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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this message finds you healthy and doing well. We are now in the third month of dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. Orange County has progressed to "Stage 2" of the reopening plan for Covid-19; some retail stores are reopening for in-store shopping which is a welcome change and s-l-o-w-l-y life is beginning to feel a little more like it used to. But the battle against Covid-19 is not over. For the foreseeable future, we have been educated on the importance to continue social distancing, wearing a face covering when in public and avoid large group events. We do this not only to protect our own health but the health and life of our loved ones as well as people we come in contact with.



The Board has been discussing how and when to reinstate club activities. One factor that influences this decision is when and under what circumstances the Anaheim Community Center will re-open. As of now, the Center remains closed. The Board is aware that other clubs have initiated "virtual" monthly meetings by using computer and smart phone software like Zoom. How would you feel about attending a virtual monthly meeting? Please let us know by providing feedback to the Board on this topic. When we are able to resume in-person meetings, it will look different than in the past. We will have to observe County Health Department guidelines which will likely include; chairs will be spaced further apart; face coverings will be required and we will request members who are symptomatic to remain home.

The Board has continued to meet via Zoom web conferencing software. We are continuing to discuss possible changes to our Bylaws that will be presented to membership later this year. There are no specifics to share with the membership at this time. We are investigating a new way for members to acquire T-shirts and other club logo gear. If we move forward with this approach, each member will be able to purchase a wide variety of items with the club logo through a third-party online. This will avoid the club having to pay in advance for these items and will also assure the club members gets the size, color and style of item they want. More details will follow.

That's all for now Searchers. Stay healthy and stay tuned for more details on the club's reopening!



| ***Please remember to save slab donations for the vets.**

Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting-

Member Meeting-

NOTE: All meetings including the workshop are Canceled Until further notice.

Well, here we are with another month of not much happening in the rock hounding world. Not much to put in the Slab, but thanks to a very hard working board we do have some material. Thanks to Andrew and all his pictures we know what we can look forward to when we are back in business. The important business of finding those hidden treasures and enjoying the great outdoors.



Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$60 for 5 gallons..

Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

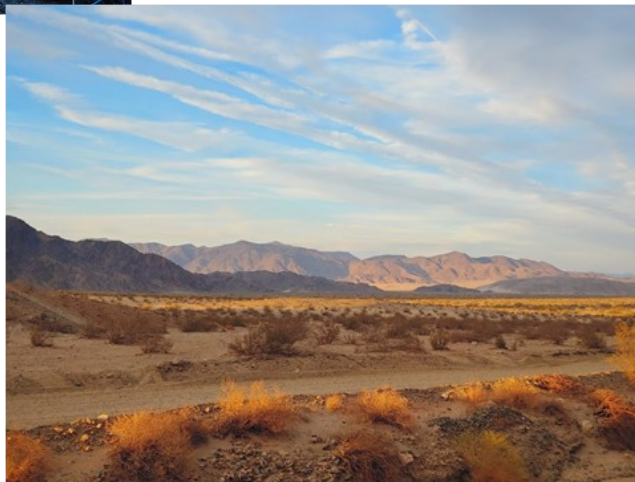
Field Trips

Due to the current COVID-19 virus issue, all fields trips are canceled until further notice.

We will be back looking for those rocks as soon as possible!!

Field Trips Report

Last month, I presented some of our favorite finds from club field trips. With club sponsored field trips still on hold, I thought this time I'd take some time and go back through some of my favorite photos of people and places from the past year's trips. The first one is a special to me, this was the first trip Lyndsey and I made in our new, used Tacoma out to South Cady Mountains. I cheered'd the train engineer when he passed by, and he honked the train horn! Some of the more memorable locations include driving up the canyon into the Chuckawalla Mountains in a Subaru, the barren hillsides of Clear Creek, warm campfires and stargazing, and all the wonders of the plants and animal kingdom you come across living at the extremes in the various habitats of California.



**For field trip
information**

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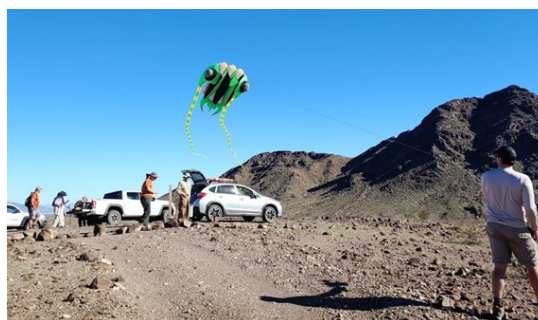
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Show News

Hopefully, this reaches you as you are safely staying at home. Since the unfortunate cancelling of the 2020 show, this gives us a rare opportunity to re-double our efforts for the 2021 show (hoping that it will be able to take place.) Continue to work on prizes for the show. If we have too many, we can save some for next year. Do we have any candle makers in the club? In a museum gift shop I saw some beautiful white candles with agate slabs in the sides. Here are some Google images for agate candles

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What a great idea for a prize! If you have good rock-related ideas for prize making, be sure to share them! We all have a little more time due to home restrictions.

Keep on rocking!

Margaret Hogarth

Smithsonian Gem and Mineral Collection: Quartz Display in 2010

In 2010 my husband was working in New Jersey and we would try to meet whenever we could. We scheduled a trip to meet in Washington, D.C., and really enjoyed the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. I tried to take photos of all of the displays. These photos of the quartz displays are very interesting and beautiful. Enjoy! I was struck while viewing all of the the displays at how many rocks I had already seen Searchers working on in the workshop. We are a dedicated group with excellent taste in rocks and minerals! We also happened on a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) education fair in The Mall, and were impressed with the walk-through tunnel display for fluorescent minerals.

Margaret Hogarth



This poem was written by a lady whose dad was an avid rock hound. Steve Duncan organized a private sale for the Searchers of her dad's collection of slabs held a few years back. The Poem is worth printing again.

Dad Came to Visit His Rocks Tonight

(by Maria Thomas 2016)

Dad came to visit his rocks tonight
I was just dropping off to sleep
but my kenneled dog started barking
and wouldn't shut up. It was more
urgent than his bird bark or the
warning about possums poking around.
Barks more insistent like when
a stranger invades the yard. But
it was past two, with gates locked.
Who's he barking at, I wondered?
Then it struck me that

Dad wanted to see his rocks again
before the thundering horde
of bargain hunters pawed his piles of
pyrites, sugilites, and malachites. Before
they sorted through slabs of silicate
bickering over his rocky treasure trove
of agates and azurites, snowflake
obsidians, or jaspers he'd marked
ready for cutting into cabochons.

So he'd come tonight to run his hands
over smooth cut stones lonely for
the play of colors; jades green as olives,
dark blue oceans of lapis lazuli, gold
chatoyance of tigers-eye, ruby gleam
of garnet, and hematite dark as night.



Decades of love's labor to be lost
early tomorrow morning
to people he likely never met.
No, he had to see his baubles
one more time, admire the deep
fire of that precious opal
he ripped out of a rocky field in
far off Australia and hauled
home in jars. Maybe Dad was
reliving rock hounding the hills
of every state in search of
the perfect gem like in those
golden summers when I was a girl.
collected, saved, and hoarded
for some unknown posterity.



But greedy like Gollum he'd
given little away and instead
collected, saved, and hoarded
for some unknown posterity.
Tomorrow I was to be that posterity
disposing of all that he'd had no time
to finish, shiny jewels yet unborn,
lapidary masterpieces never to be.

"Let someone else
have their turn now, Dad,"
I said to no-one in particular.
My dog barked as if in agreement.
I turned over and went back to sleep.

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

www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2020 CFMS Gem Shows

Due to the ongoing virus stay at home orders, all shows at this point have been canceled.

JUNE 2020

June 1-2: CAMBRIA, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cambria Veterans Hall
1000 Main Street
Hours: 10 – 5 daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603
Email: kim@gmail.com

June 23-28; LODI, CA

CFMS 81st Show & Convention
California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Grape Festival Fairgrounds 413 E Lockeford Street

June 27 – 28, CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock and Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave, Culver City CA 90230
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta.htm>
Facebook: @CCRCM Instagram: [@culvercityrocks_CCR&MC](https://www.instagram.com/culvercityrocks_CCR&MC) Twitter: @CCRCMS

August 15 – 16; TEHACHAPI, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm
Contact: (661) 972-1117
Web site: <http://www.tvgms>

September 12-13; ARROYO GRANDE, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
South County Regional Center
800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm
Admission: \$5, children 12 and under free
Email: show@slogem.org

September 26-27; LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave H, Lancaster
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Allison McClung; 661-839-7403
Email: ali_cares@aol.com
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.org

September 26 – 27; LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockeford Street, Lodi CA 95240
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
Earth's Treasures; Gems, Minerals and Jewelry show
Web site: <http://stocktonlapidary.org>

October 10 – 11; TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
13337 Main St., Trona
Gem-O-Rama Hours: Sat 7:30 am – 5 pm, Sun 7:30 am – 3 pm
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
email: slgms@iwwisp.com
Web site: <http://www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub/>

October 11: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W Alvarado St
Hours: 9-4
Contact: Michelle Shearer; 760-805-2184
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 17-18: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Hours: Sat 10 am – 6 pm, Sun 10 am – 5 pm
Contact: 1 707 849-9551, santarosarock-show@hotmail.com
Website: <http://SRMSG.org>
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October 24 – 25: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Gem & Mineral Society

Scottish Rites Center
6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-2604
84th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
Hours: Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 pm
Contact: (916) 662-5819, gem-show@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Web site: <http://sacramentomineralsociety.org>
Show web site: <http://sacgemshow.com>

November 14 – 15: YUBA CITY

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Hall, Yuba City, CA 95991
Hours: Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm
Contact: (916) 677-6696, horita@comcast.net
Show web site: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

November 21-22; ANAHEIM

American Opal Society
Business Expo Center, 1960 S. Anaheim Way, Anaheim 92805
Adults – \$5, Students and children under age 15 are free; Free parking
Hours: Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 pm
Contact: (714) 501-9959, aos.editor02@gmail.com
Website: <http://opalsociety.org>
Show Flyer: [2020Flyer.jpg](#)



Color in Daylight



Color in Incandescent Light



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

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