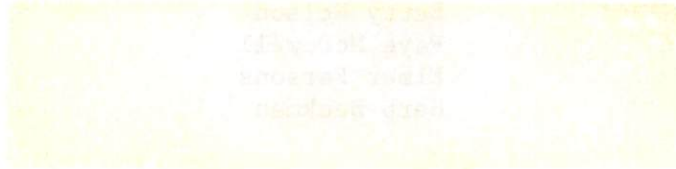


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital 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.

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.

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.

WORKSHOPS: 651 South State College Blvd, Unit # 9, Fullerton. Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

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 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are so proud of these members -

Our Club Case won the trophy and a Blue Ribbon for the Best Club Case in the Gem and Mineral Exhibit at the Orange County Fair. Thanks to all our members who lent their items to be exhibited in our Searcher Case. A big thank you to Betty Nelson, Larry Richey and Beth Pelfrey for coordinating this case and setting it up.

Congratulations to Larry Richey in winning three (3) Blue Ribbons for his exhibit at the Fair. Larry won 1st Place for Amateur Jewelry Metalcraft, 1st Place for Best Jewelry Display, and, 1st Place, Grand Award for Best Overall Display.



Thanks to our bulletin editor, Marge, our Searcher Bulletin was eighth among the top ten small bulletins entered in the CFMS Bulletin Contest. This is getting to be a habit Marge!

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to recruit members for 1998 Club Offices. The Nominating Committee is: Milly Arvanties, Janet Cole and Audrey Nichols.

If you are contacted by these ladies please consider the Office you've been asked to hold and say "yes." Better yet, if there is an office you would like to hold, volunteer. Our Club is growing very fast and we need everyones cooperation.

We thank all of the out-of-town members for extra bulletin postage - it helps!

If you have pictures or photo albums you would like to share with others bring them along to the Nelson Barbecue.

Doris Pelfrey

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- Aug 16th BBQ - Nelson's residende - Garden Grove
- Aug 26th Board Meeting
- Sep 2nd Bulletin Items Due
- Sep 9th General Meeting

SHOW DATES:

Sep 13 - 14 Faceters Guild of Southern California
 Brookhurst Community Center
 2271 W. Crescent Avenue
 Anaheim, CA
 Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



HIGHLIGHTS - JULY GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President Pelfrey at 7:45 PM.

We had one guest present and one new member, Jesse Aguilar.

Grant Miller made a motion that the Searchers contribute \$200 to the Register Campership Fund (as we have in the past) to sponsor two youths. Motion seconded by Larry Richey. Motion passed.

Betty Nelson announced that the Searcher's Club case displayed in the Orange County Fair took first place. Betty thanked all members who contributed to the display and also those members whose materials she was unable to pick up due to time restrictions this year. She also thanked Beth Pelfrey and Larry Richey who helped set up the case. This was the first year for the Searchers to enter a case. Next year we will get started earlier to make things easier.

Max Johnson announced that K-Mart would give us a good price on taking professional pictures of rock or mineral specimens. He showed some pictures he had done there which were excellent. Anyone who is interested, talk to Max.

Bob Dixon announced that the Opal Society is having a sale of excellent Mexican Opal rough that is well dried out. Sale will be on Thursday, July 10th at the workshop they share with us. The Searchers are invited as well as the Opal Society members.

Elmer Parsons reported on Public Lands - "The U.S. Government has divided the U. S. into 20 biological regions. What now! The BLM itself is questioning the government plan to expand Fort Irwin for military purposes. BLM has other suggestions.

Doris announced that Marge Jordan, our bulletin editor of long standing placed 8th in the first top 10 of CFMS editors at the convention.

Our program was a video by Dick Reed of the Searchers 1997 Show and the extended field trip.

Bob and Ana Gabourel served refreshments.

Betty Nelson
Secretary

FEDERATION REPORT:

Toni and Grant Ewers, CFMS, Co-Chairs for Education Thru Sharing have announced that they have received nominees for "Rockhound of the Year" from several CFMS societies. The Searcher nominee was Jim Williamson and we are happy to report that Jim was one of the nominees recognized by CFMS as our "Rockhound of the Year."

Elmer Parsons

NOTICE: Bulletin items due NLT September 2nd. Thanks.

marge

NATIONAL PARKS GET NEW NAME (via ALAA Issue, 1st Quarter, 1997)

In a recent article entitled "The Taking of America", by Karen Lee Bixman, it was suggested that Americans might be losing control of management of some of our most precious assets, our National Parks. Several National Parks already have entrance signs calling them "International Biospheres", a creation of UNESCO, Part of the United Nations. The facts seem to be that because of this UN designation, UN is becoming "advisors" on management of our National Parks.

The ALAA would not be officially concerned except that the management concept of these "International Biospheres" divides them into 3 sections, a wilderness zone, a buffer zone and a cooperation zone. Therefore some of our collecting sites are in "harm's way". It is interesting to us that this whole concept was first brought to our attention through an article by June Gulp Zietner in the "Lapidary Journal," July 1988 entitled "IS THE ROCK COLLECTOR AN ENDANGERED SPECIES" in which June pointed out that a proposed enlarging our National Parks was a real threat to many popular collecting areas. Now it looks like they may have found a different way to restrict our activities. The ALAA is not certain of just how many of our National Parks have received this designation, but we are told it is quite a number of them. Of note is a Bill in Congress, introduced by Congressman Don Young (HR 901) in the 105th Congress) which is titled "The American Land Sovereignty Protection Act" which would terminate any UN control over our National Parks. Possibly we should support it. JS&BC

via CFMS Newsltr, 8/97

PUBLIC LANDS:

The following information via "Baker Valley News" - Baker, CA

Clinton got re-elected, there will be no incentive to keep him and the greens from creating new National Monuments all across America. It will be an economic and social disaster. He is committed to have 50% of the land mass of the U.S. to be placed in this category as an example using the 1906 Antiquities Act to Federalize 1.7 million acres of the southeastern part of Utah into a new National Monument.

Executives from the private groups have been appointed to government agencies -- Clinton's Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt was formerly the President of the League of Conservation Voters; Georg Grampton, the present Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife and Parks of the Interior Department was President of the Wilderness Society; David Gardner, an officer in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was Legislative Director for the Sierra Club; Frank Lovejoy, new Scientific Advisor, U.S. Department of the Interior was Vice President for Science for the World Resource Institute, Alice Revlin, Deputy Director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget was a member of the governing council of the Wilderness Society; Brooks Yeager, Director, Office of Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of Interior, was Vice President of Governmental Relations for the National Audubon Society and Russel Train, Administrator for the EPA was Chairman of the World Wildlife Fund.

This is only a few of the people named in Congressman Pombo's revealing book that have gone from the Green organizations to serve and carry out their own agenda under the Clinton Administration.

Clinton promised to sign bill to aid or create over 100 new park sites. The Presido in San Francisco, is one of Senator Barbara Boxer's pet projects. It will also authorize \$17.5 million to start buying 20 square miles on the New York-Jersey border for a new National Park.

In addition the Bill would preserve nearly 11,000 acres of tall-grass in

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PUBLIC LANDS (Cont'd):

Kansas and set up a 250 mile National Heritage Corridor along the Savannah River Valley in South Carolina.

Senator Boxer's area will also benefit with more than \$400 million for restoration of the San Francisco Bay Delta. This project will require another \$550 million in matching funds. To be continued in future newsletter.

Elmer Parsons
Public Lands

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR:

As coordinator for Searcher Day in the Gem and Mineral Building at the Orange County Fair, I would like to thank all of you who participated and came out for the day and worked a few hours. We had 23 members who helped out and 8 members who spent many hours demonstrating the lapidary hobbies of faceting, capping, wirewrap, beading, knapping etc.

Also, many thanks to all of you who lent their lapidary treasures to be exhibited in our Searcher Case. This was our first case entry as a Club Project and we should all be very proud of our 1st Place Blue Ribbon and Trophy.

Larry Richey

SLABS FOR VET'S:

We can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop. If you have extra slabs you're not using, or you're running that saw - cut one for the Vets.

I will have a box available at the General Meetings - back near the refreshments. Just drop them in the box marked "Searcher Slabs for Vets."

Larry Richey

SHARING AND CARING:

Our President, Doris, was hospitalized for a week due to fluid buildup in the lungs. Happy to report that she has made a rapid recovery and is home and feeling good.

Mae Freedman continues to improve and is working hard on her therapy. Way to go Mae, keep it up.

Marge

THANK YOU:

I would like to thank you all for your concern due to my accident at Topaz Mountain. The phone calls, cards, notes and prayers have really been appreciated. Not only your thoughtfulness but your caring was a great help in my recovery and a great morale boost to Joan.

We're so grateful for all the help we had getting us situated in Delta, Utah and thankful that we finally made it home with no problems. Again, we certainly appreciate everything and I'm happy to report that I'm improving nicely and doing my therapy.

Jim and Joan Everitt

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome two new members. Please add these to your '97 Roster.

AGUILAR, Jesse R. (add next to Diana Aguilar and please correct Diane to read Diana)
4067 Hardwick Street, Suite 368
Lakewood, CA 90712-2324
(562) 984-8466

WEASE, Susana (add next to John N. Wease).

This brings our membership total to 162.

Milly Arvanites

WORKSHOP REPORT:

Our workshop is fully operational. The three slabbing saws, three trim saws, two grinders, polisher, and flat lap are all working and available to Searchers on Thursday nights.

Several Searchers have been staunch supporters and users of our shop. In recent weeks, a few new people have attended. We have a good time at workshop evenings and are turning out some nice work. I invite you to attend, make something nice out of materials you collected on a Searcher field trip. For new members, we have a supply of attractive cutting material on hand for you to start with. In the coming weeks, we will make available at garage sale prices, choice slabs and pieces of donated gem rough materials for workshop attendees.

The workshop is now open to use by junior Searcher members. Their waiver must be signed by their parent, and they must be under the direct supervision of their parent, or parent authorized Searcher member while using the workshop.

The workshop is located in the industrial park at 651 S. State College Blvd., Unit No. 9, in Fullerton, CA. We time share the facility with the American Opal Society. Our workshop is open every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Workshop supervisors are: Ken Despain, Bob Gabourel, Cliff Warner and myself. We do need another supervisor to give us more scheduling flexibility. Please contact me if you are interested.

Many Searchers have worked hard to get the workshop going. It exists for your use. I invite you to support this valuable Searcher's asset by attending our workshop sessions. There is a wealth of talent and valuable experience in Searchers, let's share it with each other and have fun in the process. We would like to offer classes in the workshop. Now that we have the facility, we need to know what kinds of classes you would support. I will conduct a poll at the August general meeting to asses Searchers interest level and support for various class subjects.

Herb Beckman
Workshop Coordinator

REFRESHMENTS:

Thanks to Bob and Ana Gabourel for the good refreshments at our July general meeting.

Margaret and Floyd Neeley will serve the refreshments this evening.

Betty Henderson

2ND ANNUAL LAPIDARY SALEWHEN: SATURDAY - AUG 23RD, 1997 TIME: 8:00 AM 'TIL 4:00 PMPLACE: THE COLE'S - 791 NORTH ORANGE STREET, ORANGE, CA
(SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ORANGE AND LOMITA)
(MAIN CROSS STREETS --GLASSEL/COLLINS)DON'T MISS THIS ONE -- ALL MERCHANDISE WILL BE PRICED 20%, 30%
AND 40% OFF RETAIL PRICES.

DROP BY, LOOK AROUND AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WITH US.

WAX CASTING SUPPLIES--SLAB SAWS -- WHEELS --HAND TOOLS --FINDINGS
MOTORS -- SLABS -- POLISH -- GRIT -- DREMEL TOOLS/SUPPLIES -- TUMBLERS

JAY AND MARIE COLE (714) 639-7983

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our program for July was a video of our 1997 Gem Roundup and the recent extended field trip to Utah and Topaz Mountain. Thanks to Dick Reed for the video.

Our program this evening will be presented by Larry Richey on "coin cutting."

We have a change in the September program. Due to another commitment Mr. Walt Bowser who was to show slides on Mexican Safaris and Minerals had to cancel. Our September program will be presented by James Klein the subject, "Prospecting for Gold" and types of equipment used.

Walter Mroch

JULY BEACH GET TOGETHER (July 12th and 13th):

Even though our July Beach get together at Bolsa Chica State Beach was not firmed up until our June general meeting we're so pleased that so many of you members participated. We realized that getting camping reservations at that late date might be a problem but fortunately it worked out pretty well. Some who camped arrived on Thursday and by Friday evening we had 9 rigs registered.

Saturday dawned slightly overcast but in no time the sun was out brightly and most members did their thing. Swimming, getting a tan, hiking on the beach, biking, cards, crafts and visiting with members and guests we don't get to see that often.

At 4:00 PM Saturday we had a fun Rocktail Party and at 5:30 PM a Hot Dog and Potluck feast. We had 21 members and guests camping and before the end of the day over 55 members and guests participated in the days activities.

Sunday morning dawned cloudy but cleared off early and those who had to work on Monday left before lunch. We had 5 rigs stay over Sunday night and those who stayed had an impromptu rocktail/potluck and campfire and later yum yum popcorn.

We would like to thank all of you for coming and making the beach get together a fun outing. Thanks also to Ken and Mary Nelson and Joan and Jim Everitt for all their help setting up the potluck, fire rings, etc.

We had great campfires every night. For those of you who wasn't able to make at least one day of the beach outing you missed out on a good time at the beach.

Bob and Ana Gabourel

IRONWOOD:

Ironwood weighs about 90 pounds per cubic foot, making it one of the heaviest woods in the world, twice as heavy as oak, ash, walnut and other common woods. It will sink in water.

The ironwood tree takes several hundreds of years to grow to maturity. It cannot tolerate freezing weather and so grows at elevations less than 2,500 feet, mostly in the hot, dry arroyos in Southern Arizona, Southern California and northern Mexico. The tree blossoms in the spring in thousands of small orchid-like lavender flowers that will form seed pods carrying small beans. Fresh, these taste like very fresh garden peas, as the ironwood belongs to the same family of plants as our peas. The Indians of "ironwood" country, around the Sea of Cortez, ground the ripe beans into flour. They carved the wood into fishhooks, and spears, as well as seals, dolphins, sharks, and birds as toys and totems.

Because of the extreme hardness of ironwood, shaping and sanding of the wood is usually done with metal-cutting or lapidary tools, even carbide tools. Because of the natural oil in ironwood, it is usually not necessary to put a finish on either jewelry or carvings. Ironwood is finished with fine sandpaper, then waxed. Because of the heavy density of ironwood, its fibers do not expand or contract like softer woods. Therefore, carvings should be kept out of direct sunlight in extremely hot weather, because, as they cannot expand or contract, they may split or crack.

via CFMS Newsltr, 3/96 and Petrograph Jul/Aug '97

SAFETY REPORT:

Much information has been put out lately cautioning everyone to not fill a gasoline can in the back of your pickup, especially if you have a plastic bed liner. It has been known for many years that gasoline sloshing around in a metal container can build up static electricity, much the same as walking on a nylon carpet. You have all seen the spark from your door key in a hotel with nylon carpets. You are cautioned to fill your can on the ground so static electricity will be shorted to the ground as it is generated. When full, put the cap on securely and lift it into the truck.

If the can is filled in the truck, especially if it has a plastic liner, the static electricity can build up a strong charge that can ignite the gasoline. If this should happen it could be a major catastrophe for both you, your vehicle and anyone else near.

Remember the old rule, one gallon of gasoline equals 14 sticks of dynamite times five (5) gallons of gasoline equals the power of 70 sticks of dynamite. We don't think your vehicle or you could tolerate that much of an explosion. Also, before opening or using gasoline in the can, take the container out of the truck and put it on the ground to discharge any possible static electricity, or otherwise ground the container. We need you. THINK SAFETY.

via CFMS Newsltr, 8/97 and others

Little Note:

Drive carefully. It's not just cars that can be recalled by their maker.

via Pasadena Lapidary, Jun 1997

SEARCHERS FIELD TRIPS
1997 AGENDA

AUGUST 16th	B.B.Q.	Trip Leader: Betty Nelson COUNTRY WESTERN B.B.Q. at the Nelson's.
SEPTEMBER 13th	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Trip Leader: Herb Beckman
OCTOBER 11-12th	TRONA	Trip Leader: Jim Williamson TRONA GEM-O-RAMA Collect: halite, hanksite & other minerals
NOVEMBER 27-30th	COPPERWORLD & KOKOWEEF	Trip Leader: Connie Van Kampen Collect chrysocolla & other minerals at Copperworld; collect cave coral at Kokoweef.
DECEMBER	NO TRIP	

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING A FIELD TRIP OR COORDINATING A SOCIAL EVENT: PLEASE CALL CONNIE VAN KAMPEN. (714) 993-2827.

These are the remaining field trips scheduled for 1997. The original list was published in January '97 bulletin and included January through July.

AUGUST BARBECUE - SATURDAY, August 16th:

Plan to be here around 3:00 PM, we'll start cooking shortly thereafter. Please bring whatever you would like to BBQ, hamburger, steak, hot dogs etc. Also bring a dish to share. We'll have condiments, plates, eating utensils buns and soda pop. Please bring folding chairs. We have a pool so bring your suit and towels.

DIRECTIONS (from 22 Fwy)

1. Get off at Euclid & go north (that's right if your coming from Orange) NOTE: when you first get off the freeway you will be on Trask, turn left to get to Euclid
2. Turn left at Orangewood
3. Turn right at Parliament
4. Turn right at Fulmer
5. Turn left at Palmer
6. Go to end of the street The brown house at the elbow (on the left) is the place!

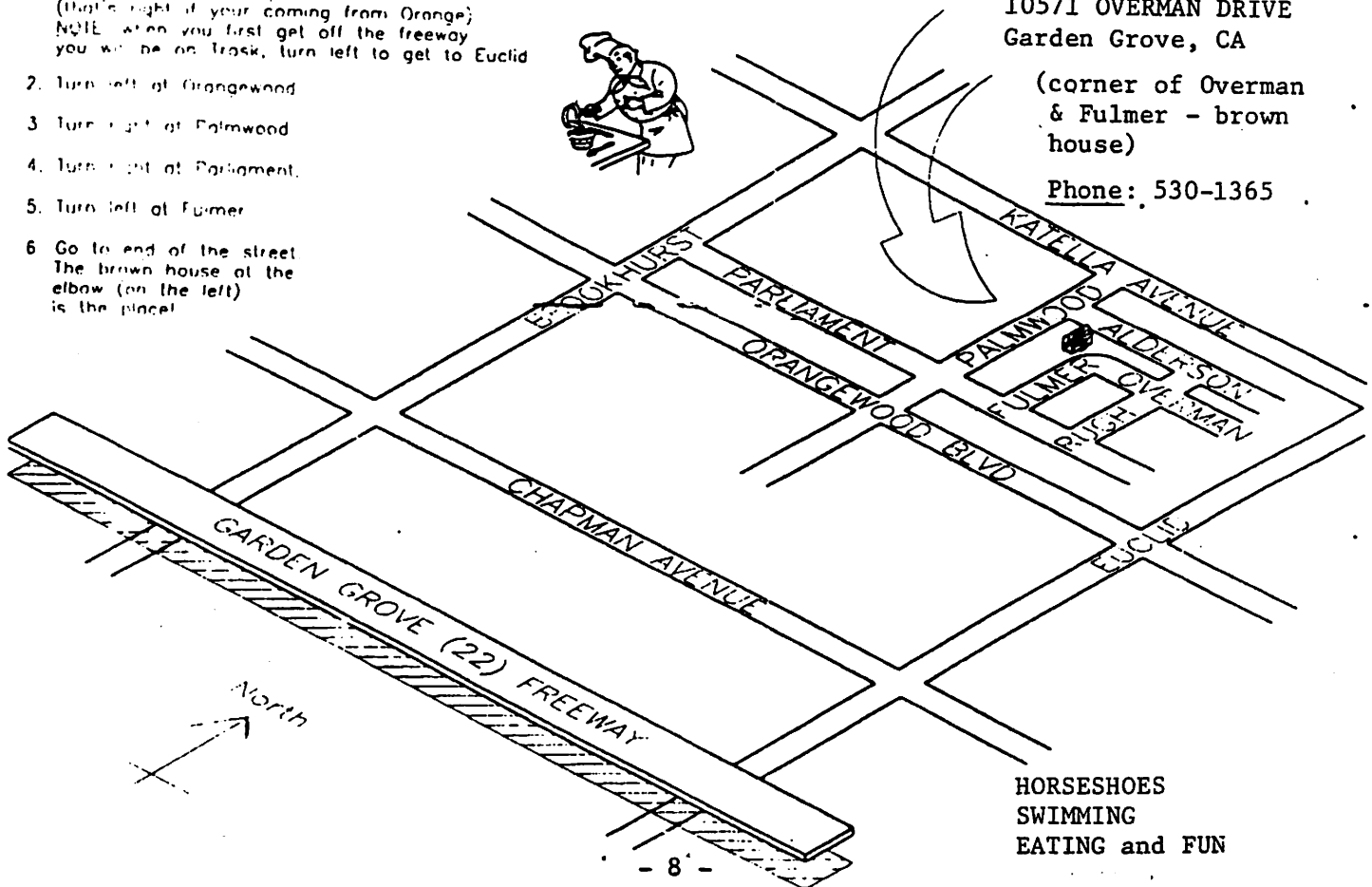
Betty and Harry Nelson

PARTY IS HERE

10571 OVERMAN DRIVE
Garden Grove, CA

(corner of Overman & Fulmer - brown house)

Phone: 530-1365



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