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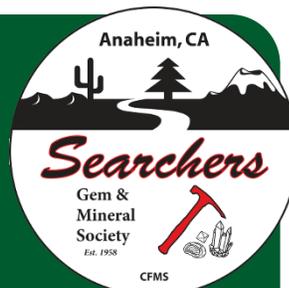
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APRIL 2026

The Searchers next meeting:
April 21 2026 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



The President's Message

Greetings Searchers:

It is Volunteer Time! Make a polished stone ring, award door prizes, help a dealer set up, take down on Sunday afternoon and get great deals on rocks and jewelry, demonstrate on a genie and give away some of your cabs, buy some Christmas gifts, get opals at the Silent Auction, buy a lapidary saw, and be social with long-time rockhounds. What would you enjoy doing at the Show? Sign up sheets are online searchersrocks.org>2026 Show Help

Show Donations Thank You: Gwen Sharp for carved figures, M. C. Kao for high-grade tourmaline, John and Sherri Sisson for buckets of chalcedony Caleb Guyer for slabs for the Silent Auction, Dave Long/ Dave Contreras for beads, jewelry and rough. Amy and Jeff Bokn for 20 lbs. of polished rocks.

Tuesday April 21 is the general meeting, 6:00 p.m. doors open

Say hello to our 10 newest members: Welcome new members: **John and Sherri Sisson, Steve and Lynn Jacques, Lihn Nguyen and Mason (Jr.), Mateo Bernal, Katerina Boettcher, Alec Morales**

Show 2024

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere,
President



JPK Studios Sue G.'s Jewelry
2026 Searchers' Show
Indoor Dealers
Quality jewelry, slabs,



Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- April 7th by Zoom at 6:30 P.M.

Member Meeting- April 21 Doors open at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

Minutes from General Meeting, February 10, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:30 PM by Robin Larzelere.

Faceting classes: February classes are available. Art says that currently about 10 people are learning faceting.

The board approved spending \$700 in repairs for the faceting machine donated by the American Opal Society. When the machine is repaired, it will be available in the workshop to trained members for a fee.

Thanks to:

Paul Kosmala for making the faceting video for Art Ravenscroft. Art will use it for his presentation at the March Searchers general meeting.

Bruce Wight for a donation of sand dollars.

Monica Dekany-Beeker for a donation of books and wind chimes for our 2026 show.

Nancy Bird and Stan McCall. Stan donated onyx pieces that Nancy brought to tonight's meeting. Attendees at this meeting can take an onyx piece if they want one.

Helen Asuncion for volunteering to be the Searchers webmaster.

Dues: You can pay your 2026 dues tonight. We also encourage you to wear your Searchers name tags if you have one.

Show: The show is coming together nicely like the Pasadena club does, we'll get bookmarks printed this year. Bookmarks are nowadays more welcome as giveaways in libraries than postcards or brochures (and are cheaper to make too). Bookmarks are also more likely to be welcome at schools, and can also be placed in Little Free Libraries.

For your information: even though we had to pay more for the community center this year, if we get the same attendance this year and everyone spends at least \$3 more, our show will be well into the black.

We're looking for volunteers to pre-cut geodes (about 90% through) for the show.

Signup sheets for show volunteers are available online.

The annual grab bag stuffing will be at Karen Kramer's on Saturday, March 7. If it's rained out, we'll meet on March 26 instead.

Boxes: Please grab a box and fill it with donations for the show, such as rough, mineral samples, or other things that can be used for prizes, the Silent Auction, or raffles.

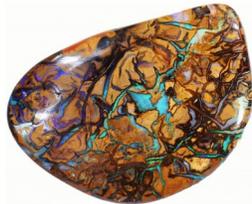
Field trips: In February, there's a field trip to Turtle Mountains in Vidal, CA on Feb 22 – 23 for chalcedony roses. In a wilderness area, only surface collecting is allowed; no digging. The March trip will be at Sperry Wash in Tonopah on March 21 – 22.

Our speakers this month were Bruce and Johanna Wight, who spoke about making mineral display stands. Bruce and Johanna also brought dozens of examples they made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Searcher Presenters and News

April Speaker - Gene McDevitt presents by Zoom on Australian Opals



NOTE:

Workshop will be closed for building maintenance on:
Thursday, April 9 **Saturday, April 11** **Thursday, April 16**

April In-Person General Membership Meeting:
Tuesday, April 21 (3rd Tue.)

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles

Tony Kampf, Curator Emeritus, at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is highly recommending a visit to a new exhibit at the Museum, called "**Unearthed: Raw Beauty**". Here is a link to the information about "**Unearthed**":

<https://nhm.org/unearthed-rare-mineral-exhibition>

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 \$70 for 5 gallons to members. \$80 for non-members. Jim Peterson 714 904-8573

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

Fields Trips

April 11-12, 2026	Mineola Road, Mule Canyon, north of Barstow, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	Several spots near Calico. Agates and jaspers
May 16-17, 2026	Lavic Siding, South Cadys, Hector Hills, Ludlow, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	All surface collecting, Jaspers and agates.
June 6-7, 2026	Greenhorn Mountains, Lake Isabella, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
July			
August			
September 12-13, 2026	Quartz points, Big Bear, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
October 3-4, 2026	Rainbow Ledge, Ridgecrest, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
November 7-8, 2026	Buffington Pockets, NV	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
December 5-6, 2026	Bird's Eye Rhyolite, Johnson Valley, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
	*Dates and locations are planned to the best of our abilities. Dates and locations may change with weather or other conditions.		

Searchers Field Trips – March April 2026

We had a planned field trip to Sperry Wash for Mar 20-21st, but after a scouting trip on the 11th we concluded the roads were too rugged for little reward in collection worthy rocks to justify the trip, so we cancelled it.

The next trip is April 11-12 to Mineola Road past Barstow. We'll also be exploring the areas around Yermo and Calico. Jasper, agate, chalcedony, petrified palm/wood and sagenite are on the menu and this area usually serves up a buffet. We'll be camping near Mineola Road [W6FM+GX3 Toomey, California](#). Take the 15N about 15 miles past Barstow. Exit at Mineola Road. Turn left, over the freeway, and go past the Shell Gas station on Sunrise Canyon Road. There will be Searchers signs directing you to the campsite. We'll meet up at 8:30 on both days. Cars and trucks with good clearance should be good for this trip.

Barstow is close by for those that want to stay in a motel.



2026 Show- Silent Auction - Equipment

Star Diamond Combo#1 (3) wheels with Expando wheel, 8 in. saw and motor



Star Diamond #3 GP8



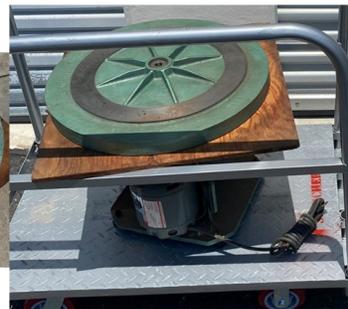
Star Diamond Combo #2 and water pump, no saw, buffing wheel



12 inch vibratory table top lap machine



Ricripro20 inch vibratory lap



Foredom in original box, chuck key, some drill bits



HP E10 Combo Grinder, Expando wheel, and 10 inch saw



For field trip information contact: Bob Rubino and Bill Hogarth

Covington Two Wheel Grinder



Buffer (2) wheel one rag 8 inch wheel, one 8 inch leather wheel 1/2HP motor



Rotary lap 8 inch, 6 new lap plates from 180 to 3000, and stainless steel stand with drawer



15lb capacity metal tumbler



LS 14 Lorotone table top 14 inch lapidary Saw



GE motor, and 3 other motors

HP Combo E10



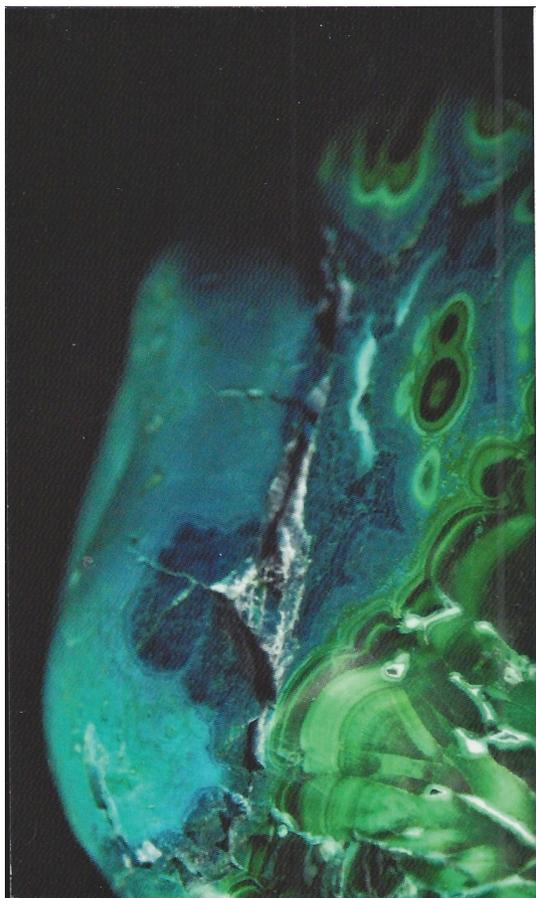
One wheel buffer



Chimpanzees like Crystals FUN Stuff!

The zoo researchers had to trade large amounts of bananas and yogurt to get the crystal back. Some crystals were not returned. Too funny! Robin

https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/04/science/chimpanzees-crystals.html?unlocked_article_code=1.QIA.Ivir.aKNChQNOpKlu&smid=url-share&user_id=66c4c8e35d78644b3ac490ba



Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
PO Box 3324, Culver City, CA 90231
CR&MC

63RD ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS

Saturday June 27 10am - 6pm
Sunday June 28 10am - 5pm

Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA

- ★ Free Admission ★ Free Hourly Prizes
- ★ Free Parking ★ Grand Prize Sunday

Exhibits · Demos · Workshops
Jewelry, Stone & Mineral Dealers

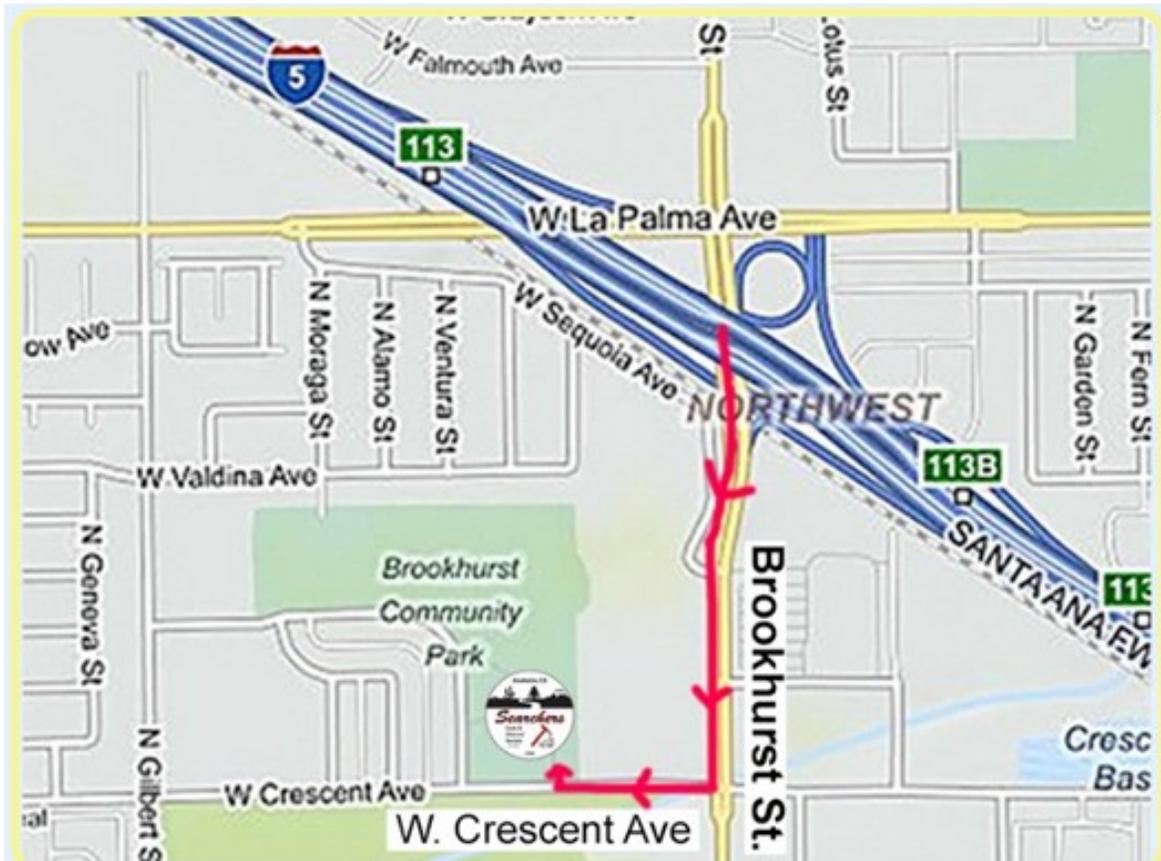
CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta



2026 ANNUAL ROCK, GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW & SALE



Saturday April 25th, 2026 — 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, April 26th, 2026 — 10 am – 4:30 pm



Activities:

- Dealer Sales
- Door Prizes
- Exhibits
- Silent Auctions
- Demonstrations
- JPK Studio

Products:

- Cabs & Slabs
- Rough Rock
- Fluorescent Minerals
- UV Lights
- Jewelry
- Sue G.'s Gifts

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ANAHEIM, CA

WWW.SEARCHERSROCKS.COM

Free Parking and Admission!

CLUB News

Show Committee Meeting Dates:

Zoom meeting I.D.: 7144759508 Password: 3492

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7144759508?pwd=Y0hrVWtHUUtSszJ3NVFVdnVkcHJUz09>

Saturday April 4, 2026 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in-person Workshop and Zoom

Saturday April 18, 2026 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Zoom

Fri. April 24, 2026 Set up 8:30 a.m.

Sat. and Sun. April 25 +26 Annual Show

JPK Studios

SEARCHERS

65TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW

Saturday, **April 25th, 2026** / 10am - 5pm

Sunday, **April 26th, 2026** / 10am - 4:30pm

Sue G's Jewelry

Photo courtesy of Veronica Purpura of Zincite crystal from Poland



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Upcoming 2026 CFMS Gem Shows

2026- Shows

April 11-12, 2026 – Mariposa, CA
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338
Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Mountains of Minerals Gem Show
Contact: mgmc@sti.net
Website: mariposagemclub.org

April 11-12, 2026 – Placerville, CA
Placerville Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society's Annual Show
Contact: (530) 676-2472, office@edcmgs.org
Website: edcmgs.org

April 18-19, 2026 – Thousand Oaks, CA
Borchard Community Center, 190 N. Reino Road, Thousand Oaks 91320
Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show! Pageant of a Thousand Gems. Exhibits of rocks and mineral collections and lapidary; Vendors of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry; Silent Auction of rocks and minerals in the rough and fossils; Demonstrators of lapidary work; Youth Room with games for prizes; Plant sale; Hourly Raffle. FREE ENTRY; FREE PARKING
Website: CGAMC.org

April 24-26, 2026 - Paradise, CA
Mechoopda Event Center, 149 Openshaw Rd., Butte Valley, CA 95965
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Hours: Friday & Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

Paradise Gem & Mineral Clubs 71st Anniversary Show. "Tumbling is Easy-Give it a Spin". New show location, Mechoopda Event Center. 30,000 sf of indoor space with a cafe and bar. Significant space is dedicated to earth science education, information, and displays. Door prizes, silent and live auctions. Kid Zone with 8 activities and games. Unique demonstrations, speaker topics, and activities every day. Camping on site and nearby. \$5 one-day admission or \$10 for all three days. Free jumbo tumbled rock of your choice with admission. Dealers: 8 foot tables are only \$150. A free table to earth science education and information providers.

April 25-26, 2026 – Anaheim
Brookhurst Comm. Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4:30 PM
Free entry, free parking. Gems, minerals, fossils, crystals, beads, rough, slabs, vendors, gold panning, extensive silent auction every half hour, door prizes every half hour, grab bags, tools, equipment and exhibits. Lapidary supplies. Faceting, wire wrapping and cabochon making demonstrations. Snacks and drinks are available. Make a polished stone ring for free, crack a dino egg, treasure hunt activities for kids! Rain or shine, show is on. Please, no pets. Service animals only.
Contact: anaheimsearchers@gmail.com
Website: searchersrocks.org

April 25-26, 2026 - Atascadero, CA
Atascadero Colony Park Comm. Center, 5599 Traffic Way, Atascadero, CA 93422
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Hours: Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm
The 32nd Annual Rock, Fossil & Gem Show, Treasures of the Earth, will be held April 25–26, 2026 at the Atascadero Colony Park Community Center. Enjoy exhibits, demonstrations, guest speakers, kids' activities, and more. Admission \$5; kids under 16 and active military free.
Contact: slockhounds@gmail.com / 805-610-0603
Website: slockhounds.org

May 1-2, 2026 – Yucaipa, CA
Adams Street and Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa, California 92399
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Hours: Friday 12 Noon – 9 PM, Saturday 6 PM – 10 PM
The YVGMS show is held along with the city of Yucaipas' Music and Arts Festival. Our 60+ year old annual show features dozens of vendors from across the country offering a variety of jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils and related arts and crafts. The club offers demonstrations of lapidary techniques, a kids booth with games and prizes, geodes and the opportunity to crack it open, a raffle with chances to win a variety of prizes, and of course, gems and jewelry for sale. Proceeds go towards keeping our non-profit club and workshop up and running as well as towards funding our scholarship

May 1-3, 2026 - Vista, CA
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe, Vista, CA 92083
Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Hours: Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday, 10-4
Spring Gem & Mineral Jewelry Show. Show will have finished products, slabs and specimens. Vendors can check in on Thursday night. Overnight camping included with booth rental. Always open for more vendors.
Contact: info@vistarocks.org
Website: vistarocks.org

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org

April Birthstone – Diamond



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org



General Meetings: 7:00 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Doors open at 6:30 PM

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

Workshop: Thursday 4:30 to 8:30 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 6:00 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 \$40

Each additional household member is \$20

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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<https://www.instagram.com/searchersgemandmineral/?hl=en>

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