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FIELD TRIPS

- February 22nd. Whiley Wells

FEBRUARY GENE- RAL MEETING SPEAKER

- Jim Pisani

Topic: Fluorescent
Rocks!

The Rock Slab News

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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The President's Message

HELLO SEARCHERS!

Well, February is almost here and I'm sure many of you as I write this are in Quartzite enjoying all the treasures to be found. Ira and I will be heading out there soon as well...

We are just 3 months away from our big show and there's work to be done. If you haven't already signed up to participate, please consider doing so. Our show is one of the best, if not the best, in Southern California, and it's a blast for all that volunteer as well as our guests. One of the greatest things about our club is its size. We have the largest membership of any rock club in the area, and some of the most talented if you ask me! But here's the thing. So many times it ends up where we see the same members volunteer year after year at our various functions, and that's just simply not good. With almost 200 current members on our roles, it's disappointing that we have to grovel for people to step up and

get involved, but we do... Remember, this is your club. Take a minute to look back on what made YOU sign up to be in the Searchers. Chances are it was from going to a show, participating in a field trip, seeing us at the OC fair, or something of the such... but basically it was our members who were volunteering that drew you in. As you look back, remember how much fun it was to join the club and be part of something so fun, active, knowledgeable, and well... fun. Now I ask that you be that member that someone sees at our show. Participating, volunteering, interacting, and drawing our guests in to the world of rock hounding, lapidary, geology, etc. WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this show a success! You can volunteer as little as 30 minutes or the whole darned weekend if you want... I know that's what Ira and I will be doing, volunteering the whole darned weekend :) But hey, I'd just love to see all

our members give just 30 minutes of their time either on

Friday for show set up, or Sat & Sun during the show, or Sunday evening after it's all said and done, helping pack up. Could you imagine how quick, easy and fun the work would be if all our 200 members gave just 30 minutes??? THAT WOULD BE AMAZING!

Hope to see you all at our February general meeting. Look further in the Slab for details on our guest speaker, and what's coming up in our February Field trip, and join in if you can!

Teri-Lynn



February Birthstone, Amethyst

Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also is said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. It has been

associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethyst were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry. Today, while Brazil is the primary source of this gemstone, fine material can be found elsewhere, especially in Zambia.



Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
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



For field trip
information contact:

David Nelson, V.P.

Field Trips, Searchers

Gem and Mineral
Society,

(714) 709-3242 (cell)

or

[dsnelsonsmorgan@](mailto:dsnelsonsmorgan@yahoo.com)

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Wiley Wells District Field Trip Details, Leader David Nelson

February 22nd thru 24th, 2013

The Searchers will be having a field trip the Wiley Wells District, which is sixteen miles east of Blyth, off the 10 freeway.

We will be collecting Geodes at the Hauser geode beds on Saturday and fire agate on Sunday.

We will be camping at the Coons Hollow Camp ground, which is past the cross roads of Wiley Wells Road and the Bradshaw Trail. There is a sign next to the road where the camp ground is located. This

is a dry camping area, but there are vault toilet facilities.

Vehicles: A high clearance, 4 wheel drive is recommended but will not be needed for much of the areas.

Directions: Take the 91 freeway toward Riverside, to the 10 freeway east, exit on Wiley Well Road and go straight south for 14 miles.

Motels/hotels: Number places to stay in Blythe (check Travelocity, Hot wire or other travel site for reservations.

Most of the rock will be surface collecting but you might want to bring some digging tools in the event we locate a seam. There is an overabundance of materials and locations in this area. We will be having our pot luck on Saturday night.

Call or email if any other questions Thanks David Nelson.

dsnelsonsmorgan@yahoo.com
(714) 709-3242.

April Club Meeting Activity

April 16th (third Tuesday due to building maintenance)

Speaker: Brandon Browne

Topic: Mammoth Volcano

Description: Back by instantly popular demand, we have Associate Professor Brandon Browne here again to give us another of his incredibly enjoyable lectures on volcanoes and volcanology, this time by the unanimous request by the Searcher' members for the subject of the Mammoth Volcano.

U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management



News Release

For Immediate Release: January 9, 2013

Contact: David Briery, (951) 697-5220 or Stephen Razo, (951) 697-5217

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BLM Desert Advisory Council to Meet in Barstow

The next field trip and meeting of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California Desert Advisory Council (DAC) will be held Feb. 8 and 9 in Barstow. The council will participate in a field tour of nearby BLM-managed public lands on Friday, Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2710 Lenwood Rd., Barstow, CA 92311.

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Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
2/12/13	Jim Pisani	Fluorescent Rocks!
3/12/13	Justin Zzyzx (yes, it's his real name)	California Rock-Hounding Locations –
4/16/13	Brandon Browne	Mammoth Volcano

HEAR YE ALL! HEAR YE ALL! LISTEN UP!

Dues are due in January for the calendar year 2013. Please come to the February meeting ready to renew. Here are some of the guidelines to know:

Individuals are \$25
Juniors (17 years and under) are \$10
Couples are \$35
Please be clear when you give me your:

1. Name spelling!
2. Street address
3. zip code
4. Phone number
5. EMAIL ADDRESS

Remember the old saying about computers: GARBAGE IN-GARBAGE OUT GIGO! If I can't read it, you probably won't get club information.

At the February meeting I and at least one of my closest helpers will be in the back at the membership table to take your renewals. Be patient so we can be accurate. We take checks or cash.

Beth Pelfrey, Membership Chairman



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: joenmarl@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



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Field trip details will be posted on the DAC web page, <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>, when finalized.

Agenda topics for the Saturday meeting will include a focus on renewable energy, including the proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, as well as updates by council members, the BLM California Desert District manager, five field office managers, and council subgroups. Final agenda items will be posted on the DAC web page listed above.

DAC meetings are open to the public. The public will be invited to comment at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning, during the presentations at the discretion of the DAC chair, and at the end of the meeting. While the meeting is tentatively scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m., it could wrap up earlier should the council conclude its presentations and discussions.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting and should be addressed to the Desert Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

For more information regarding the DAC meeting, contact David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs at (951) 697-5220 or dbriery@blm.gov.

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California Desert District Office – 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

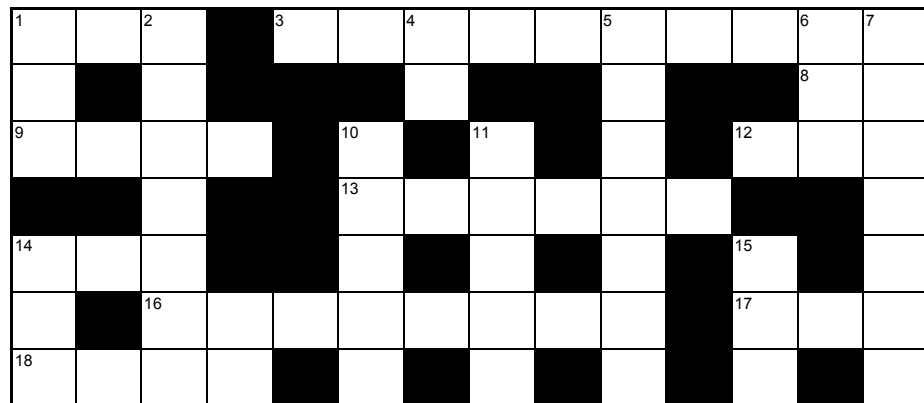
Get Ready for Our Show

Searchers-we plan to continue to have the best silent auction around, to do it we will need some help from everyone. Next time you are digging through your rock pile please pull out a nice piece or two and set them aside for the silent auction. Keyword is nice, please don't give us anything that you wouldn't want to bid on in an auction. Same goes for people on a field trip, keep your eye out for a couple of nice pieces for the auction please. With just a little help from everybody we can once again put on a great silent auction.

Thanks Steve Duncan



February Crossword Puzzle *by Jay Erb*



ACROSS

- 1 Giant Bird (Think Sinbad)
- 3 "The Meeting Place" / January Field Trip
- 8 State of 'Being'
- 9 Black and white layered agate
- 12 Iron _____
- 13 Metamorphosed sediment or granite
- 14 Lightweight, black, jewelry stone
- 16 February's birthstone
- 17 Texas 'Tea'
- 18 Precious metal

DOWN

- 1 River (Spanish)
- 2 Rock _____ Candy
- 4 Silver abbreviation
- 5 Tanzanite: A blue variety of _____
- 6 La Brea _____ Pits
- 7 Green Beryl
- 10 Banded _____
- 11 Precious gemstone species (Morganite is a variety)
- 14 Cutting aid or Irish dance
- 15 _____ wax

Answers in the last page (no cheating!)



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

Kevin Wong

Program Coordinator, Desert Institute

Joshua Tree National Park Association

760-367-5539

<http://www.joshuatree.org/>



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NATIONAL PARK
ASSOCIATION**

PtCreations

2812-B Walnut Ave.

Tustin, CA 92780 714-904-2181

We will be having a class at PtCreations on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:30pm. Our instructor will be Jaqui Miles and she will be teaching you how to make a bracelet with Celtic spirals. All materials will be included, but please bring your round, chain and flat nose pliers and a small ruler. If you have bail pliers, please bring them also.

The class will last several hours and the cost will be \$37. per person.

Please RSVP asap and let me know that you are coming.

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