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The President's Message

Dear SEARCHERS;

Our year is off to a great start with productive and well attended meetings in January. We now have a clear and concise Mission Statement that will allow us to build on our foundation and grow as an organization.

I'm happy to announce we had 8 new members attend our meeting last month, 3 of them came to workshop the following week and signed up. We are getting new people interested in our organization attend workshop every week, and I for one am excited to see what the rest of the year has in store.

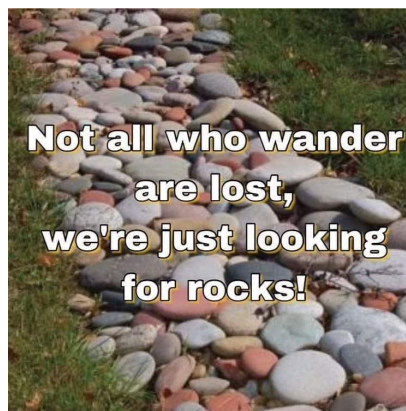
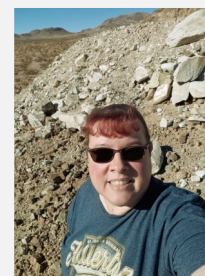
The board and I want to thank all of you who have donated to the VA Hospital in Long Beach, our support of their lapidary workshop in the Occupational Therapy wing is greatly appreciated. I'm excited to see the VA presentation at the next member meeting, it will be wonderful to learn how much we help them and all the vets who use their services. We are still collecting donations for the Campfire families, please see Nancy at the next member meeting for more information on what you can do to help.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my board members for being so supportive as I adjust to my new role, and to all the members who have offered advice and guidance. Please feel free to reach out to me via email at mdekanybeeker@gmail.com or text at (714) 515-9140 if you have any questions or concerns, I will get in touch with you as soon as I possibly can. Thanks again for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Monica Dekany-Beeker

President, SEARCHERS, 2019



*Please bring any slabs you would like to donate to the Veterans to the member meeting.

Thank You!

Note: We just discovered that the VA lapidary shop has a faceting machine and now has someone available to teach them. Any faceting rough you could donate would be a great treat for them.

Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- Tues. Feb. 5th at 6pm, Anaheim Community Center

Member Meeting- Tues Feb. 12th at 7pm, Anaheim Community Center

****Don't forget we still need donations for the Campfire families, see Nancy at the member meeting for more information.**

Get ready! For February's Meeting...

It will be packed full! We will have three different terrific topics.



Joy Rogers will be on site to share personal safety tools for your rockhounding excursions, which can also be used in your daily life.

We will have a short introduction into fundraising, donations, and development that will help us fund our activities and maintain our nonprofit status.

Last and most exciting.... We have a stellar mashup planned. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day as well as our Veterans at the first ever **VA-lentine's Day**. What does your support for the Vets at the Long Beach VA Hospital lapidary shop actually



accomplish? Where exactly do your rocks, slabs, and donations go? Come and see for yourself. We will have a speaker from the Veterans Administration Hospital, displays of their lapidary shop work, and selections from their awards and events.



After the formal speaking portion of the evening there will be time to mix and mingle, and to get an up close view of the exhibits on display. To properly celebrate our newly minted Searchers holiday there will be special **VA-lentine's Day** refreshments and sweets for the sweet. Come hang where the Searchers ROCK! It will be a night of Hearts & Stars.



Club Activities: Fun at the Weekly Shop



Field Trips

February Field Trip: Ludlow Area

Date: 2/16/19 and 2/17/19

Leader: Jimmy (714) 904-8573

Saturday: Copper minerals and Thulite

Sunday: TBD

Camp: Dry camping. Take Hwy 40 and get off a Cruceo Rd, go West (you will see the Dairy Queen). Turn Left on Rt. 66 (runs along the Hwy). About 1 mile, on the right, will be the camp site.

Meet: Saturday morning at 9:00 am everyone will meet at the Dairy Queen.



NOTE: Need Field trip leaders

Calling all Searchers. We need field trip leaders. I know a lot of you have places where you like to collect. Day trips, camping (weekend or long range). Let's get some groups outings going.

Please contact me. Lydia (714) 453-8186 (call or text) or email lpattison@socal.rr.com

ROCKHOUNDING APPS

Last month I reported on a cool app for Android phones called "BackCountry Navigator" that allowed using your Android phone or tablet to plot your location on a US Topo map (or several others kinds of maps) – even if you have no cell signal. In fact, even if the device is not part of a cell contract so long as the device has a working GPS antenna and you download the map area in advance. You can find the app on the Google Play Store.

While the Topo maps and others are filled with information such as dirt roads, trails, hills and valleys and old mine sites, you can add your own waypoint info to preserve those "special" trips and the app can also import waypoint info from other sources using standard mapping code. Many folks document their discoveries and publish them online. There is a wealth of info on YouTube and the internet on what's available and how to import.

This month I want to draw your attention to another app you might find useful. It uses data from mindat, the USGS and other sources to show old (and current) mines on a map. The app is called Digger's Map, and it's available on IOS and Android. They advertise more than 300,000 locations of 60+ minerals – although only 16 are included free. There are locations for gold, iron, copper, platinum, gemstones, marble, tungsten, quartz, etc. You choose what mineral you wish to seek and it loads the locations of mines that produced that material whether closed or still operating. Selecting the location you're interested in gives a brief explanation of what's at that site, and tapping for more will link the USGS mindat data for that particular mine.

Used with the previous BackCountry Navigator app, you can find your way there and back easily. This app is available through the Google Play Store or the AppStore with Apple.

Happy Trails, Bill Hogarth

**For field trip
information
contact: Lydia
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Searcher Show News



Our wonderful show takes more material and behind-the-scenes work than you can imagine. Are you wondering how you can help? We prepare all year long! We need children's prizes for the tickets in grab bags. We need prizes for all ages for hourly ticket drawings at the hospitality desk. Go through your stash and bring some materials for the silent auction. We need tumbled or beautiful or interesting stones or related items for the grab bags. We need sparkly or special items for the Wheel of Fortune. We need large opportunity drawing items such as equipment or other special rock-related items. Remember, Searchers can give a tax letter to anyone who donates. We are a non-profit organization and our show is our main source of income. Two new workshop display cases for the show are almost ready. We are hoping that up to four workshop attendees will display their creations in our show. We'll have a display case sign-up sheet available at the general meetings or you can let Lydia or Adrian know you'd like to participate. Additionally, we would like to borrow creations from all club members for the club display case that is on the end of the display case tables. Bring your items with your name on the back, and perhaps a note as to what rock it is, and we'll borrow it for the show weekend as an example of all of the wonderful things our talented club members make. This is an easy opportunity to promote our club.

Show Meeting Schedule:

We only have three show meetings left before the show! Everyone is invited to join our hard-working talented team that tries to make our show the best possible, maximizing our resources and strengths, but minimizing our costs and work through technology and organization. Our show meetings will be from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Anaheim Center on the following dates:

Feb. 2

Mar. 2

Apr. 5

The Senior Center is in the Anaheim Community Center, past the workshop, through the large wooden gate.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!

Keep on rocking,

Margaret Hogarth hogarth.m@gmail.com

909-815-3045

NOTE:

It is that time again. The show is just a few months away, and we need to begin collecting material for the Silent Auction. I know the old adage of 3 for me and 1 for the VA when cutting slabs. For the next few months please make it 2 for me, 1 for the VA, and 1 for the show. Also rough rocks from your collection, please pick a few nice pieces you can donate to the silent auction. One point: We do not want the piece you brought home from the field trip and when you got home you said to yourself "man, why did I pick this up?". If it is something you would not consider bidding on yourself in an auction we don't need it. We need nice material, that causes a bidding frenzy in the auction. So better 2 or 3 nice pieces than a bucket of yard rocks. The auction is one of the main fundraisers for the club that has enriched your life, please find a way to support the auction.

Donations can be brought to the show, or given to Jimmy at the meetings or the workshop, or you can contact me and I will find a way to pick them up

Thanks, Steve Duncan

Upcoming 2019 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to website:

www.cfmsinc.org

FEBRUARY 2019

February 15 - 24: 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 16 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 23 - 24: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

MARCH 2019

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: Beth Farmer, (510)-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!

March 8, 9 & 10, 2019

80th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
POMONA, CA
Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society
[Show Page](#)

For Vendor Forms: showdealers@pasadenalapidary.org
Or call: (626) 260-7239
Details will be posted as they develop.

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494
Email: bud.mcmillin.B7YJ@statefarm.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
[Show Page](#)

March 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, (408) 629-5735
Email: sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 23- 24: ROSEVILLE, CA

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

March 30 - 31: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Kathy Polliard, (310) 533-4931
Email: kjpolliard@yahoo.com
Website: southbaylapidaryandmineralso-ciety.com [Show Page](#)

APRIL 2019

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa off Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan
Email: mcmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org> [Show Page](#)

April 13 - 14: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: srockhounds.org [Show Page](#)

April 27 & 28: LANCASTER

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H (Hwy. 14 & Ave. H)
Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom, (661) 406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

February Birthstone: Amethyst



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 9:30 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 6:30 PM

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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CFMS Federation Show & Convention-Pomona

Happy New Year Everyone. 2018 slid past so quickly, just imagine how the next 60 or so days will go. Yup, only about 60 days till the CFMS Show and Convention in Pomona!

Deadline for reserving a room at the DoubleTree in Claremont is February 6: We have reserved a block of 50 rooms for members and directors of other societies for Thursday (10), Friday (20), and Saturday (20). If you are want to stay at the DoubleTree you can go to our web site and under the Show tab and then choose lodging or call 800-222-TREE or 909-626-2411 (Ext. 1) and mention code CFM. Cost per night is \$159 plus taxes.



I understand that there are not a lot of competitive entries turned in yet, so if your society has anyone who wants to compete they should get the form turned in by February 6th. Non-competition deadline is February 25. Forms for the non-competitive and competitive cases can be found at the Pasadena Lapidary web site pasadenalapidary.org at the Show tab then choose Display Cases.

Deadline for the Award's Banquet is February 25. It will be held at the DoubleTree Saturday, March 9. Happy hour is at 6, dinner is at 7. The form for that is at the PasadenaLapidary.org web site listed under the Show tab and choose Registrations/Tickets. Banquet is \$52.50 per person and you have a choice of beef, chicken and vegetarian.

Deadline for the Editor's Lunch is February 25. If you want to go to the Editor's Lunch it is also held at the DoubleTree, Saturday, March 9 at 1:00pm. It is on the same form as the one above.

If you feel like representing your Society at Club Central, download the application for your society at the link or call Joe Goetz.

If any in you society would like to volunteer contact Ellen Ferrell at 727 512-0381.

If any of your society members would like to demonstrate while at the show you can call Joan Harrison at (323) 640-4394, or email her at liveoak180@yahoo.com.



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