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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

Congratulations to Charles Walker, Rockhound of the Year for our club.

A new, 24 inch saw is planned for the Workshop. The 20 inch saw, that hasn't worked since 2019, was sold at the July General Meeting, making space in the Workshop Storage Room. The Workshop attendance is up, with revenue climbing. A proposal to purchase a new 24 inch saw needs to be voted on in the general meeting, so please watch for the email announcing this up-coming vote.

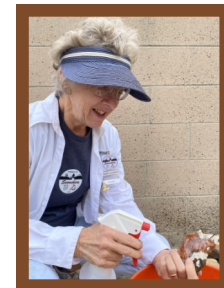
The board is working with Margaret Hogarth and Veronica Purpura to assess how the Show is put on. If you would like input, please contact them. Jenny Rohl's Show Vendor Satisfaction Survey was sent out, and the Searchers' website version automatically tallies the vendors' responses. So far, the responses have been very favorable, ending with "and I would like to show next year, as well." What a compliment to these two, as well as Charlotte Spaulding and Sue Gevedon, who helped with behind-the-scenes business. Would you consider tumbling rocks, and creating prizes for the 2023? The Show will be held on April 29 and 30 next year, and needs prizes, as well as the most valuable item: volunteer hours.

The Annual Picnic will be start at noon, Sunday, August, 7 at the Yorba Linda Regional Park.

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Robin Larzelere

From the July General Meeting: awards, selling and trading, rocks with tillandsia



A big "welcome" for these new members.

Daniel Tula

Regina Tula

Alana Tula (Jr. Member)

Ezekiel Tula (Jr. Member)

Anthony Palumbo

Michelle Palumbo

Jeff Dekofsky

Maya Trac

Jake Trac (Jr. member)

Daniel Friend

David Nelson (Past Searchers V.P.)

Christine Tringali

Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **August 2nd**

Member Meeting- **JAUGUST 9th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting, July 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Charles Walker, Robin Larzerle, Sue Gevedon, Margaret Hogarth, Gwen Sharpe, Nancy Bird, Jenny Rohl attending.

The Vendor Satisfaction Survey was sent out June 21, 2022. So far two vendors have replied. We will be sending out a reminder!

A co-vendor chair / treasurer position was approved by the board.

The board voted to not require members who are vendors are not required to do volunteer hours in order to be a vendor since they pay a fee to be a vendor.

Other aspects of the show are being discussed including security and when deposits will be returned.

The club picnic will be held on Sunday August 7 at Yorba Regional Park, 7600 E. La Palma Ave, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807, Area: Site 7

A second Post Office Box key was purchased for \$14. Then treasurer and president have the keys.

The Board voted to sell blue 18-inch Barranca Saw at the general meeting via silent auction with a starting bid of \$200.

Searchers General Meeting, July 12, 2022 at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 7:00 PM.

Rocks were donated to the Saddleback Bromeliad Society to mount and display bromeliads for their up-coming sale.

New 24" saw: It is proposed that we purchase a new saw for the workshop. This purchase will need to be approved by the membership at a future meeting. The workshop is on-target for bringing in \$4,500 for this year to contribute towards this purchase.

Annual Picnic: Sunday, August 7, 2022 at noon.

Field Trip: Posted on website.

Rock Hound of the Year Award: The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society is proud to put forth Charles Walker for the honor this year. Charles has been with this club for 7 years and the Bellflower Delvers for over 15 years. He is a retired U.S. Marine, where he served for 22 years. As such, he is the perfect person to be our liaison with the Long Beach Veterans Hospital Lapidary shop where we donate slabs. He is our workshop coordinator-an active job as we have shop 2 times a week. He keeps the equipment at the VA in top shape, too. He volunteers so much: with our estate sales, at our recent show where he put in 5 cases & helped put mine together, worked the Silent Auction and the Snack stand. His main collection is Wingate Pass agate, petrified woods, Lead Pipe Springs and any old stock material. We are truly blessed to have someone like him in our club. Submitted By: Nancy Bird, Federation Director Searchers Gem & Mineral Society. Excerpted from the July CFMS newsletter.

Show and tell, share and sell: The program for the evening consisted of members bring in treasures for a show and tell, share and sell. The items ranged from spheres and belt buckles to rough rocks. There was a silent auction put on by members for special slabs, hearts and rough, finished jewelry, wind chimes and a display of fluorescent minerals. Great fun was had by all in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Searcher Presenters and News

August Speaker: Charles O. Walker, Jr GySgt USMC (Retired).

Our August presentation is on Wingate Plume Agate, aka DEATH VALLEY PLUME AGATE from North China Lake/ Death Valley California. It was discovered in 1953 and exhausted by the early 1960s. The area is now located within a Naval bombing range.

I have been gathering many different seam variations of the once famed collecting locality that has been off limits for decades. With that said, I concentrate on collecting the off limits and "can't get that anymore" rocks. Charles will have specimens of the Wingate agate.



Jewel Tunnel Imports

1231 Mountain View Circle, Azusa CA Tel 626-814-2257 ▪ www.jeweltunnel.com

For the last sixteen years, Jewel Tunnel Imports has hosted open houses for colleges and mineral societies to shop at our wholesale warehouse. Jewel Tunnel has moved from Baldwin Park to Azusa, and is offering Monday through Thursday August 15th to Sept 29th for shopping, with a reservation. To schedule an appointment, please send an email to: INFO.CA@JEWELTUNNEL.COM or you can call 626-814-2257 How shopping works with our location: Your cost for the items will be 50% off the marked price. Sales tax will be charged unless purchaser has a California Seller's Permit. We will have limited spaces, so please contact us to schedule your groups.



Let's try to go as a group, a field trip. Tuesday, August 16, 2022 noon to 3, and Wednesday, August 17 noon to 3. RSVP's are required INFO.CA@JEWELTUNNEL.COM

Wood display case for sale

At the August 9 General Meeting, there will be a wood display case for silent auction, \$10 opening bid.

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 \$65 for 5 gallons to members. \$75 for non-members.

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

Upcoming Fields Trips

August Too hot!!

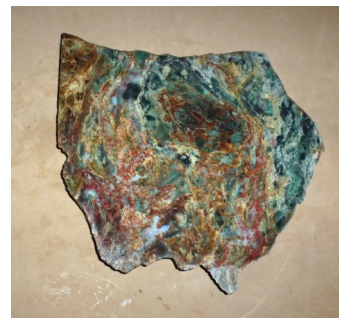


Clear Creek Management Area Field Trip

September 10-11, 2022 Meet 8:30am, Depart: 9:00am

Leader: Margaret Hogarth and Jimmie Peterson Cell# 909-815-3045

Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com



Hobby gem and mineral collectors are drawn to the Clear Creek areas by the presence of over 150 semi-precious mineral and gemstones. This is one of the most highly mineralized areas in California. The serpentine mass contains two superfund sites, Atlas Mine and Johns-Mansville. Both were associated with the mining and processing of chrysotile asbestos. Other minerals mined from the serpentine mass included cinnabar, chromite, magnesite, and jadeite. The Gem mine (private) located within the serpentine mass is the only source of gem-grade benitoite in the world. They have a fee dig in the tailings if you are interested, but we will not be going on that trip. The rare minerals neptunite and joaquinite have also been found there. Other cool things to hound are jaspers, uvarovite, and plasma agate. We'll do a combination of digging for plasma agate and scouring the stream beds for interesting finds. You can't be disappointed in such a geologically diverse place! Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Permits Needed Get your permits ahead of time by visiting the follow site, each car needs a general access permit to CCMA and a special permit for the Serpentine Area (ACEC). <https://www.recreation.gov/vehiclepermits/250848>

Clear Creek Vehicle Permit: \$5 per week* Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Permit: Free, limited to 5 entries per calendar year, per person* *Each permit requires a \$6 reservation fee. We will also need a **gate code**; Margaret will send that information out before the trip.

Directions: I recommend using the "download offline maps" feature for Google Maps or your own selection of GPS App which allows off grid maps. **There isn't much for cell service in the area.**

Coming North on I-5: Take exit 325 for Jayne Ave (Rt 33) and go west toward Coalinga. Jayne Ave turns into Polk St thru the town of Coalinga and then turns back into Jayne Ave Continue on Jayne Ave and it make a big right sweeping turn and turns into S. Derrick Ave and you are in the middle of the Chevron Oil Field, go ~4miles. Turn left onto Lost Gatos Creek Rd. Follow for 21.5mi, turns into Coalinga Rd at the Condon Peak Recreation Area. Continue another 8.6mi and turn right onto Clear Creek Rd (LOOK FOR SEARCHERS SIGN) Pass over the ford in the San Benito River. Travel about 2.3 miles, the left just before the locked gate to head up to Jade Mill Campground (36.368356 N, -120.754140 W), SEARCHERS signs will be posted.

Camp is approximately 6 hrs from Orange County.

The camp is a dry camp, bring everything you need.

**For field trip
information
contact: Steve
Duncan
mrsteveduncan
2@gmail.com
714 724-7102**

Tools: You may want heavy tools for the Plasma Agate, as some of it is in boulders you will need to break up if you want to take some. For the stream collecting a rock pick and a spray bottle will suffice.

Vehicles: Although we will be on dirt roads, a high clearance vehicle is still recommended. If you come to camp in a car, we will have you carpool with someone for the collecting.

Potluck On Sat night we will have our standard potluck, bring something to share if you wish to participate. If campfires are allowed in Sept please bring so bring some firewood if you are able.

Clear Creek Rocks and Minerals

Searchers will be taking a field trip to the Clear Creek area in September, 2022. You might want to do some reading about Clear Creek materials before you go.

The Clear Creek area features serpentinite, blueschist, schist, quartz and plasma agate, and many minerals. Plasma agate may contain quartz, cinnabar and other minerals, giving it a variety of colors. Due to the presence of asbestos, access to the area is monitored and caution must be taken. Be sure to follow the directions and registration process for permits when we release the field trip information.

Travel To The Asbestos Mountains In Clear Creek, San Benito County, CA by rt395

<https://hive.blog/hive-163772/@rt395/travel-to-the-asbestos-mountains-in-clear-creek-san-benito-county-ca>

For gorgeous photographs of the area, a description and history, read rt395's overview of the Clear Creek area, including some mine sites.

Minerals I Found At Clear Creek, San Benito Co., CA by rt395

<https://hive.blog/hive-163521/@rt395/minerals-i-found-at-clear-creek-san-benito-co-ca>

rt395 did some research before going to Clear Creek, so they were looking for specific mines and mine sites in blueschist and serpentinite. While exploring rt395 found green uvarovite (a chromium garnet), purple kammererite (a chromium clinocllore), and coalingite. They also found a small quantity of benitoite in stream beds below a claimed mine. Green andradite garnets were also found. You can see photos at the website listed above. There are many potential minerals there!

Mindat Entry for Clear Creek area, Picacho Peak, New Idria Mining District, San Benito Co., California, USA

<https://www.mindat.org/loc-27173.html>

Be sure to click on the Photos > Gallery for photographs of the mentioned minerals.

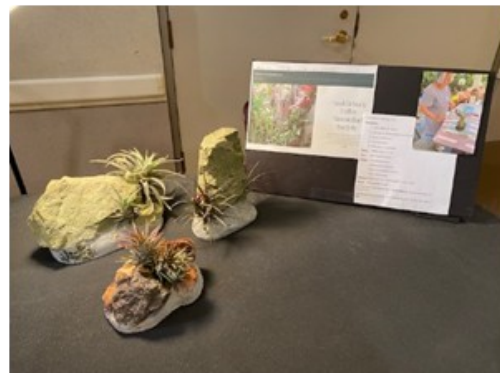
The rose quartz site in the Greenhorn Mountains near Kernville is closed due to fire damage received last year. Before going, check to see if the area is open. Their contact information:
Kern River Ranger Station
Address: 11380 Kernville Rd, Kernville, CA 93238
Phone: (760) 376-3781

Field Trip Schedule 2022-2023			
2022	Location	Leader	Status
Sept 10 & 11	Clear Creek	Margaret Hogarth/Jimmy Peterson	Planned
Oct 15&16	Greenhorn Mt	Virgil Talbot	Probable
Nov 12 & 13	Afton Canyon	John O'Connor	Probable
Dec	Orbicular rhyolite (Lucerne Valley)/ or Baxter Wash details TBD	Jimmy Peterson	Tentative
2023	Location	Leader	Status
Jan	Early Man Site	Virgil Talbot	Tentative
Feb	Rainbow Ledge details TBD	Steve Duncan	Tentative
Mar			
Apr			
May			

Sperry Wash TBD

Virgil Talbot

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Exploring in Central Washington State

We were in central Washington state and explored two sites in the Gem Trails of Washington book. From the Seattle area, we took 90 east and at Cle Elum we switched to the 970 east. From there we took the 97 north at Virden. We camped at a National Forest campground off of Liberty road. It was extensive with many sites, most empty and had two pit toilets. There were numerous gold mines, some active, nearby, and the roads were also OHV trails. It looks like the camp is also a hunters camp during the hunting season.

We drove through the little town of Liberty where there were some interesting historic buildings and the beginnings of a tourist destination based on the mining history.

Our first site was the agate site near First Creek. We parked near 97 and hiked up FR 3506. The book said 1.5 miles. We were in forest with First Creek rushing by at the bottom of the canyon. Gradually, we hiked away from the creek, climbing a little higher. The book said to look for a 50 yard scramble uphill, which I didn't see until we were well up on the trail. We saw quite a few diggings but no rocks of interest. If you do a Google image search for First Creek, Washington, you can see some pretty agates and crystals. Some agates are blueish in color, but they are not the famous Ellensburg Blue agate.

We did finally find a scramble but felt too decrepit to attempt it. What we saw the most of was butterflies and wildflowers. We did enjoy a virtuous hike and hope you have better luck!

Our second site was Red Top. We traveled a little further north on 97 and followed the well-marked FR roads to the Red Top parking lot. This is a beautiful drive! There are a few camping sites near the parking lot and a pit toilet. We hiked the two-mile well-marked trail to the agate beds, often seeing the Red Top fire lookout above us to the right. The hike had interesting rock formations which changed over the trail, some meadows full of flowers and mosquitoes. We stupidly left our repellent in the truck and were followed and covered with clouds of mosquitoes, but did not get bitten. I can't explain this. The old agate beds are at GPS 47.3061, -120.7602. We saw lots of evidence of digging, but no scraps. We could hear someone digging down the slope. Found here are agates and geodes. A Google image search will inspire you. We loved the hike but didn't do any digging.

These trips made me appreciate how visible and productive Searcher field trips are. With little plant cover in the desert, it is easy to see the matrix and any geologic clues without having to clear duff, soil, plants, etc. out of the way.

There are multiple sites in the book for the Yakima River a little south along the 10, but it was very full, and there weren't any beaches or gravel bars.

I hope you can do some exploring soon!

Margaret Hogarth



See Page 9 for more pictures

JOIN US FOR THE SEARCHERS PICNIC AUGUST 7TH

We will meet at noon at Shelter #7 in Yorba Regional Park, 7600 E. La Palma, Anaheim, CA 92807. Parking costs \$5 per car; there are no re-entries.

The Searchers will provide plates, silverware, water and soft drinks. Bring a potluck item to share. Please email me (socalgeogal@yahoo.com) to let us know to expect you; include your name, how many will be attending, and what potluck item you will bring. See you then!

Searcher's Potluck- Picnic 2022

Date and Time: Sunday, August 7th at Noon



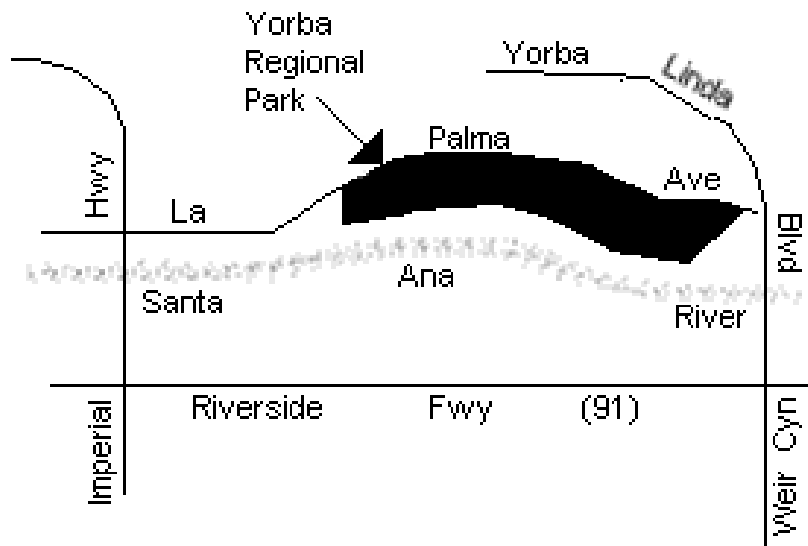
Location: Yorba Regional Park, 7600 E. La Palma Ave, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

Area: Site #7

There will be a sign up sheet at the July meeting. The club will provide plates, utensils, cups, sodas and water.



If anyone wants to come to the picnic, but is unable to attend the July 12th meeting, I can be contacted at socalgeogal@yahoo.com for information. Gwen



Show News

The Show Committee and Board are reviewing various aspects of the show in order to keep it safe and smooth running. We are excited about the possibilities of partnering with John and the bromeliad group to make some new prizes for the show. Keep those ideas coming!

As you go through your materials, set aside quality Silent Auction material, prizes for Wheel of Fortune and grab bags, and for door prizes. Our goal for the next show is to have better quality Silent Auction materials. We have a supply of smooth rocks for painting if you would like to donate some for prizes. Also, we are always looking for help slabbing donated rocks for the Veteran's program.

Thank you for your help!

Margaret

Mentor Program

The club is looking for volunteers to partner with the current Show Committee. For Searchers interested in taking on more leadership duties for the next show, here is a great opportunity to learn from experienced people this year, so next year they could do a leadership job and help more with the show.

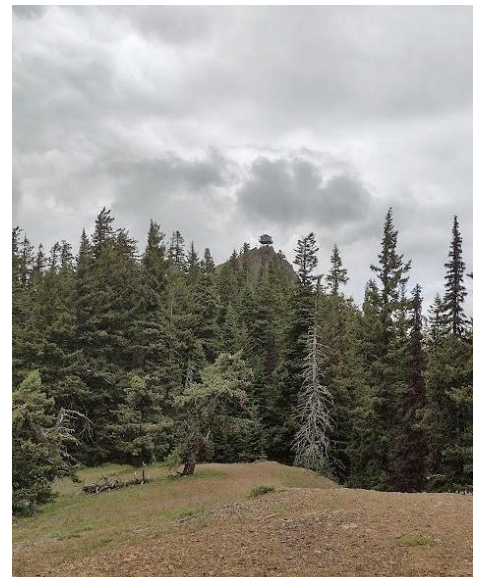
Red Top Meadow



View from the Red Top trail



Red Top Lookout Station



For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2022 CFMS Gem Shows

2022 Shows

August 6-7, 2022, Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
@the Grounds, Roebbelen Event Center, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 20-21, 2022 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Inspiration Unearthed", 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
Hours: Saturday 10 AM- 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: <https://www.pasadenalapidary.org>

September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Jackpot of Gems
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia, Reno, NV 89502
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: <http://www.renogems.org>

September 24-25, 2022 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA
Hours both days: 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: 2022show@alogem.org
Website: <http://www.slogem.org/show.htm>

October 8-9, 2022 – Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
Los Altos, CA 94022
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Recreation with Rocks
Contact: 650 575-3144
Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 9, 2022 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
Fall Festival of Gems & Minerals
123 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook CA 92028
Hours: 9 AM-4 PM
Vendors: apply by August 1, 2022. Free booths for nonprofit organizations promoting minerals, fossils or gems.
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 15-16, 2022 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
45th Annual Mineral and Gem Show
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA
Hours: Saturday 10 AM -6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Minerals, gems, rough rock, slabs, jewelry, beads from 30 vendors. Kids activities, gold panning, raffle, door prizes and Silent Auction. Displays, demonstrations, scavenger hunt and fluorescent minerals.
Kids under 12 are free with paid parent and there's Free Parking.
Contact: (707) 849-9551, jole-ne4srmgs@gmail.com
Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA
Hours Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: (916) 662-5819, gem-show@sacramentomineralsociety.org
Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

2023

March 11-12, 2023 -Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Show
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 20 AM – 5 PM
Contact: bwendx2@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

August Birthstone: Peridot and Spinel



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 The dues are prorated for new members. If new members sign up from October to December, their dues are good for those months, plus the entire next year.

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