 3 | 5/30 - 6/1 | Open as Yet | Burns, OR | Petrified Wood |
| 4 | 6/2 - 6/4 | Local Dry Camp | Glass Buttes, OR | Obsidian; gold and silver sheen, fire, rainbow and other |
| 5 | 6/5 - 6/9 | Open as yet | Primeville, OR | Limb casts. agate. Thundereggs, jasper, etc |
| 6 | 6/10 - 6/15 | Open as yet | Madras/Ashwood, OR | Thundereggs, jasper, etc |

*This itinerary subject to change; only the initial dates at Lassen Creek/Davis Creek are firm.

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