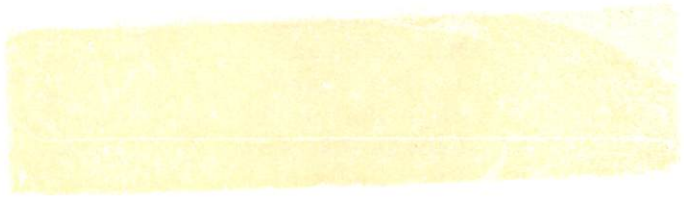


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
Established June 20, 1958

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CLUB OFFICERS

President	Cliff Warner	472-2083
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Treasurer	Faye McDowell	(562) 597-7684
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Director	Herb Beckman	778-1496

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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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.

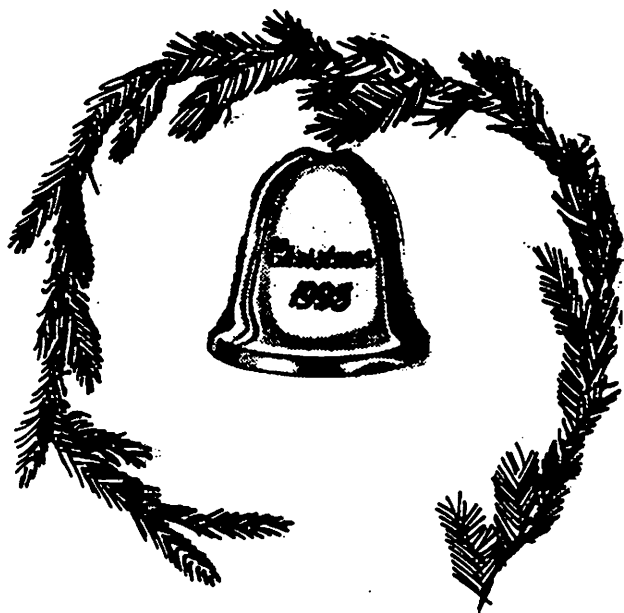
Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members (under age 17) \$2.00.

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. Phone Number: (714) 870-7625.

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

1999 CLUB OFFICERS

The following slate of Officers were elected at the November 10, 1998 meeting:

President - Betty Nelson
 1st Vice President - Milt Green
 2nd Vice President - Walter Mroch
 Treasurer - Margaret Neeley
 Secretary - Sallie Rosenbaum
 Federation Director - Beth Pelfrey

Officers to be installed at our Annual Christmas Dinner, December 11th, at the Garden Grove Elks Club.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:

December 15th Board Meeting (Dec meetings held on 3rd Tuesday) Combined '98 & '99 Board

January 5th, Bulletin Items due to Editor

January 12th General Meeting

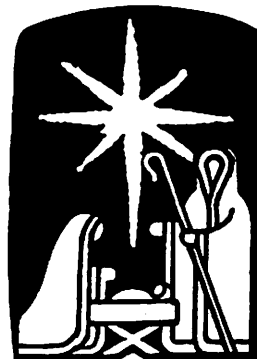
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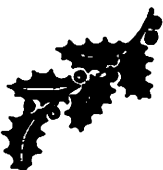
Feb 12 - 21 San Geronio Mineral and Gem Society
 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
 Indio, CA
 Hours: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM each day

Feb 27 - 28 Del Air Rockhounds
 Sierra Pelona Rock Club
 VIP Gem and Mineral
 Woodland Hills Rockchippers
 San Fernando Valley Gem Fair
 Valley Plaza Recreation Center
 12240 Archwood Street
 North Hollywood, CA
 Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sat
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sun

Mar 6 - 7 Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
 Seaside Park (Ventura Fairgrounds)
 Ventura, CA
 Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sat
 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sun

Mar 6 - 7 Monrovia Rockhounds
 Masonic Temple
 204 W. Foothills Blvd
 Monrovia, CA
 Hours: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sat
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sun



HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 10th 1998 GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President Warner at 7:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were introduced. Treasurers report given by Faye McDowell.

Larry Richey reported it was Graduation Day at the Veterans VRT department and Certificates of Appreciation had been presented to many who volunteered hours of service. Among those receiving certificates, Larry, of course, Andy Anderson, the Lindseys, John Valazquez and others. Larry also showed us a very unique set of lost wax casting tools made of sterling silver with handles of white onyx. Truly, a one of a kind set. Larry presented the Searchers a plaque from the Veterans' VRT thanking the Searchers for their generous donations over the years.

Beth Pelfrey said the Christmas Party information is in the bulletin. Tickets for the dinner are available for pick up this evening. Dinner will be on December 11th at the Garden Grove Elks Club.

Marvin Mog reported the details of the Annual Thanksgiving Trip are in the bulletin. He added they will camp in the same place they have been meeting the last three or four years. He said that there will be a swap table at the event. If you have anything to swap bring it along.

Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Norlund presented the 1999 Officers' slate to the membership. President - Jim Williamson or Betty Nelson; 1st Vice President - Milt Green or Richard Butler; 2nd Vice President - Walter Mroch; Secretary - Sallie Rosenbaum; Treasurer - Faye McDowell or Margaret Neeley; Federation Director - George Mitchum or Beth Pelfrey; Director - (retiring Pres) Cliff Warner. There were no nominations from the floor.


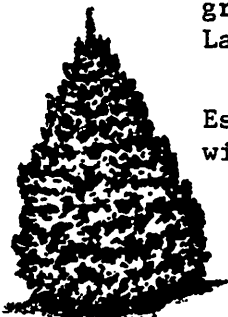
The other two members of the Nomination Committee were: Doris Pelfrey and Betty Nelson. Doris was not present and Betty Nelson withdrew from the Committee as she was running for office. Audrey Nichols (our current 1st Vice President) and Nancy Reed volunteered and distributed the ballots, etc.

Marvin Mog had a "Show 'N Tell" table featuring some richly colored wonderstone from Fallon, Nevada. This really made you realize why it is called wonderstone. There was rattlesnake jasper from Cove Fort, Utah and agate/jasper from Hart Mountain, Oregon. Marvin also reported that while he and Jacque were on their extended summer trip there was some diamond mining in Canada located near Yellow Knife, a town north of Edmondton. There is no road to this location unless during the winter conditions they have an "ice" road. There are several lakes in the area and the diamonds are in the Kimberlight tubes under the lakes. Arrangements are being made to drain the lakes but before this happens the Indians are to be allowed to "fish out" the lakes. The Australian owners of the mineral rights are finding that in 800 tons they are finding one kilo (2.2 pounds) of 10 percent gemstone quality diamonds.

Connie Van Kampen had been given a copy of "Silversmith of America" catalogue which she presented to the Club library.

We had another "Show 'N Tell" table courtesy Norbert Bernhardt, displaying great bolos and slabs of petrified wood and petrified dinosaur bones from the Last Chance Canyon area.

This was our Annual Pie Night, we had pies, pies, and more luscious pies. Esmelda Allen, Nancy Reed, Millie Arvanites and Mary Jane Parsons helped Nancy with the cutting and serving. We also had a Silent Auction.



HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 10th 1998 GENERAT MEETING (Cont'd):

After pies and the counting of ballots the meeting resumed with President Cliff Warner announcing that the Board had approved as a suggestion for the Club, an increase in the Membership Dues to \$15.00 per year. Larry Richey made the motion that we raise our single member dues from \$10.00 per person to \$20.00 per person per year and dues for a married couple to be \$25.00 for the year of 1999. Connie Van Kampen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thus, for 1999 the total dues for a single member would be \$20.00 and for a couple \$25.00.

The Silent Auction resumed with members getting a lot of goodies!.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM.



Respectfully submitted,
Louise Oleson
Secretary

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The CFMS Directors Fall Meeting was held in Visalia, November 14, 1998. Meeting was called to order by CFMS President, Beverly Moreau. Formalities were completed. There were 93 directors and 16 officers and chairmen present. A quorum was established. An Agenda was adopted. Minutes of the July 2, 1998 meeting read, corrected, accepted and approved.

The 1998 CFMS Show in Monterey was reported to be a successful show and a check in the amount of \$7,170.87 was presented to the Federation for their share of the show.

The 1999 CFMS Show and Convention will be held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock, CA, from June 18 thru June 20th, 1999, hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society. A representative of the Modesto Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a brief presentation of activities and things to see and do for visitors to the Turlock area. The location is part of the historic Mother Lode country and there is no shortage of mining towns to visit.

The 2000 CFMS Show and Convention will return to Riverside Convention Center and will be hosted by the Valley Prospectors, the first weekend in August of 2000. There were no new sho bids but a group in Las Vegas is still giving some serious consideration for the year 2001.

CFMS Officers for 1999 are:

President - Ken Kruschke
1st Vice President - Beverly Hafeli
2nd Vice President - Bob Stultz
Secretary - Jo Anna Ritchey
Treasurer - Jack Williams

Nominating Committee for 1999:

Bob King Colleen McGann
Norvie Enns Debbie Bunn
Jeane Stultz



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FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT (Cont'd):

There were two delinquent Societies as of November 1, 1998, the Glendale/Verdugo Gem and Mineral Society and VIP Gem and Mineral Society. Disbanded Societies: Mother Lode Mineralites, San Dieguito Gem and Mineral Society and San Fernando Valley Gem and Mineral.

Isabella Burns will be California's Representative to the American Federation and President-Elect to the AFMS in year 2000.

CFMS is about to launch its new Web Site. Directors approved the concept unanimously. Content will be controlled by an appointed Committee to assure that nothing which places the Federation in a negative light is ever posted on the Site. An Internet Committee was immediately established and they will proceed to make the necessary arrangements with a Service Provider. It is hoped that CFMS will have its own Web Page set up by January. A more complete explanation will be given as details are worked out.

Insurance this year will be \$1.00 per member (no change). This is in addition to the \$1.50 dues we pay to CFMS for each Searcher member.

The CFMS Earth Science Committee reported that the April 11 - 18, 1999 Seminar at ZZYX Road, Soda Springs, CA is almost full. There are a few openings left but they are expected to be taken soon. The Committee is already making plans for Camp Paradise Seminar (September 12 - 19, 1999). A Wood Seminar will be offered at Paradise this year but restricted to 30 people. The instructor will be Walt Wright. Participants in the Wood Seminar would not be attending the other classes that are taught in camp. Classes are a full 8 hours. Programs will be held each evening. There will be more information on this in the CFMS Bulletin.

The CFMS Endowment Fund now has over \$134,000. Only the interest may be used. A healthy financial future for the California Federation depends on the income generated by this fund. For those of you who do not know, the Searchers became a Patron Member years ago (our plaque is the third one on the panel). For a club to become a patron a minimum of \$100 plus \$1 dollar for each member must be donated. Since we are a patron perhaps it is time for the Searchers to donate another \$100 during 1999. Any individual may become a patron with a minimum donation of \$100. Donations are tax deductible! The greater the principal, the greater the amounts available for Federation programs. Checks may be made out to CFMS Endowment Fund and mailed to Renata Bever, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, CFMS.

George Mitchum
Federation Director

SLABS FOR VETS:

Thanks for all the slabs you donated for the Vets in '98 and look forward to continuing support in 1999. I'll have a box at the Workshop and at the General Meetings.

Happy Holidays to all!

Larry Richey

LOST:

Colorful melmac dish at Thanksgiving Potluck. Plate has a Starburst type design around edges with Red flowers in the center. If anyone picked this plate up by mistake, please return to Lana Brown either at a General Meeting or take to the workshop.

Milly



SHARING AND CARING:

I've talked with Mae Freedman and she is doing well after having a bout with the flu and was hospitalized for a few days but says she is feeling good now and hopes to be able to join us at our Christmas Party on the 11th.

Betty Henderson tells me she is feeling some better but is still going in for treatments but is stronger and eating much better.

George Mitchum has been a little shakey after falling on his backside and compressing a disk on one side. All caused due to a potassium deficiency which has since been corrected and he's now doing much better. The pain is subsiding and in a couple of weeks should be able to give up the back brace.

Have not heard of any other illness and I hope all of you stay well and hope that you'll have a Marry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Doris Pelfrey

SHOP HINTS:FIRESCALE INHIBITOR:

Firescale is cupric oxide formed during soldering when the copper in sterling silver combines with oxygen in the atmosphere. To make firescale inhibitor, use boric acid (granular) and denatured alcohol. Add boric acid to alcohol until it stops dissolving and makes a thin paste. Place mixture into a large-mouth glass jar with a tight cap.

To apply to work, shake and stir mixture. Then dip work into mixture with tongs or tweezers. After coating the work with the mixture, move work to soldering screen. Be careful not to remove any of the mixture from the work. Use your torch to ignite the alcohol in the mixture. After burning for a few seconds, the flame will go out and the work will be coated with dried boric acid. This will seal the work from oxygen and thus prevent firescale.

- John Sharp via the Tumbler,
The Agatizer and Rocky Review,
12/98

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please change the addresses for the following members:

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(760) 329-3834

TAPIA, Tony and Lola
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Hesperia, CA 92340
(760) 951-3077

Colleen McGregor
4830 D. Main St #320
Shallotte, NC 28459

Thanks.



Milly Arvanites

MEMBERSHIP:

At the November 1998 General Meeting, the dues for the coming year of '99 were raised to \$20.00 per adult person, or \$25.00 for a man and wife married couple. The dues for Junior members remain the same at \$2.00 up to age 17.

A reminder to all, please DO NOT MAIL your dues to the Searcher P. O. Box. This causes confusion and I may not get your checks in proper time. Please mail your checks direct to me at my address listed below. Thanks!

Many of the phone area codes have been changed. Please let me know of any changes to your area codes, or your zip codes, or any other changes so that I can make the immediate corrections before the new Roster comes out for 1999. If anyone would like to add their C.B. handle, let me know that also.

All you computer buffs, would you like to get E-mail from your fellow Searchers? If you will give me your E-mail address, I will be glad to add this to your name in the Roster. I promise to try very hard to get all the "www dot coms" in the right place.

Please be sure and mail your dues to me at the following address:

MILLY ARVANITES
5200 Irvine Boulevard, Space 388
Irvine, CA 92620-2061

Milly Arvanites

BAILOUT:

This December Bulletin will complete my ten years as your editor. It has been fun, a learning experience and a challenge. The pay was lousy, the hours of work endless but, knowing that most all of you liked the bulletin and looked forward to reading it, it was all worth the effort. Now it is time to bailout. The air currents are getting pretty bumpy and the cockpits (motorhome and home) need to be tidied up. You've no idea how much info you collect and save through the years, for future use!

I would like to thank all of you who've given me encouragement, a pat on the back and cheered me on all these past 10 years. I'm pleased I entered our Searcher Bulletin in the CFMS Bulletin contest and placed in the Top Ten eight times, "a Searcher First," as Dennis liked to say.

It is time to "hang it up" and get on with my life and do some fun traveling and not have to hurry home. Imagine, NO deadlines. Again, thank you for letting me serve you.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Your editor, Marge



THANKSGIVING WEEK FIELD TRIP REPORT

November 24-29, 1998

I arrived on Tuesday, November 24, and a few Searchers were already there. The weather was perfect, 80 degrees, no wind, and clear. The Wiley's Well road was another story. It was the roughest I'd seen it in years. Washboard all the way.

We had campfires every night except Saturday when it rained and a cold breeze came up. That was the only poor weather we had for the week.

Wednesday afternoon a group of us went exploring to some inactive mines nearby. They turned out to be mining for manganese and we got some specimens of that and psilomelane.

Thanksgiving Day morning we attempted to get to a limonite mine using a Global Positioning Satellite fix. We had the heading but couldn't locate the road that went over the mountain range in our path.

For Thanksgiving dinner at 3 p.m. we had 19 people but enough food for 40. As usual the variety was unbelievable. Right then we all agreed to have a dinner of left-overs the following days until the food was all gone.

More campers continued to come in. Some were Searchers and there were 10 members of the Santa Ana club. By Friday morning there were 39 people staying in camp plus others who dropped in to say hello.

The field trip Friday was an all-day one to the Hidden Saddle Geode Beds. There is mostly black agate in that area and it took some serious digging to locate it.

Saturday was another all-day trip to the Hauser Geode Beds. More digging and lots of geodes were located. They were more of a colored agate and some calcite.

Sunday morning we had a short trip to nearby hills for more agate. Even some tortoise shells were found.

The camp broke up Sunday with a few staying over until Monday to miss the traffic.

All in all, it was a great trip.

Marvin Mog
Marvin Mog



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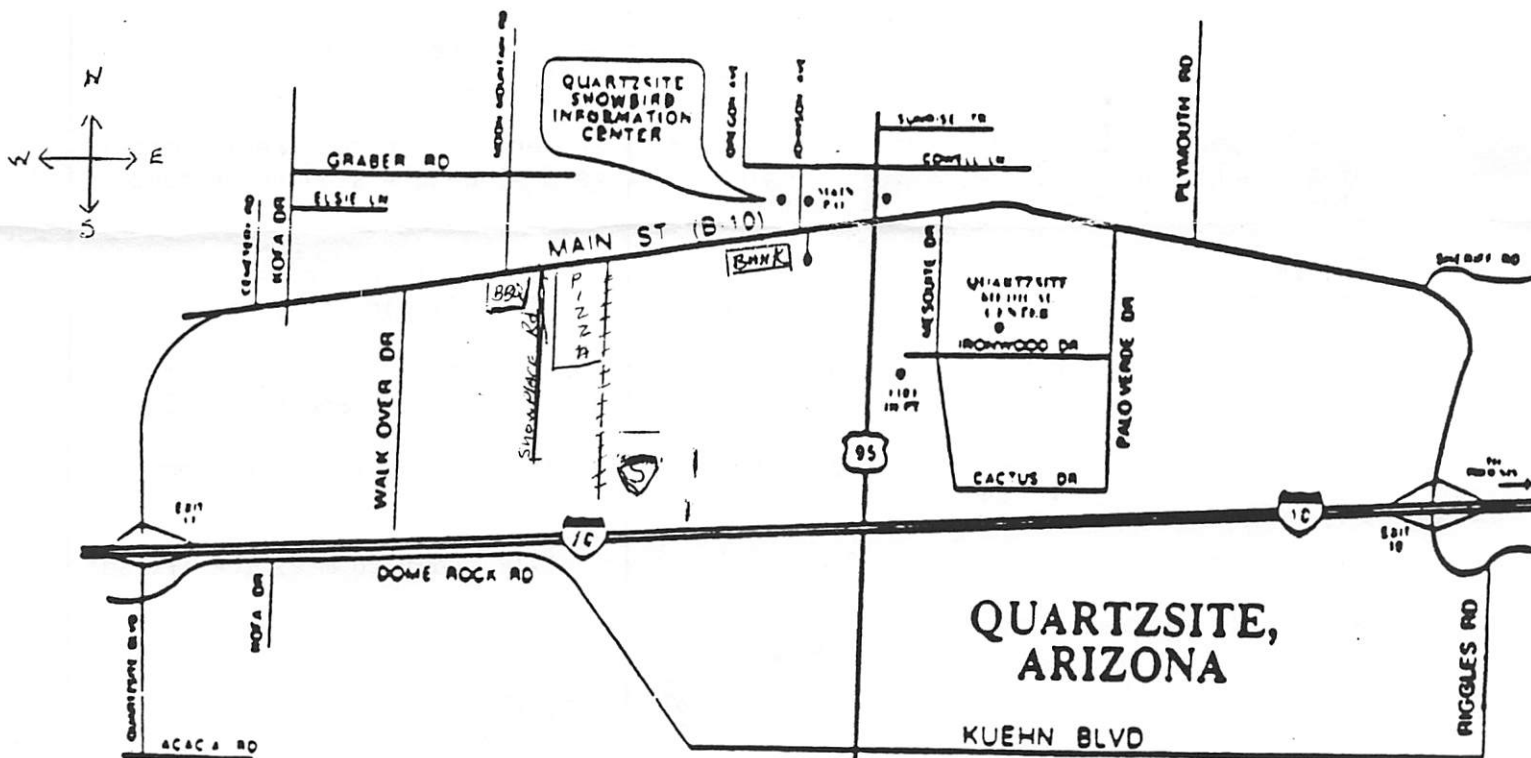
SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL

QUARTZSITE DATES

1999

Jan 9 - Jan 24	Tyson Wells Rock/Gem/Mineral
Jan 15 - Feb 15	Cloud's Jamboree
Jan 16 - Jan 31	The Main Event
Jan 20 - Feb 14	Four Corners Swap Meet
Jan 29 - Feb 7	Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama
Jan 20 - Jan 24	2nd Annual Hobby Craft & Gem Show
Feb 3 - Feb 7	33rd Annual Quartzsite Pow Wow

QIA = Quartzsite Improvement Association



Searcher's will be camping at Greasewood Greens again this year. This is a dry camp and the fee is \$5.00 per night. We will be parking in the usual area (Southwest corner near the freeway and tunnel).

Some Searchers plan to camp behind the Texas BBQ and Silly Al's Pizza, that is down Showplace Lane South towards the Freeway adjacent to Greasewood Greens. The camping fee is \$5.00.