

The Rock Slab News

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The Purpose of the Searchers Gem & Mineral
Society

By-Laws, Article 1, Sec. 2

This society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial persons for the purpose of studying mineralogy and the earth sciences by means of association with other mineralogical societies and with their members; presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, and similar programs; field trips for exploration, study and collecting of specimens; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts; the procurement and maintenance of collections of minerals, mineral products and related pictures, writings and other information thereof; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

This organization is not formed for profit and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Keith Droste

Wow! How about this heat. Not too much rocking going on, however, don't forget the gold panning field trip. I don't know if you'll find the Lost Dutchman Mine, but it should be great fun. More details later in the bulletin. Robert Burson's presentation was a smash at our last general meeting. Hope he will do another one soon! Thanks, Robert. Our next meeting will be our rock swap and silent auction. Bring some quality material and have fun. Extra lapidary and jewelry tools are welcome, too. It's too hot to ramble on so looking forward to seeing you all on July 8 and/or at our workshop.

Keep on Rockin'! Keith

TO OTHER CLUBS & THEIR EDITORS

Please contact us at hanky1panky3@yahoo.com to receive the Rock Slab Newsletter by email.

Please bring slabs for the Vets.

There is a box in the back corner during general meetings to accept your donations.

NOTICE

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008 this July issue of the Rock Slab Newsletter will be your last one. Also, you must be a member in good standing to use our workshop.

JULY PROGRAM

By Walter Mroch

Our July program will be the introduction of the Searchers First Rockswap. Members are urged to bring some good trading rocks, slabs, minerals, fossils, tools, and/or gemstones to trade amongst each other and exchange stories. We will also have a reasonable size mineral auction hosted by the Gem and Mineral Exploration Company with all proceeds going to the Searchers.

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: 7PM, 2nd Thursday 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).

No workshops: Nov 23 & 25.

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 \$20
 Couple \$25
 Junior (17 & under) \$2
 Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

Bulletin: Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to:
 editor@searchersrocks.org.
 Bulletin distributed 1st week of each month. Mail exchange bulletins to the editors:
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UPCOMING DUES INCREASE IMMINENT

As time marches on and the cost of everything else from gasoline to groceries it is time for the club to raise the membership dues. The Searchers Board recommends that our annual membership dues be increased as follows:

Individuals \$25.00 from \$20.00
Couples \$35.00 from \$25.00
Children \$10.00 from \$2.00 each

Our dues have not been increased for a long time. However, because of the very substantial increase in CFMS dues (\$9.75 per adult or child member) the Board has deemed this increase as necessary for the future of the Searchers. This means that for the past several years we actually lost money for every child member of the club.

Why must we pay CFMS dues? Primarily because the CFMS as a large group is able to offer the Searchers liability insurance which provides coverage for all meetings, workshops, shows and field trips. This type of insurance is not affordable and generally available elsewhere.

Every year the cost of the newsletter (printing and postage), monthly programs, and operating and maintaining the workshop has also increased. While we have encouraged members to take electronic delivery of the newsletter there are also costs associated with that such as Internet fees. We also are in the process of revamping the website to make it easier for members and potential members to get current information easier. The cost of our Annual Show has also increased. Some items that were once free now have a hefty price. The cost of professional security for the Annual Show has increased year after year as well as our fee for use of the Brookhurst Community Center, fire permits, plan checks, equipment rental, etc... Our Annual Show, and primary fundraiser for the year, generates revenue mainly from selling space at our show to Dealers and the Silent Auction since we no longer have the big donation award drawing.

This notice is to let the membership know that there will be a vote on this in the very near future, i.e. a general meeting. Please attend the monthly general meetings so we can all discuss this dues increase.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Kathy Clark

Please welcome the newest members of the Searchers' family:

Kathryn Kama	Gary & Mindy Williams
Cynthia Baker	Ree Klein
Leonard Brazitis	Sally Mooney
Philip Coxson	

JULY FIELD TRIP

GOLD PANING ON EAST FORK OF SAN GABRIEL RIVER

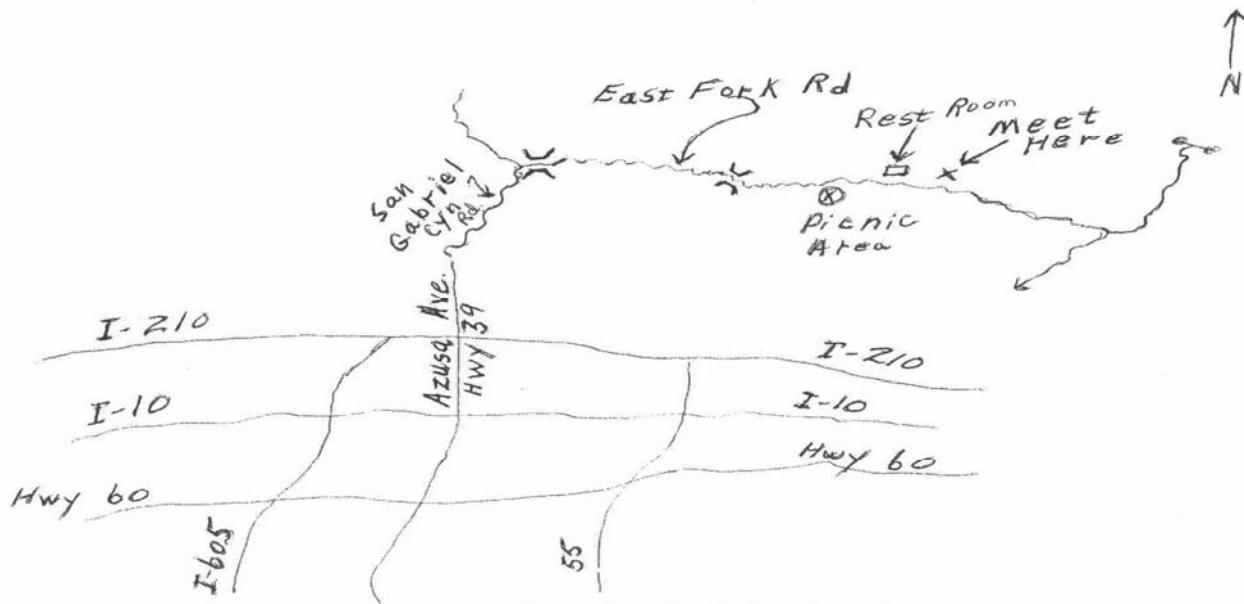
JULY 19, 2008

By Virgil Talbott

The Searchers July 19 field trip will be gold panning on the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. Bring your gold pans, sieves, sluices, digging tools, buckets, etc. Also bring sunscreen, lunch, water, and clothing to protect you from the sun and/or bugs. Be prepared for poor trails, SNAKES!, moving water (if you don't swim, I suggest wearing personal floatation devices), and all outdoor hazards. The Route 66 Gold Panners will be there; they will also help liven things up and help instruct gold panning. The Route 66ers are camping overnight and have invited us to join them for dinner; they will provide the burgers and we'll bring side dishes or dessert. If you plan on staying for dinner with the Route 66ers you must RSVP.

Directions: If you are coming from OC take the 55 fwy north to the 210 fwy and go west. Exit at Azusa Ave. and go north. Azusa Ave. becomes San Gabriel Canyon Rd. so follow this until you come to a bridge on your right. Turn right onto East Fork Rd. and follow it until you pass a picnic area on the right side of the road. Just beyond this is a cement restroom on the left side. We will meet east of there. (See map). I plan on being there about 8:00am. You can come anytime, but please sign in with me. Also let me know if you plan to attend the dinner. Virgil Talbott at 714-871-7900 or virgil_talbott@adelphia.net.

Forest Service Adventure Pass is required. Click on <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/vendors.php>. You will be able to purchase and print your pass which is \$5 a day or use "Azusa" or your city name and the website will give you the names and addresses of some local stores where you can purchase your day pass. Quite often you can get passes from your local sporting goods stores.



2008 NATIONAL VETERANS ARTS CONTEST WINNER

by Larry Richey

This year we want to congratulate Yesenia Rodriguez who took 2nd place at the National Veterans Creative Arts Contest in the Jewelry Category. Yesenia is from the Long Beach VA Medical center (VRT).

The Veterans Creative Arts Contest is an annual contest open to all patients from the Veterans Hospitals worldwide. Each hospital has its own contest and the 1st place winners from that contest move up to the Regional Level, then the 1st place winners of that contest move up to the National Level. There are thousands of entries from all over the world. Just to go the National Level is a huge achievement, but to win one of the top three places is an unbelievable achievement one can be quite proud of.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show of the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for the veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system. Approximately 130 veterans will exhibit their artwork or perform in a gala show. All 1st place winners are selected to participate at the end of this year-long contest. This year's Gala Performance and Art Exhibit will be at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange Street, Riverside, California, 92501. The Festival is October 20-26, 2008; the Art Exhibit is Sunday, October 26, 2008, 12:15-1:45pm.

VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our nation's veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.

For Yesenia Rodriguez and the other twelve winners from Long Beach VA Medical Center (VRT) this has been a life-changing experience. We want to thank you for your support. Your support for our Long Beach program is the only reason this program is still available to these veterans today. Without your support this program would not exist today as it is the only lapidary class in the VA System. With your support Long Beach has won 13 of the top three places at the nationals over the last 9 years. We thank you for all that you do to support this program at Long Beach.

JULY EVENTS

8 7:00pm General Meeting, Searchers First Rockswap
10 7:00pm Board Meeting

12 & 13 Sat. 10am-6pm Culver City Rock & Mineral Show
Sun. 10am-5pm Culver City Veterans Auditorium
 4117 Culver Blvd. cross street Overland
 310-391-8429 or maryellenandrick@aol.com
 Website: CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta

19 8:00am Field Trip, Gold Panning on the East Fork of the

San Gabriel River

AUGUST EVENTS

1,2 & 3 10am-5pm Orcutt Mineral Society Show
St. Joseph's Church
298 South Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA
805-710-1983 or rocks4u@proigy.net
Website: www.omsinc.org

2 & 3 Sat. 10am-6pm San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society Show
Sun. 10am-5pm San Francisco County Fair Building
Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way
415-564-4230

For a full list of CFMS Gem Shows go to www.cfmsinc.org. And don't forget to check in with our friends at www.goldprospectors.com.



Happy Birthday to all those Searchers' members who celebrate their birthdays in JULY.

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EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES - CAMP PARADISE
REGISTRATION FORM

CIRCLE ONE: August 31- September 6 September 7 – 13

\$300 PER PERSON PER WEEK

PLEASE PRINT

NAME 1: _____ PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____

NAME 2: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CLUB (CFMS) NAME: _____

Accommodations desired (Circle one): Couples Dorm Dorm Cabin RV Area

Would like to room with _____ (if possible)

Special needs: (Explain Briefly) (Food): _____ Diabetic: _____ Vegetarian: _____

Other _____

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

**Animals will be allowed in the R. V. area only and must be on a leash and picked up after.
Any violation could result in adherence to their no pets rule.**

JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 6-10pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	4	5 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
6	7	8 7-9 pm General Meeting	9	10 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7 pm Board Meeting	11	12 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing Culver City Show
13 Culver City Rock & Mineral Show	14	15 7-9 pm 2008 Show Wrap-Up Meeting	16	17 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7-9 pm	18	19 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing Field Trip
20	21	22	23	24 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping 7-9 pm	25	26 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
27	28	29	30	31		

SEARCHERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please Print!

Date: _____
 Name 1: _____
 Name 2: _____
 Jr. Member 1: _____ 2: _____
 Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

Individual: \$20
 Couple: \$25
 Junior members (17 and under): \$2

Please indicate the club activities that interest you:
 Mineralogy () Geology () Lapidary () Fossils () Other _____
 Meet other Searchers and volunteer to help a committee(s):
 Anaheim Arts Council () Historian () Library ()
 Website () Membership () Monthly Drawing ()
 Phone Comm. () RSN Editor () Sunshine ()
 Veteran's Workshop () Hospitality () Workshop ()
 Rock'n'Kids () Annual Show () Silent Auction ()

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JULY BIRTHSTONE

RUBY

The Ruby's rich red color speaks of love and passion and fire. Some have said that the July birthstone gets its color from an everlasting eternal fire which cannot be extinguished. This makes it the perfect representation of eternal love. In some cultures ruby was worn by nobility as a way to ward off and warn of approaching evil, others thought it was a drop of the heart blood of Mother Earth. Ancient Orientals believed that The ruby burned with its own internal fire and as such called it a lamp stone. The July birthstone was said to be able to cause a pot of water to boil if the gem was thrown in. Healers have used rubies to cure various ailments, such as indigestion. It represents love and carries the "red ray." Some say that it allows them to overcome fear.



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