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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

Would you please pay the club dues and send in the new membership application available on the website? The club currently has about 60 paying members. I hope many of the members who took a break during Covid, will re-join the club.

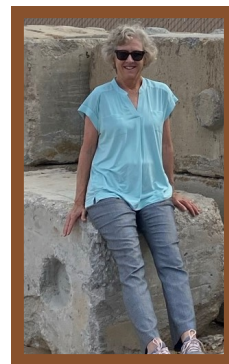
In the past, the Searchers were asked to contribute volunteer time to some City events, in order to keep our access to the meeting room and workshop room in the Anaheim Community Center. The more active members, the easier it is to get the club's commitments done. Other commitments are: making the website more attractive, and up-to-date, and the club Show. Volunteer for the New Year! Everyone would appreciate your efforts.

A hearty thank you to Charles Walker for making room in the Storage area of the Workshop.

Thank you also to the members that sent in photos of their work to apply for the Gallery at the Anaheim Community Center. The council member who reviews the Gallery requests did tour the Thursday Workshop on December 17, and visited with 6 Searchers who were grinding and polishing. I should hear news about the request after the January Gallery Committee meets.

What should the club's priorities be for 2022?

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere welcomehomestudio@gmail.com



A Big Welcome to New Members:

Cary Ezel



Its Quartzsite time again See Pages 4-5.

Check out our "new" Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/564049648337138>

Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- January 4th

Member Meeting- January 11th in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting December 7, 2021 in the Anaheim Downtown Community Center

The meeting began at 6:30 PM. All of the new board members were in attendance. In addition, Jimmy Peterson attended and showed two spheres he made from banded travertine onyx collected on the November fieldtrip to the Sierra Paloma Claim.

Kim Strange reviewed the Searchers' financial records and they were approved by the board. In addition, the board approved the budget for 2022 with the addition of amortization of workshop equipment.

The board is continuing to evaluate the SCC Gemology Association Workshop needs. We will discuss further at the January board meeting.

Margaret Hogarth has completed cleaning out the Searchers' library so that members can access it more conveniently. Robin is looking for an alternate storage place in the center.

Membership applications are on the Searchers' website. All new members and renewing members will need to fill in the form with their 2022 dues. New members will need to be approved by the board.

Gallery Display of Searchers' work – progress report, budget. Nine people submitted pictures of work proposed to be shown at the center in the Gallery. A meeting will be held at the center by the arts council to evaluate our entries.

Margaret Hogarth and her volunteers have been cleaning and organizing the storage unit. The board voted to donate the kitchen equipment which will be taken to Goodwill by Charles Walker. The board voted to have them donated and Charles Walker.

Charles Walker is cleaning out the workshop storage area. Jim Thorp has been supervising the workshop on Saturdays.

Searchers Member Meeting- December 14, 2021 in the Anaheim Downtown Community Center

Our new President, Robin Larselere, held a brief meeting prior to our holiday party and pot luck. Sharon Burson brought ham and turkey from Honey Baked ham. The attending members brought all the sides from appetizers to desserts. Margaret brought lemonade and water. A Secret Santa gift exchange was held after everyone had their dinners



Saw Oil Available

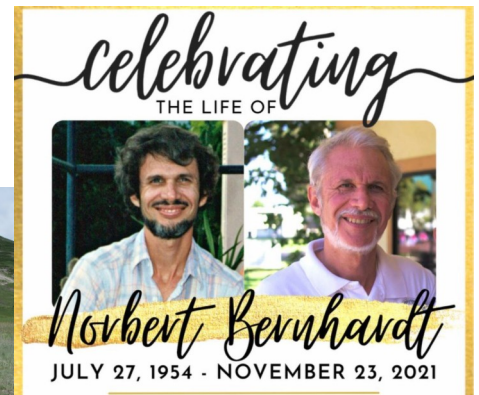
The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

Searcher News

Sad news - A Searcher passes on



We are very sad to report that on Nov 23, 2021 Norbert Bernhardt passed away. Norbert ((and his wife Ana) have been active in the Searchers for years. They ran the Rocking Kids program for young folks when this program was active. Norbert also served as a President and a Director of the Searchers. He was a skilled machinist, and was able to help club members by manufacturing parts to keep old lapidary equipment running. He and Ana were active on field trips, both being very skilled at finding the really nice material. The Searchers will miss Norbert, and we send our condolences to Ana.



Searchers,

The board would like to thank everyone who participated in the holiday dinner at our last meeting. The general consensus was that the event went well, and was more relaxed (and more fun) than previous events which were held at restaurants, so we are liable to do it again in the future. And kudos to Sharon for doing all the work getting it to happen. Sharon-you did good.

Regards, [Steve](#)

Membership Dues are now due.

Please pay as soon as you can. Mail them in or bring to the next meeting in January. There is a membership form that needs to be filled out. You can find it on the website:

<https://www.searchersrocks.org/membership>

When I was a kid I
always dreamed about
being in a rock group
and wow, look at me
now 😊

Upcoming Fields Trips

January Burro Creek and Quartzsite

We will make up for the short trip in December with a 4-10 day trip to Arizona in January. The first part of the trip **Jan 15-18 will be collecting at Burro Creek**. We will be staying at the [Burro Creek Campground](#) near Wikieup and field trips will leave at 8AM daily. The campground is a nice one with flush toilets, drinking water, and dump stations. There is a (funky) motel in Wikieup for non-campers. I expect fires will be permitted in camp, so bring some wood. We will have a potluck for those that wish on Sunday night. There was a barbeque joint in Wikieup we could visit for dinner one evening if people wish.

Burro Creek is a large (beautiful) area to explore with good materials. There is lots of Pastelite (a fine grained porcelain jasper with pastel colors) as well as other agates and jaspers, including the famous (but elusive) Burro Creek purple agate. Access to Burro Creek is sometimes possible along an easy graded road, but there is a stream crossing at the bottom, and if the water is high this can become impassable. If the stream is up we will be forced to enter Burro Creek using the 4x4 trail (aptly called suicide) we pick up at Nothing Az. Needless to say this route requires a high clearance vehicle, preferably 4x4. I will lead the Burro Creek part of the trip (Steve Duncan, mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com, 7147247102), though I am always open to the idea of anyone showing us new locations (and am happy to have jeeps lead down suicide).

From this point the trip becomes self led. The **19th is a travel day to Quartzsite**, where the Desert Gardens show is in full swing. This is my favorite show for rough. I may very well be going home at this point because of some other commitments. But folk who stay can find lots of dispersed camping on BLM land (near all the snowbirds) or folks have been known to stay in local campgrounds with showers etc. I expect the group will firm up Quartzsite plans while we are in Burro Creek. The reason to be in Quartzsite at this time is the **PowWow, and its daily Field trips Jan 20-24**. The field trip link has a lot of info about these trips, they are good trips, and cost \$2/person/trip. And the PowWow itself is a very good show.

Jimmy Peterson is a knowledgeable leader to the chipboard location. One of the PowWow field trips goes to this location, but the Searchers could possibly go on a different day with Jimmy leading.

So the hypermotivated can go on 9 days of field trips and visit 2 rock shows in 10 days. These plans are firm. Contact me if you have any questions.

February

The February field trip will be led by Doug Flaugh to Hector Hills and Hector Flats Feb 12&13, 2022.

The trip will be to North Hector for banded jasper and Hector Hills for various chalcedony. Additional sites may include Hector Flats for tumbling material and a side trip to explore the lava tubes and caves of Pisgah Crater.

Four wheel drive is recommended due to some long stretches of deep sand, however most high clearance vehicles will be able to make it if driven purposefully.

The camping site is at Lavic Siding. Directions from Barstow, CA : exit at Hector Rd and turn right at the end of the off ramp, then turn left onto old Rt 66. Follow Rt 66 for 9.4 miles to where the road makes a sharp left turn to cross Hwy 40. Do not cross the freeway, instead turn right off the pavement onto Lavic Rd. Bear left onto the unmarked road and follow for 0.6 miles to the fork and turn left down the hill to the camp site. There should be Searchers signs marking the way. This is a dry camp, bring everything you need. Don't forget water, sunscreen, hats and rock tools. Minimum rock tools is probably a rock hammer and a spray bottle, the more serious may wish to bring geo picks, shovels, small sledge hammers, gads etc..We are again allowed to have fires so bring some wood for a Sat night fire, and we will also have a potluck Sat night for those who wish to partake.

Saturday and Sunday morning we will meet up at the junction of Lavic Rd and old Rt66, and the trips will leave from there. Rally time is 8:30 am. As usual people who don't have the right type of vehicle will try to arrange to ride with someone who does.

These plans are firm, contact Doug at dwlflaugh@aol.com or 310 946 2487 for more details.

**For field trip
information
contact:
Andrew
Bloxxom Field
Trips,
Searchers
Gem and
Mineral
Society,
andrew.bloxo
m@gmail.com**

March

The March trip will be led by Robert Burson, probable location the Chuckwalla mountains. Dates TBD. This trip will require a sturdy high clearance vehicle, 4x4 preferred. This plan is tentative at this time. More details to come.

April

The April trip will be a combination rock trip led by me and a mineral trip led by Kim Strange. Dates and locations TBD. This plan is tentative at this time. More details to come.

May

May trip is TBD. There have been some rumblings about a Clear Creek trip in May or Sept as Clear Creek is OK in hot weather. More details to come.

June

Too hot. Monthly Field trips should resume in September. We may look for a hot weather trip some time during the summer.

Potential field trip leaders: One of the club's biggest assets is the tribal knowledge of collecting sites. If you know a good collecting site and would like to lead a trip there let me know. I am happy to work with you on the logistics. We will need to pick a campsite, list possible nearby motels, pick a weekend etc. Ideally a trip would have at least 2 collecting locations, one for Sat and one for Sun, maybe more than one for Sat? Scouting the trip is a good idea if possible, however I have run a lot of trips without scouting them first. So you folks with knowledge, please let me know what trips you might be able to lead. I know who most of the knowledgeable rockhounds are, so you can't hide.

Quartzsite Information

Desert Gardens Rock, Gem & Mineral Show Update Jan. 1st – Feb. 28th, 2022

The Desert Gardens Gem & Mineral Show has announced their 2022 dates. The show runs 7 days a week from 9 am – 5 pm in Quartzsite, Arizona.

The vendors at the show are eager to let everyone know the show will be open through the end of February. There is a huge variety of rocks, gems, minerals and crystals products for sale at the various booths. Raw rock and mineral specimens from all over the world are represented at this show. You will also find beads, jewelry, home décor products, art and much more.



Photo by Barb Brown taken at the
Desert Gardens Rock,
Gem & Mineral Show 2021

Desert Gardens Gem & Mineral Show
Jan. 1 – Feb. 28th, 2022
1055 Kuehn St, Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Open 7 days a week from 9 am- 5 pm.

See page 6 for more information

Quartzsite Shows & Events for Winter 2022

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral

January 01, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 07 - January 16, 2022 - 9:00am-5:00pm

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 21 - January 30, 2022 - 9:00am-5:00pm

Quartzsite Gold Show

February 11 to 13th 2022 QIA building. Friday - Saturday 9-4 pm

Sunday. 9-3pm



Side Trips for Rock Hounds

Bradshaw Trail also known as the Gold Road to La Paz, is located in California's southeastern Riverside County. The trail was created in 1862 by William Bradshaw, and was the first trail that crossed the Riverside County desert all the way to the Colorado River. In 1863 it became a well-traveled overland stage route. Originating in San Bernardino, the trail was used to haul miners and other passengers to the gold fields at La Paz, Arizona (now Ehrenberg). [More...](#)

Hauser Geode Beds Take the Wiley's Well Road exit from Interstate 10 and continue driving south to the graded dirt road just past the state prison. You will pass Wiley's Well campground (9 miles south of I-10), and Coon Hollow campground (12 miles south of I-10). You will see a dirt road on the right with a marker indicating the route to the Hauser Geode Beds. (This is also the Imperial and Riverside county border.) [More...](#)

Opal Hill Mine Produced fire agate, and rock hounders frequented the mine for its gem-quality stones. The mine claim is **currently closed** to the public until the claim owner plan of operation is approved for the site. The **BLM has banned all digging** at the site until an approved operation plan is obtained. [More...](#)

Hotels/Motels

There are hotels and motels in nearby (about 20 miles) **Blythe, CA** For more information and a complete list, [click here](#). (Rates, availability and reservations Online.)

For [Quartzsite Area](#)

Camping & RV Parks

There are camping and a plethora of RV accommodations in and around Quartzsite. For more information, contact:

Quartzsite Chamber & Tourism

1240 W. Main

Quartzsite, Arizona 85346

928-927-5200

<http://www.quartzsitetourism.com>

Arizona State Parks 602-542-4174

Arizona National Forests 800-280-CAMP



From Desert USA <https://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html>

Show Committee Meeting Hours for the 2022 Show

The Show Committee is hard at work preparing for our show April 30-May 1, 2022. We will be having Show Committee Meetings from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. probably in the workshop room.

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022 (during shop hours)

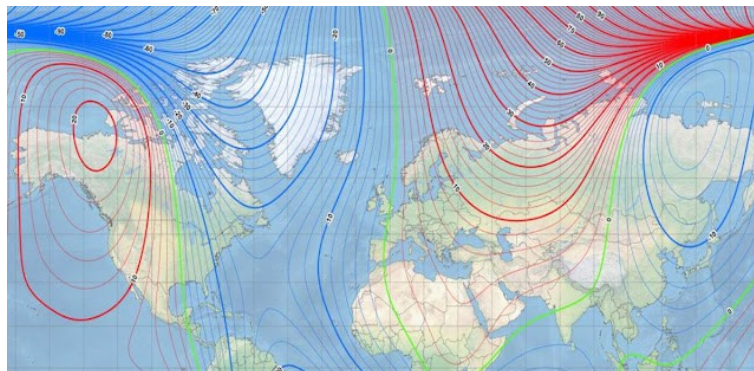
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our security is booked and we have contacted dealers. We are busy gathering or making prizes for children and adults of all sizes. We need lots of quality material for our Silent Auction, and prizes for door prize tickets, Wheel of Fortune and grab bag tickets. We also have a Searchers Sales table, where Searchers can sell their creations as long as they donate 15% of their proceeds to the club. We have made one batch of fairy houses and will start a second set of classes on Show Committee meeting dates during shop hours. Be sure to reserve your base with Margaret if you'd like to join us. The show is an opportunity to support our club (we are all volunteers!), have fun and make good friends. We have jobs for all abilities.

Questions? Contact Margaret, hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045.

Some Fun Stuff

Geology Wonders <https://www.facebook.com/GeologyWonders/>

I recommend following Geology Wonders on Facebook if you are interested in gorgeous photographs of stellar specimens, and helpful diagrams of items of geologic interest. The actual website <https://www.geologyin.com/> is full of click bait and questionable ads, but the Facebook stream is full of interesting and beautiful posts. Here is an example diagram about the movement of the earth's magnetic pole.



Global map of declination and the dip pole locations for 2020. Credit: NOAA NCEI/CIRES. From <https://www.geologyin.com/2019/12/earths-magnetic-north-pole-continues.html>

Upcoming 2022 CFMS Gem Shows

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

www.cfmsinc.org

2022 Shows

January 15-16, 2022 – Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA
Contact: (559) 802-6029

February 26-27, 2022 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA
900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA
Spring Bling 2022
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days
Contact: (415) 254-1506, ddu-honvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

March 5-5, 2022 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Gems and Minerals, fossils, jewelry, healing stones, silent auction, exhibits, dealers, kids activities, lapidary arts demonstrations, raffle, flea market, plant sale. A successful and valued South Coast show since 1963. We are happy to be back again after COVID!
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Inspiration Unearthed", 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: <https://www.pasadenalapidary.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway in Turlock, CA 95380
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM daily
55th Annual Rock, Mineral & Jewelry Show!
EDUCATIONAL FAMILY EVENT!
Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Beads, Fluorescents, Children's activities, and More! Learn to make beautiful jewelry out of natural rocks and gemstones from our demonstrators.
Admission: \$6 adult, children 12 and under free with paid adult.
Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 484-4416, terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

April 1-3, 2022, Vista CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Vista Gem and Mineral Show
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083
Hours: April 1 & 2, 10 AM – 5 PM, April 3, 10 AM – 4 PM
Come on out for a fun-filled weekend at the Vista Gem and Mineral Show April 1-3, 2022. Held outdoors at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum. All proceeds go to support our non-profit school and you do not need to be present to win.
Contact: info@vistarocks.org
Website: <https://vistarocks.org>

April 9-10, 2022 – Mariposa

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mountains of Minerals
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5005 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: mcmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

April 30 – May 1, 2022 – Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>

May 6-7-8, 2022 – Lancaster, CA

CFMS Gems, Minerals, Fossils & Jewelry Show

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536
Hours: Friday, Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Dealers, Kid's and Family Activities. Free parking and Free Admission.
Contact:
Bob Backus (661) 526-3564, email: lbbacus@aol.com
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 406-0143, email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
More information coming!!

June 11-12, 2022 – Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
Palomar Gem and Mineral Show
California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido, Escondido 92025
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Faceted gems, Slabs, Cabochons, Unique custom jewelry, Rare and common minerals, Fossils, Rough, Beads, Crystals, exhibits, Demonstrations, prizes.
Contact: (425) 281-6218, tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: <http://palomargem.org>



January Birthstone: Garnet



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: 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

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	\$25
	Couple	\$35

Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

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