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The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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The President's Message

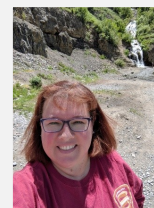
Dear Searchers!

I end my time as President almost as quickly as it began. The past year has had it's ups and downs but with one goal in mind, to grow and improve Searchers.

As I leave my post as President I am hopeful the organization will continue to move forward. Please work together to keep supporting the VA Lapidary, our workshop, and supporting the community with educational events.

I look forward to seeing you all around at the workshop, and at our December banquet. Happy Holidays, and thank you for allowing me to be a part of this great organization.

Sincerely,
Monica Dekany-Beeker
President 2019



**The Annual
Searcher's Holiday Party is this month.
Please see page 9 for details.**

***Please remember to bring any slab donations for the vets.**



Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

No meeting in the month of December

November Board Meeting

Because it's the last board meeting of the year, the agenda was limited to the proposed By-laws changes, the November meeting and election, and the December party.

Kim Strange, candidate for 2020 Searchers President; also attended to ask questions about the official current version of the By-laws and its proposed changes. Some were answered, and others later by email from the Secretary, who couldn't attend the board meeting. Not everything could be resolved at the board meeting, but the board still thought that the Searchers members should have the chance to decide whether to approve the changes, since November is the last meeting of the year except for the Christmas party.

November Meeting

After some discussion, the members still had a lot of questions about the proposed By-laws changes, so a motion to withdraw them was proposed, seconded, and passed.

The next order of business was the election for next year's board. Each position had one candidate, and no one else was nominated at the meeting. The members voted to approve each candidate, and it was time for pie! (Later, the Center staff appreciated the leftovers.)

The 2020 Searchers board will be:

President Kim Strange
 1st Vice President Sharon Burson
 2nd Vice President Andrew Bloxom
 Secretary Jamie Cassidy-Curtis
 Treasurer Charlotte Spalding
 CFMS Representative Charles Walker

The Director will be appointed later, as allowed in the By-laws when the immediate past President isn't available.



Field Trips

Field Trip Report Baxter Wash, North Cady Mountains, November 16-17, 2019

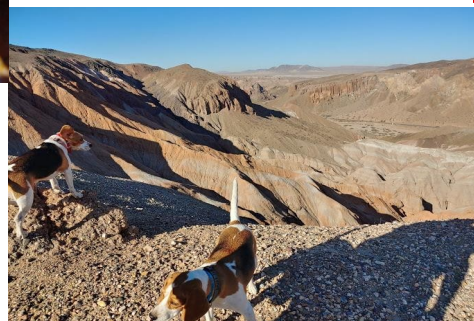
Leader: Andrew Bloxom, Robert Burson

The Searchers set up camp in Basin, CA at the base of Cave Mountain, and the weather was gorgeous for a weekend of camping and collecting in the North Cady Mountains and the Baxter Wash. We had a great turnout for camping, with a few others showing up for an early start on Saturday morning. Just after 8am, 12 cars, 27 rockhounds (5 juniors), and 5 dogs, set out into the notoriously sandy Baxter Wash. We had Robert Burson take the point in our caravan and assist greatly with location guiding.

Our first visit was too a scenic overlook of Afton Canyon from the south rim. Seeing the canyon from above at this vantage point was a nice diversion and a first for me. The pair of beagles especially enjoyed it!

After a short stop and stretch, we headed back down from the overlook to the Pink Hills locality where we explored for jaspers, agates, and fluo-yellow flower jasper set in red, vivid agates filled with unique blend of red,

rite. Some of the best finds here were green fluorite, and interesting jasp-oranges, yellows, and purple hues.



After collecting for a few hours, we ate lunch and then made our way to the Jewelry Box for the second stop. This area contains a cornucopia of small druzy chalcedony nodules, moss and waterline agates, and some other oddballs mixed in. The juniors seemed to really enjoy collecting here, and everyone found some neat specimens and show grab bag goodies. We all had a good laugh when one junior announced the grand opening of his trading mat!

We returned to camp, said goodbye to a few, and cooked up a tasty potluck, then sat round the fire with some warm drinks under the stars. On Sunday morning, half of the remaining Searchers headed back out to a different location near the Pink Hills. Here we discovered many prospects, including a nice thick seam of

beautiful red jasper with druzy pockets which was laboriously removed from the hillside. Doug Flaugh won the MVP award for his work with the pry bar! I was also able to re-find a corner of the eye yard rock from the previous day's drive containing a beautiful fortification agate pocket in rhyolite. We wrapped up early and broke down camp to return to the coastline after a great weekend.



See page 4 for more pictures

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information**

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2019-2020 Field Trip Season

Being that December is a busy time of the year for folks. We decided around the campfire during the Baxter Wash Trip to move the Graham Pass/Chuckawalla Springs trip so that we can have a good full weekend and get a nice turnout for what is a really fun trip for collecting and offroad driving.

See the below flier for the upcoming visit to Kramer Hills for a day field trip on December 14th, 2019.

Now is also a great time to review the field trip tips found at. If you haven't been, have a look to see what kinds of things to bring and what to expect.

<https://www.searchersrocks.org/field-trips>

Email: Andrew.Bloxom@gmail.com

SEARCHERS 2019-2020 Field Trip Schedule

Date	Location	Leader	Date	Location	Leader
10/26/2019	Sleeping Beauty	Andrew Bloxom	10/26/2020	Sleeping Beauty	Andrew Bloxom
11/10/2019	Holbrook, AZ	Robert Burson	11/10/2020	Holbrook, AZ	Robert Burson
11/16-11/17/2019	Baxter Wash	Andrew Bloxom	11/16-11/17/2020	Baxter Wash	Andrew Bloxom
12/14/19	Kramer Hills	Andrew Bloxom	12/15/19	Kramer Hills	Andrew Bloxom
January	Graham Pass/Chuckawalla Springs	Andrew Bloxom	February	Graham Pass/Chuckawalla Springs	Andrew Bloxom
Jan/Feb	Wiley Well/Thumb Butte		Jan/Feb	Wiley Well/Thumb Butte	
Feb	Quartzite		Mar	Quartzite	
Feb	Trilobite Wilderness/Turtle Mountains		Mar	Trilobite Wilderness/Turtle Mountains	
March	Opal Mountain	Jimmie Peterson	April	Opal Mountain	Jimmie Peterson
March	Afton Canyon		April	Afton Canyon	
April	Sperry Wash		May	Sperry Wash	
May	Lavic Siding		June	Lavic Siding	
June	Clear Creek		July	Clear Creek	
July	Owens Valley		August	Owens Valley	
	Davis Creek			Davis Creek	
	Santa Monica Mtns			Santa Monica Mtns	





Kramer Hills Field Trip

Saturday, December 14, 2019

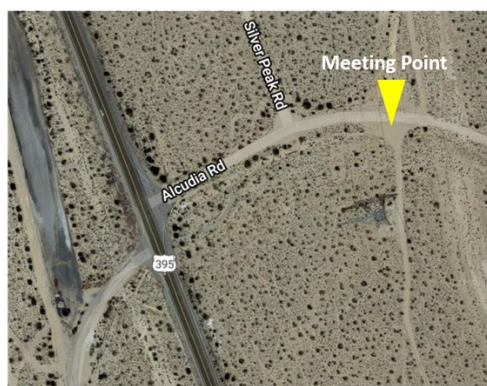
Meet 8:30am, Depart: 9:00am

Leader: Andrew Bloxom (vehicle: Black Toyota Tacoma)

Cell# (571)-217-9536 (*****Please text message only during business hours**)

Email: Andrew.Bloxom@gmail.com

The Anaheim Searchers will be heading to Kramer Hills for a December day trip. This area is comprised of a variety of Tertiary geologic units containing agates, jaspers, and petrified palm. We'll likely visit 2-3 of the collecting sites around the hills including sites with onyx, opal, and the best-known Kee Kay claim for some hard rocking mining of vibrant red jasper and green opalite. There will also be opportunities for plenty of float collecting of colorful chalcedony and unique agates. This trip will involve off road driving, but two wheel drive vehicles with good clearance can be fine in some cases. The meeting point is just off of 395 on Alcludia Road, approx. 25 miles north of Adelanto (the last town you'll pass heading north on 395). We'll meet at 8:30am and leave at 9:00. I hope you all can join!



Take US-395 North toward Adelanto.
Approx. 25 miles north of Adelanto, turn
right onto Alcludia Road. The meeting
point will be just off of the highway in the
first open dirt area.



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Street View of
the turn off of
395 onto Alcudia
Road (looking
North)



Jewel Tunnel Imports Open House

Dec. 7th 2019

13100 Spring St, Baldwin Park, CA 91706



Jewel Tunnel once more is having their annual open house for Gem and Mineral Societies. A great place to shop. They will be open from 10 to 4PM

The Searchers will get an opportunity to visit Jewel Tunnel on Sat Dec 7. If you have never been Jewel Tunnel, is a rock wholesaler with a very large and interesting collection of rocks, crystals, rock art, fossils. For the holidays we get an opportunity to shop there at wholesale prices.

January: Quartzsite Gem and Mineral Shows

Location / Description

Quartzsite is located in western Arizona, just 20 miles east of the Colorado River on I-10. It's been a rockhound's paradise since the 1960s. These days, it's also a mecca to well over a million visitors each year, most of whom converge on this small town in a wave of RVs during the months of January and February.



At this time of the year, 2,000 vendors of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and everything else imaginable create one of the world's largest open air flea markets in Quartzsite. Eight major gem and mineral shows as well as vendors of raw and handcrafted merchandise peddle their wares to snowbirds, collectors and enthusiasts, making Quartzsite the place to be the first two months of each year.

Shows and Events

Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet

Oct 01, 2019 - April 1, 2020

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral

January 01 - February 28, 2020

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry

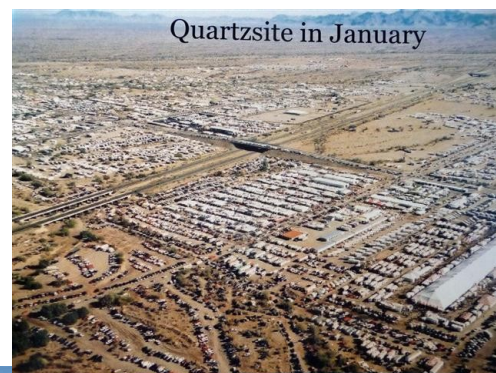
January 15 - January 19, 2020

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 03 - January 12, 2020

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 17 - January 26, 2020



Searcher's Stuff

Show Committee Update

Prize Ideas for the Show

We need prizes large and small, and for children and adults for our show. People love our prizes! Karen is going to bring a container for prize deposit in the general meetings. Prizes can be small; the Ming trees I make have only 3 branches. Here are some ideas:

Slabs, cabochons, specimens, books, jewelry, yard art, mosaics, shell crafts, magnets, belt buckles, bolo ties, wind chimes, small Ming trees on rocks, carvings, rock photo holders, painted rocks, crocheted necklaces with rocks, weaving on rocks, tree of life pendants. I have a document with some pictures; if you would like me to send it to you, please let me know.

Show News

We will cancel the December 2019 show meeting (see you at Jewel Tunnel and at the Searchers Holiday Party!)

Our 2020 Searcher Show Meeting Schedule:

January 4, 2020, 1-2:30 p.m.

February 1, 2020, 1-2:30 p.m.

March 7, 2020, 1-2:30 p.m.

April 25, 2020, 1-2:30 p.m. Note that this is the 4th Saturday, and the Saturday before the annual show. The Anaheim Community Center is closed for the first two weeks of April for maintenance. Let's have our field trip earlier in April!

Show Committee meetings are marked on the Searchers Calendar <https://www.searchersrocks.org/searchers-calendar>

We have a donated 15 pound barrel tumbler in the storage unit for a raffle prize. I'm looking for a volunteer to check and clean the equipment for the show. Equipment like this generates a lot of interest in our raffle, so we truly appreciate donations like this! If you can do some maintenance, please let me know.

The Silent Auction is our main income generator, so keep it in mind as you are out in the field and if you are cleaning out your stash.

Thank you for your help, and keep on rocking!

Margaret

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Upcoming 2020 CFMS Gem Shows

2020

JANUARY 2020

January 18 - 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gayle Bingaman (559) 802-6029
Email: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: tulegem.com

FEBRUARY 2020

February 14 - 23: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 15 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 22 - 23: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Debra Duhon, (415) 254-1506
Email: dduhonvgms@gmail.com
Website: vjgems.org

MARCH 2020

March 6, 7 & 8: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Cathy, (510) 305-4196
Email: cdmiller59@gmail.com
Website: www.mgscv.org [Show Page](#)

March 7 - 8: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Richard Slyker, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: vgms.org

March 13, 14 & 15: VICTORVILLE, CA

(Club is Victorville) Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Club
44th Annual Rockhound Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Road/Dale Evans Pkwy
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Ruben Martinez, (760) 429-8263
Email: rmstonewalk54@gmail.com
Website: vvgmc.org [Show Page](#)

March 21 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 29 - 29: 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: robinski@yahoo.com

Website:

www.calaverasgemandmineral.org [Show Page](#)

March 28- 29: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
@the Grounds
800 All American City Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: James Hutchings, (916) 995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com [Show Page](#)

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

www.cfmsinc.org

December Birthstone: Zircon, Tanzanite and Turquoise



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 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

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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Cost will be \$27



Searchers Holiday Dinner!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Saddle up your reindeer and get ready for some holiday cheer!

Traditionally, Searchers does not hold a December meeting. In place of a regular ol' meeting we have a festive holiday gathering with an optional gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a rock related gift.

Details:

Date & Time Saturday, December 7th at 5:30 pm

Location Polly's Pies
18132 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Menu 1st – choice of soup or salad
2nd – choice of turkey or salmon dinner with the fixin's
3rd – choice of apple, chocolate or pumpkin pie

RSVP miz_storm@sbcglobal.net



Bring your holiday spirit and your appetite. Come.... eat, drink, and be merry!

You may RSVP at the Searchers home page for
the holiday party.

<https://www.searchersrocks.org/>



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