



Walter Mroch

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Year 2000 !

We have met many challenges in 1999 and we face more in the future but our club and its members pull thru time and time again. The last few years have been exciting and the future will be even more so with the closure of rock hounding areas and access roads and the whopping increase in our basic CFMS fees for dues and insurance. We have played about \$2/year member ever since the club was established but now we are paying \$5/year/member. It is fortunate that we raised our dues last year and went to a family rate. We are very fortunate that we significantly reduced our operating expenses in 1999 with the move into the Anaheim Downtown Community Center for meetings and our lapidary workshop.

The good news is that our membership continues to grow and attract new, productive members into the club. With the influx of new members the Board would like to see every established member take on a new member to sponsor at the January and February meetings. Invite them along to general meetings, board meetings, show meetings, workshops, and even on some of our one day field trips or whatever event you as a sponsor have to normally attend. The only way that we will continue to rejuvenate the club is by being progressive and educational. Both of these things are clearly in our charter and we should all try to help the club be more successful. By doing this relatively simple "teaming" both I and the rest of the Board believe that we can train the officers and operating chairmen/chairwomen of the future.

Our Children's Programs are also very successful due in large part to Norbert Bernhardt who took the junior members on a wide variety of field trips in 1999 and will continue to do so in 2000 as well. We applaud his efforts along with anyone else who has helped foster any interest by children in one of the most natural hobbies one can have. The success of our Children's Programs is also seen at our Children's Jewelry making booth at the annual shows as hosted by Larry Richey, John Velasquez, Ed Lindsey, Irene Lindsey and other members from the Long Beach Veterans' Lapidary Group.

Our biggest show ever will be coming up in early May. We will need help from each and every member whether a veteran rockhound or a rock hounding youngster. We have lots of work, not necessarily hard labor but small tasks, that must be accomplished to plan the logistics of our show. I want every one of you to ask George Lux what you can do to assist him in making the show another great success. Sponsor members should work closely with their new member and train them in what you are doing for the show, the Board, or whatever function you might have. Please help by doing the little tasks that we might ask of you so that we can take care of the greater tasks. If we can all row the boat in the same direction we will make it much easier on our Year 2000 President Betty Nelson. I know that she will greatly appreciate it !

Quartzsite, Arizona Field Trip Jan 25-29, 2000

Searchers will stay at the campground **behind Texas BBQ**. Exit I-10 at the first Q'site opportunity, proceed slowly through town, past the BBQ **before** the Pizza place. Turn right on **SHOWPLACE LANE**, go to the rear of the lot and find the club.

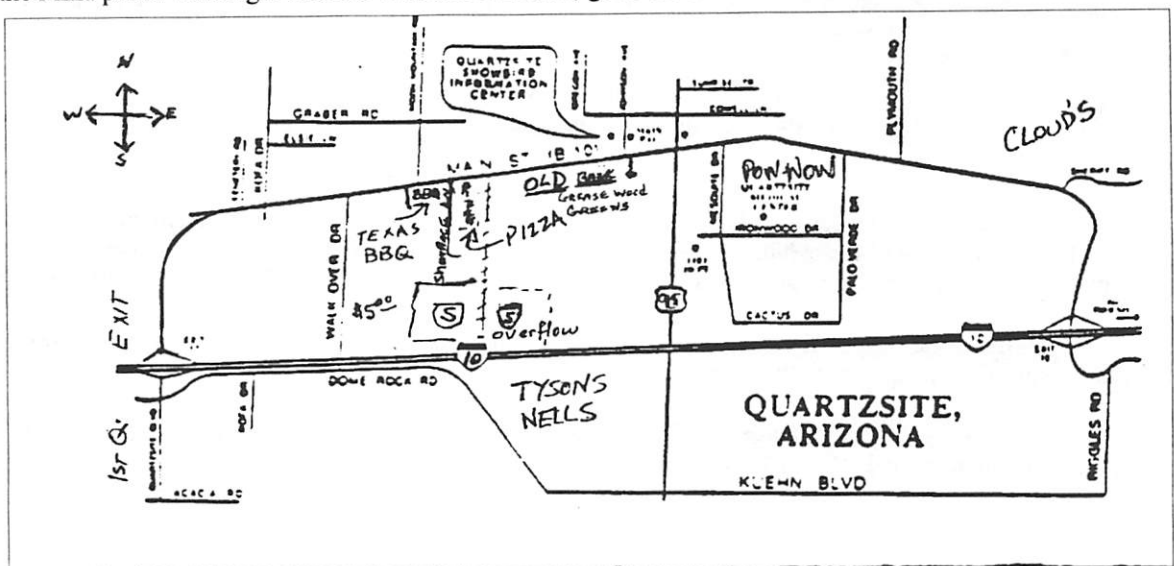
Overflow to Grease-wood Greens next door.

There is a dump site, Dry camping only, I think it is \$5.00 Per night.

Potluck at 4:00 PM
Saturday, Jan 29.

Call Ken Nelson
for
more information
at

(562) 431-7382





FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—PROGRAMS

James Pelowin

Program for February 8, 2000 Carving - Miniature to Monumental

Arlene Billheimer

Past President California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Member of Pasadena Lapidary Society.

Member of Gem Carvers Guild of America.

Gem and Mineral Coordinator - Las Angeles County Fair.

Produces Gem & mineral Show at L.A. County Fair with Husband Harry (Co - Coordinator)

Gem Carver and Silversmith - retired jewelry instructor for Baldwin Park Unified School district adult school.

Harry Billheimer

Member and past President Pasadena Lapidary Society.

Member & past President Gem carvers Guild of America.

SHOW SECURITYCASES



Please remember that we do not allow any display case or exhibit to be opened or removed during show hours.

Sunday at the close of the show everyone will leave the exhibit hall until security personnel have cleared the building. This should take 5 to 10 minutes with your help, after which you will be allowed back into the hall to remove your case and the items inside it.

If you need help or have a problem, or want to volunteer to help, please let me or George Lux know what we can do to help. This is for your safety and protection.

NAME BADGES

Remember to wear you **club name badge** to the show this year, especially on Sunday when the show closes. Everyone will be required to exit the exhibit hall to insure that only members and other authorized persons will be allowed back in to pack up the cases and show materials. The name badge is the authority you need to be allowed in after the close of the show.

If anyone is in need of help with their display from someone who is not a club member, please see me Friday, Saturday or Sunday for a temporary authorization badge.

Wearing the badge makes sense and makes it easy for visitors to spot club members to ask for help, identification of rocks and mineral, and information about the Searchers.

Larry Richey, Security



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2000

Our books have been audited for the year and I am happy to report that the Searchers is in good shape. For the first time in a number of years we spent \$2,000, less than we took in. While we are a nonprofit organization, it is good to be operating in the black. Our big expenses are our CFMS membership and insurance which has been raised this year from \$2.00 to \$4.50 per member.. Next are our charitable contributions and financial support of various local organizations including youth, veterans, and the Art Council. Then comes the cost of our storage facilities Most of what is stored is material for our Show. However, there are some rocks and old equipment that we need to take a look at. Perhaps we can do with a smaller facility. Finally we have the cost of printing and mailing the Rock Slab News. We have gone to bulk mail to cut this cost, but the flip side is late delivery of the paper. It will be necessary for anyone putting an item in the paper to do so well ahead of time if information is to be timely. For instance, March information needs to be in the February paper. This, admittedly, is inconvenient, but it may be the best solution.

The Searchers is looking for a few more volunteers. Volunteers willing to provide refreshments at our meetings any month after March and a coordinator to remind them and to make sure paper supplies are available. We are also still looking for a field trip coordinator, and more volunteers to lead field trips this year. A clip board is being circulated but there are still a number of blanks on it. I will be happy to loan you a book on field trips in Southern California if you need some ideas. Field trips are an important part of our club, but they have to be planned. If you enjoy field trips, please assume responsibility for 1 trip this year.

I'll see you all in February

Betty Nelson

Sadly, the Searchers has lost another loyal member. Lou Schutty passed away suddenly on November 5th. He leave behind Nancy, his loving wife of 58 years, a son and a daughter, 2 granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Lou was born in Newton, Iowa, and has lived in La Mirada since 1961. He spent 22 years in the Navy, retiring as a Warrant Officer. He returned to the civilian sector and finally retired from the Edison company after working for them for 18 years. He loved nature and saw beauty even in the plainest of rocks. Lou had been involved in the rockhound hobby even before joining the Searchers in 1987. Many of you will remember Lou as the gentleman who demonstrated bead making at many of our shows. We will miss Lou and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

THE SEARCHERS 2000 CHRISTMAS PARTY

- 1) *I would like to have a family pot luck and installation of officers on the 2nd Tuesday night in December at our regular meeting place with the club supplying the turkey. I understand that alcohol will not be permitted.*-----
- 2) *I would like our Christmas party and installation of officers to continue to be a formal dinners at a location of the clubs choosing. I understand this could cost more than this year.*-----
- 3) *I have the following suggestions*-----

It is important that you respond to this by January due to the need for advance reservations and planning



SHOW DONATION

We are getting in some of the best donation for our show in May that I think I have ever seen.

The first grand prize this year will be the art work that you can see below its by Dale Ter-Bush and is called "SOME JEWELS ARE MADE IN HEAVEN" I hope to have this beautiful Giclee at our next meeting.

Other Donations

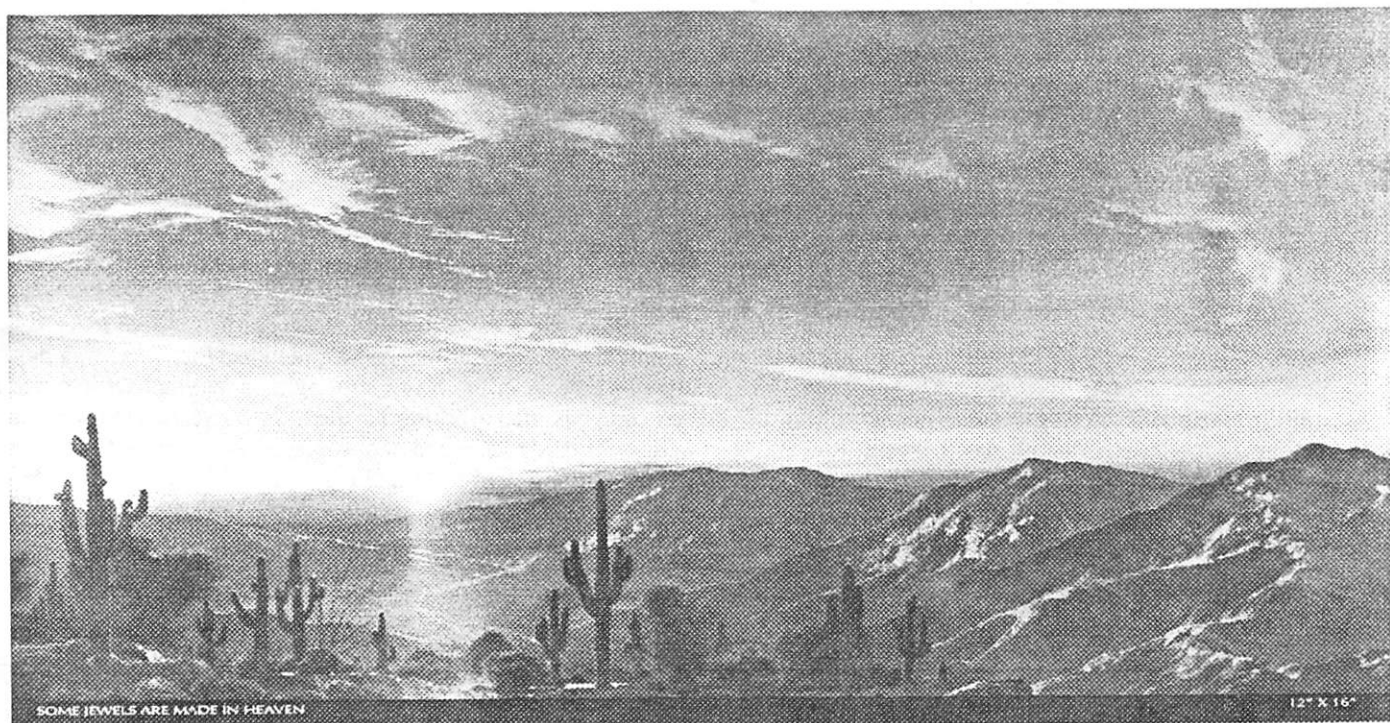
Disneyland has sent us tickets to Disneyland.

Bella Mari Ristorante has given a Gift Certificate for dinners.

Jewelry "not for ordinary people" from Milly Arvanites

If you have a donation that you would like to donate please let me know. You can call me at home (714) 484-1947, you can fax me (714) 484-1949 or E-mail at Slabnews@aol.com.

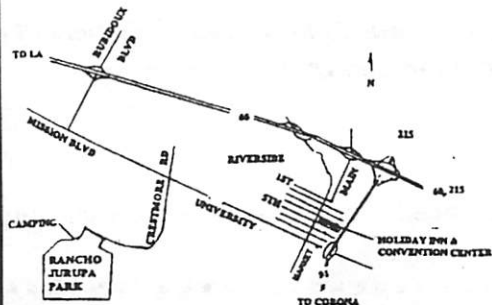
Donation and Award Committee *Richard Butler*



Dealers * Exhibits * Jewelry
Lectures * Prizes
Gold Panning
Metal Detecting
Demonstrations
Faceting Symposium

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
61st Annual Show & Convention
GOLD & GEM SHOW
Riverside, CA Convention Center

Chairman: Bural LaRue
P. O. Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377
Admission
\$5.00 Adults
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Under 12 free with adult



AUGUST 4 - 6, 2000
Fri & sat 10 to 6 Sun 10 - 5
Hosted by: Valley Prospectors



THE SHOW COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ITS NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON

FEBRUARY 15TH 2000

7:PM TILL 9:30 PM.

**THE ANAHEIM DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER.
205 E. CENTER ST ANAHEIM, CA**

**THIS IS A MUST MEETING FOR ALL COMMITTEE
MEMBERS!**

*FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
GEORGE LUX - SHOW CHAIRMAN (714) 992-2757
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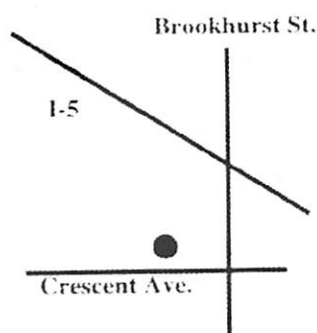
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SATURDAY

May 6th

10 AM to 6:30

SUNDAY

May 7th

10 AM to 4:30 PM

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Regular Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the new Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center St. Anaheim.

Visitors are always welcome.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month January through December. The meetings are held at the new Downtown Community Center at 250 E. Center St. Downtown Anaheim.

Members are always welcome.

Membership Dues: Annually: \$20 for adults, \$25 per couple and \$2 for junior members under 17 years in age

Field Trips: Held on the published dates of each month. The trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in The Rock Slab News.

Workshop: The workshop time and dates can be found on the monthly calendar.

Deadline for Articles: Must be in the hands of the editor by the Friday following each regular monthly meeting to insure publication for the next month.

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