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# The Rock Slab News

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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## The President's Message

Hello Searchers and Friends!

### LET'S "ROCK" THE GIFTS!

AT THE

Searcher's

### Holiday Boutique

Come to socialize, maybe win a door prize, or just come to shop 'til you drop!

Join in on the Fall fun at our first Holiday Boutique! This October we will be changing up our regular monthly meeting by showcasing the work of our talented members. Jewelry, cabochons, polished stone spheres, beautiful display rocks & minerals, belt buckles and bolo ties will be featured as well as some surprises! It will be a great opportunity to snap up dazzling Christmas presents, Holiday gifts and décor, as well as raw materials for that special someone. Maybe yourself, wink!

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Time:</b>	6pm to 9pm
<b>Location:</b>	Downtown Anaheim Community Center, Assembly Hall 250 East Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805
<b>Contact:</b>	Heather Jaeckels Cell: 310.686.8145 Email: hkjaeckels@gmail.com
<b>Parking:</b>	Free in Community Center lot

Refreshments will be provided by our members and kind donors. Coca-Cola has donated water and Farmer Brothers is supplying a variety of delicious iced coffees. Cookies and other snacks will be available. Proceeds from the refreshments table will support Searchers' activities, so please be generous!

**Open to the public! Please share this information so we can have a great turn out!**

**Many thanks go out to our members** for helping The Anaheim Arts Council recover after the robbery of cash and musical instruments from their music program. Special thanks go out to Inez & Doug Flaugh as well as Lydia Pattison for their generous donation of musical instruments. As many know, we rely on The Arts Council to support and sponsor The Searchers in our community. I am happy that we can reciprocate and support them in turn.

**Elections are coming up!** We are going to have vacancies in the AFMS representative and Librarian positions. If you're interested in becoming a participating please contact Steve Duncan. Steve will be our contact person for nominations. Steve can be reached by email at [wsd@iteris.com](mailto:wsd@iteris.com), or by phone at 714.724.7102.

**Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Veterans!**

Heather Jaeckels

2016 President, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society



## Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
10/ 8-9 2016		Searles Lake Trona, Ca	planned

### Field Trip: Searles Lake October 8-9 2016

Please use this information, Motels are available in Ridgecrest about 40 minutes away, dry camping can be found north of the show venue ( country club). Call Robert for more details (562)7064892

For field trip  
information

contact: Robert

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## 75th ANNUAL GEM-O-RAMA

Sponsored by the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

**October 8-9, 2016** Saturday 7:30AM to 5PM - Sunday 7:30AM to 4PM  
SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building - 13337 Main St. (corner of Main & Trona Rd.)  
TRONA, CALIFORNIA

**OUTSTANDING SHOW - FREE ADMISSION**

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**FIELD TRIPS - you drive your own car**

**DEALER SPECIAL - PINK HALITE** - (Friday 2 to 6:30PM) **\$150 car+driver, \$50 each added person)**

**SEARLES DRY LAKE** - (2 1/2 hour trips on Saturday, 4 1/2 hours on Sunday)

Registration: **7:30-9:00 am** and **1:30-2:30 pm** - you must register during these times to go on field trips

**Mud Trip** - Saturday Only - **Departs ONLY** at 9AM- Cluster & barrel hanksite, trona, borax -

**\$15 per CAR**

**Blow Hole** - Saturday Only - **Departs ONLY** at 2:30PM- Hanksite, halite, borax, sulfohalite - dry surface- **\$15 per CAR**

**Pink Halite** - Sunday Only - **Departs ONLY** at 9AM- In brine, beneath hard salt - **\$20 per CAR**

**Pinnacles National Natural Landmark** - Self guided, information at show - **FREE**

**Searles Valley Minerals' Plants** - **Saturday only:** 10:40, 11:25, 12:10, 12:55 and 1:40 - in bus - **FREE**

**More Information on page 5**



## Trip Report: Holbrook 9/ 2-4

This is a area is in the American West, it stands uniquely in the World as Geologic Phenomenal preserve. It's a grand outside historic museum. I did not believe the weather would cooperate. Well it did. Traveling the southerly route through the copper belt of Arizona made the trip work. Seeing giant copper pit mines, winding the landscape of the canyons along the salt creek. shades of Arizona Highways, Pine forests of the White Mountains surprisingly lush.

The camping issue wasn't necessarily offered. we pretty much stayed at the Motel 6, this worked out well for the motel had a court yard. Each morning most of us meet for breakfast at Denny's The Pasadena club is a socially oriented group. I found them to be friendly and entertaining, well informed, and loyal membership. Conversations with them was enriching.



Saturday morning; Two hours devoted to a self guide tour of the Petrified Forest, Blue Mesa forest, and the newspaper rock, I found them to be the best stops. I would recommend the museum at the rainbow forest to those who enjoy geological history.

Next; we traveled to St. Johns to visit Ken Rock shop, his lapidary was a large scale processing factory for petrified wood products. The quality and the processing were inspiring. Chris was easy to deal with (reasonable).

After lunch we meet-up at the Dobell Ranch, situated conveniently at the south gate of the Petrified Forest, just about a third mile West on highway 180 on the right side of the road. This stop impressed me. Ronda Dobell directed us to premium pieces of wood. Over 100 lbs. of wood followed me home. I hesitate in giving out price per pound, lets say pennies per pound. Call Ronda Dobell (928)524-2628 by all means and take the time to visit the ranch.

Onto Woodruff area to field collect." A chance to go dirty "at last a chance to field test the new Jeep. Into the countryside we sample the gravel bars for pieces of wood. It would appear that most Rock hounds found some here. I noted that good wood was unearthed a this spot. Hey it was fun. Here Sharon and I departed, yours truly had all the material needed.



Sunday; Meteor Crater, Unique to see. I believe it worthwhile. Next, Joseph City petrified wood? sorry no data available?

Thanks to Mark and Linda Nelson, Carol Duncan for hosting this trip is was well performed.

Reported by Robert Burson.

September Speaker: none—Boutique day

### Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
10-11-2016	None	Holiday Boutique
11-8-2016	None	Pie Party and Cabinet Member Elections

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

[www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

## Upcoming 2016 CFMS Gem Shows

### OCTOBER

October 1 - 2: BORON, CA Mojave Mineralogical Society Boron Recreation Park 26998 John Street Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4 Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829 Email: [daviesb@yahoo.com](mailto:daviesb@yahoo.com)

October 1 - 2: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570 Email: [raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

October 8 - 9: ANDERSON, CA Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Shasta District Fairgrounds 1890 Briggs Street Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Steve Puderbaugh, 530-604-2951 Email: [kelly13@shasta.com](mailto:kelly13@shasta.com) Show Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

October 8 - 9: GRASS VALLEY, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building) 11228 McCourtney Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Todd Lawson, (530) 305-9212 Email: [webmaster@ncgms.org](mailto:webmaster@ncgms.org) Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

October 8 - 9: TRONA, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society SLGM Show Building 13337 Main Street Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4 Jim and Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356 Email: [slgms@iwwisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwwisp.com) Website: [www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub)

October 15: WEST HILLS, CA Woodland Hills Rock Chippers First United Methodist Church 22700 Sherman Way Hours: 10 - 5 Contact: Mary Beth Pio, (818) 349-9164 Email: [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org) Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org)

October 15 - 16: WHITTIER, CA Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Frank Winn, (626) 239-5457 Email: [rkhnfdw@gmail.com](mailto:rkhnfdw@gmail.com)

**Whittier Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show will be held at the Whittier Community Center on October 15-16. Join us to see our new exhibit featuring our show theme, "Pictures in Rock." You'll have an opportunity to find out about the upcoming affiliated club field trip to the Whittier Claim on October 22-23 and other trips through December. Get acquainted with fellow affiliated club members! We are offering coffee for 5 cents to all club members who wear their badges. We hope to see you at the show!**

October 22 - 23: LOS ALTOS, CA Peninsula Gem & Geology Society Los Altos Youth Center One No. San Antonio Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384 Email: [steve\\_jobe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net) Website: [www.pggs.org](http://www.pggs.org)

### NOVEMBER

November 5 - 6: ANAHEIM, CA American Opal Society Business Expo Center 1960 S. Anaheim Way Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 509-9959 Email: [info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org) Website: [www.opalsociety.org/](http://www.opalsociety.org/)

November 5 - 6: RIDGECREST, CA Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society Desert Empire Fairgrounds 520 South Richmond Road Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: John De Rosa, (760) 375-7905 Email: [jfrocks@dslexreme.com](mailto:jfrocks@dslexreme.com)

November 12 - 13: SACRAMENTO, CA Sacramento Mineral Society Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Hours: Sat 10 - 5 daily Contact: Alyssa Mesizger, (916) 662-5819 Email: [webad-min@sacramentomineralsociety.org](mailto:webad-min@sacramentomineralsociety.org) Website: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>

November 12 - 13: YUBA CITY, CA Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall 442 Franklin Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Katie Slightam, (530) 673-9649 Email: [mktalternatives@comcast.net](mailto:mktalternatives@comcast.net) Website: [www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

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November 19 - 20: OXNARD, CA Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 647-8517 Email: [johndiane-daisy@yahoo.com](mailto:johndiane-daisy@yahoo.com) Website: [www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com)

## October Birthstone - Tourmaline and Opal





## Searles Lake Field Trip: Other activities

### SEARLES LAKE PINK HALITE FROM THE SOURCE - WHOLESALE PRICES

All Pink Halite collected with permission of Searles Valley Minerals

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### OTHER SHOW ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

20 Dealers - 50 exhibits - Geode cutting and sales - Demonstration - **Free** parking

Snacks & drinks - **Grand Prize Drawing** - Hourly door prizes

**Good Food in Catered Cafeteria in Show Building**

**LUNCH:** Sat. and Sun. - 10AM to 4PM **DINNER:** Fri. (\$11.00) and Sat. (\$11.00)- 5PM to 7PM

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST- TRONA COMMUNITY CHURCH** (2 blocks north of show)

Sat. 6 to 10AM, Sun. 6 to 9AM - **Adults: \$5.00, children under 7: \$3.00**

Large groups - make advanced reservations for prompt service - call Gini Schwartz (760)372-5720

**FORMER TRONAN'S PICNIC** - Sat. 10AM, Trona Elementary School (on Athol St.)

**OLD GUEST HOUSE MUSEUM** - Sat. 9AM to 4PM, Sun. 9AM to 2PM

**TRONA'S HISTORY HOUSE** - Sat. 10AM to 4PM, Sun. 10AM to 2PM

**TRONA FIRE MUSEUM** - Sat. 10AM to 3PM

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

**VALLEY WELLS RECREATION AREA** - 5.3 miles north of show, **\$8/vehicle (dry camp, no resv.)**

**Find LOCAL AREA MOTELS** (Most are in Ridgecrest, 25 miles west)

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our web page at [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/) or call Jim or Bonnie Fairchild (760)372-5356

Note: above times and prices for show may change - check here for updates - last updated on 09/18/2016

**THANKS FOR COMING -- HAVE A SAFE TRIP**

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**Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society**

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<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/GEM-O-RAMA.htm>



# Rock, Slabs and Equipment Sale in Orange, CA

Saturday, November 12, 2016. 8am – 2pm

This is just a note to let you know that the rock sale will be at the home of former Searchers member Jeri Frank.  
It will be held at 3708 E. Westridge Drive., Orange, CA from 8am - 2pm.

Slabs: Lots of slabs. Priced per lot.

Cabs: Priced per lot

Rocks: .50 cents a lb. a pound and up. Bring your 5 gallon bucket. (Not to many rocks)

Lapidary Equipment: 14" Panther Premium Slab saw, 10" Trim Saw (No Blade),  
2 Barrel Tumblers, 1 Fitz Corp. Vari Vibe,  
8" Lap, Genie with Diamond Wheels and Trim Saw attachment,  
Crystalite Pro Demon Diamond Cabbing Machine.

There will also be some wire wrapped rings for sale.

NOTE:\*\*\*\*\* Please do not disturb tenant prior to sale.

\*\*\*\*\* Sold stickers put on all wanted items with the your name or business name will not be tolerated.



Hope you can make it!



# Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

## General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

[www.searchersrocks.org](http://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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

<b>Membership Dues:</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$25</b>
	<b>Couple</b>	<b>\$35</b>
	<b>Junior (17 &amp; under)</b>	<b>\$10</b>

Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

**Bulletin:** Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: [editor@searchersrocks.org](mailto:editor@searchersrocks.org).

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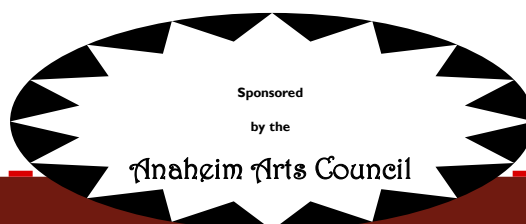
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