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The Searchers next meeting:
Sept. 9th 2025 6:30p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

The NEW 2026 Show...needs sponsors! Who do you know that you can ask for a donation? I am approaching Casa Gamino, and Let's Store It. If the sponsor would like to be "seen" on our webpage, communications, and in our meetings, from now until May 1, 2026, the sponsor will receive much coverage. A sample donation letter can be emailed for your use. The club has expenses for insurance, CFMS dues, and speakers that need to be covered by the Show profits. The Workshop is profitable, and only needs extra Show profit to purchase new equipment. Since the 2025 Show did well, a new trim was purchased.

One donation has already come in! The club's goal is to receive 10 donations by December 15. Who do you know that would benefit from Searchers' seeing their business?

October 18 Saturday -California Jade presentation at 10:00 a.m. by jade expert Bill Kordela at the **DowntownCommunity Center**. **Do you want to sell at the Searchers Table?** Searchers can display up to 6 items, and work the table for an hour. Please contact anaheimsearchers@gmail.com to reserve your time spot.

Opal Show at the Velvet Rose Event Center in Orange, Jade and Opals in one day!

"Clean the equipment Day" at the Storage Unit – Thank you to Mike Yamada, Rick Webber, and Bob Rubino for making the equipment shine.

Field Trip reminder: If you offer to give others a ride when on a Searcher Field Trip, please make sure your auto insurance has coverage for this "ride-share". A passenger in your car requires coverage on field trips and is a separate extra amendment to the usual car insurance policy. And please make sure you all sign the club's liability waiver before starting the trip.

Thank you to Stacy Reno for her great Zoom help at the meetings! If you haven't zoomed in yet, try it out!

Welcome new members: Gary and Eva Pettijohn, Jessica Naff, Esther Vadillo

Robin Larzelere, President



Mike and Rick at work



Covington 3 in wheel arbor in Workshop



Eugenia Meunier Jade Cove Cabochon

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **Sept. 2nd at 6:30 P.M.**

Member Meeting- **Sept 9th Doors open at 6:00 PM Meeting at 6:30 PM**

General Meeting July 2025

Buy, Sell, Share, Trade

Business Update,

The board voted to hold the Show – April 25 set up, April 26 and 27 Sat and Sunday Brookhurst Center 2271 W. Crescent Ave. Veronica Purpura and Yuval Dohn will co-chair.

Madison Vasquez will organize set up and take down

Annual Picnic – members voted 15 to 3 to have the picnic next June, 2026 at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park.

By-Laws drafts on the table and sent by email. Please email your comments or suggestions to anaheimsearchers@gmail. At the general meeting in August, we will vote to make the changes.

Recognition of Show Committee volunteers, Veronica Purpura (11 years) Bill and Margaret Hogarth (10 years) Virgil Talbott, Dean and JoAnn Wanlass, Gwen Sharp, Charolette Spaulding, Jimmy Peterson, Steve Duncan, Bob And Debbie Tanner, Karen Kremer, Kendall Despain, John O' Conner, Recognition of Annual volunteers that have been at their job for a year: Editor Linda Horn, Workshop Saw Technician Bob Larzelere.

Library Mobile made their first earth science kit Geo Kit with our donation. It is for preschoolers

Donation to 2026 Show – Equipment from Lynn Meineke, Father was a Searcher

Field Trip Ride-sharing – if you offer another field trip attendee a ride in your car, please make sure to contact your car insurance provider to have adequate coverage. The liability waiver has been revised to include this information for everyone to read and sign who is on the trip. Thank you to Gwen Sharp who asked about this.

Trim Saw vote - \$2000 Caleb will present. Membership voted unanimously to purchase. MSSC is taking donations for the Alta Dena Fire Victims until September 30. Info is printed and on the table.

Calendar of events:

Saturday July 12, 2025 "Hidden Colors of the Earth" Searchers will present to teens at the Anaheim Public Library about colors in rocks and minerals. This is the first time we have been back to the Library, since the Science Tech Art Education and Mathematics event, an event which has not happened since Covid. Speaker at the August Meeting is Paolo Sanchez, working on his doctorate in geology "Tektites" Jade Morning is Oct. 18 from 9 to 12, shuttle over to Opal Show afterwards. Bill Kordela is speaking on CA Jade

Finance Report –Gwen

Field Trip Report– Rick

CFMS report Nancy Bird

Searcher Presenters and News

September Speaker: Ryan Gardner



Ryan Gardner Bio

Participation in the arts was always important to me growing up. A strong arts program in high school influenced my decision to pursue a degree in the arts. I chose the arts program at Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio where I discovered and fell in love with jewelry and metalsmithing. I was introduced to many artists, including Michael Boyd, who became an inspiration for me.

Upon graduating with my BFA in 2009 I apprenticed for Michael Boyd at his studio in Colorado. That experience turned into a nine-year adventure where it ended with Michael and I as partners in the Colorado Center for Metal Arts. It was with Michael that I learned to work with and manipulate stone, adding a new element to my love of jewelry design.

Since having started my business, Ryan Gardner Designs, in Colorado in 2010, I have moved back to Ohio and now operate my studio in my hometown. I showcase my work in galleries and shows as well as teach workshops across the country and online.

Artist Statement

My work comes from a playful experimentation with stone and metal, combining the two materials in a fun and cohesive way. Exploring new materials, shapes, colors, and processes are some of my favorite things to do and include in my work. It is very important for me to let the materials speak for themselves. I typically like to begin my process with a rough rock. Most of the stones I use I cut, polish, and sometimes carve by hand. I then hand fabricate one-of-a-kind pieces from silver and gold to really showcase the stones.

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. Jim Peterson 714 904-8573

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

Field Trip November 7,8 and 9th Burro Creek Arizona

Hi Searcher rockhounds, field trippers and outdoor enthusiasts. We will be embarking to the Burro Creek area on November 7, 8 and 9th to collect the famed lavender, clear white and peach colored agate that is found behind the winding dirt roads of our campsite. We will be camping at a nice 'dry' area that is approximately eight miles before the BC campground area, off the 93 hwy look for 'Nothing', a sign with that name, seriously. Or you could reserve a spot in the campground or just use their facilities right down the road. In all, it is a 5-6 hour drive out the 10 freeway but a pleasant one, so plan accordingly so you can get into the fun on Saturday morning, around 9am. Friday and Saturday campfire will be blazing so join us and bring something to share for our pot luck on Saturday night.



I brought home 200 lbs of amazing material, cut for a month solid and still have 100 lbs left, no kidding, most was collected along river beds, etc., best collecting trip I have ever had, well worth the time spent, and a good way to kick off the cooler season thereafter.....

.Happy Trails, friends.

Rick Webber.....cell...714 585 5606.....text first or less reliable email Richwebb3245@att.net. There is some cell service @ BC area, texting more reliable if you are looking for help :))



A Field Trip Report to Kramer Junction Aug. 16 by a Junior rockhouser Daniel Nishimura

Here is an article mostly written by Daniel about a recent field trip to Kramer Junction. I am a Searcher member the last time I checked. Rex

Last Saturday, I went on a field trip to Kramer junction to collect red agate and common opal. Kramer Junction is near Boron, CA at the intersection of the 395 highway to Mammoth and the 58 highway to Barstow. It's in the middle of the Mojave Desert where it's plenty hot in August. Although this trip was only a day, we packed in a lot of activity, and we made 5 collecting stops. The trip started at 7 AM in the Kramer hills where the dry air was nice and cool. A slight 5 mph breeze kept the temperatures down all morning.

At our first stop, we found small red agate pieces which were perfect for tumbling. There is red agate everywhere, and very little hiking is required. Some of these pieces had white agate impurities in them. I think this is bog agate where bits of plant material floating in some ancient silicate soup solidified into solid layers of agate. This is a bog agate cab that we collected at that first stop. Though the name sounds terrible, the cab is beautiful.

The second stop seemed no different than the first stop, but we discovered that the rocks were common opals. Opals polish a lot faster than agates and the green, white and orange material makes striking cabs. They seem to chip more than agates when I used the edge of my grinding wheel for faster cuts.

The 3rd stop had the best material for cutting slabs. Here, we found baseball sized pieces of red and orange agates spread over a wide area.

The winds kept things cool until 10AM at which time we packed up and headed to the Rio Tinto borax mine visitor's center. This huge complex, one of the biggest in the world, features a beautiful visitor's center, with 3 huge piles of free collecting materials gathered from a 1000' deep open pit mine. We stopped to collect kernite, ulexite, and tincal.

Ulexite is also known as the "TV" rock. The museum docent told me that ulexite contains parallel natural fibers which guide light from one side to the other side. The fun thing about ulexite is that, if you get a good specimen, it transmits the images via natural fibers through the stone. Placing ulexite on a piece of newspaper results in the image appearing as if it is on top of the stone. This was my favorite spot because I got a big chunk of a ulexite for free.

I also collected some tincal which is on the display table. I was going to use it as a rock for our succulent garden, but the docent at the mine said it would just turn white and powdery over time. Tincal is the primary component of 20 Mule Team Borax, and I learned that 20 Mule Team Borax can be used as an emergency flux for silversmithing.

The visitor's center shows everything about the mine from start to finish. It had an introductory video which talks about aspects of mining borate salts. You could also walk through the museum which had more facts about how the borax was extracted from the ore and all the steps required to convert it into industrial products.

We went for lunch at a mostly deserted café in Boron. The best thing about the café was that it was very quiet and they had a pool table. Everyone seemed to want to talk, but I chose to play pool. Finally, we drove 45 minutes to the Tehachapi Gem and Mineral show. The show is a bit smaller than our show, but the weather was wonderful. At 4000 feet of elevation, the temperature was a mild 85 degrees.

Overall, this trip was enjoyable, it wasn't as hot as expected, and I would like to visit the Kramer hills again.



For field trip
information
contact:
Rick Webber

RARE & UNIQUE CALIFORNIA JADE

PRESENTED BY JADE EXPERT BILL KORDELA
 Gemological Society of San Diego
 International Gem Society, Boston

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
 Presentation 10 am - 11 am
 Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Sale 11 am - 2 pm

GEMS, MINERALS, AND JEWELRY SALES HOST CLUBS:
 Anaheim Searchers Gem & Mineral Club
 Santa Ana Rock & Mineral Society
 South Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

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searchersrocks.org Free and Open to the Public
 Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center Ave., Anaheim



American Opal Society proudly presents
55th Annual OPAL, GEM & JEWELRY SHOW

<p><u>October 18th & 19th, 2025</u> Saturday 10AM - 6PM Sunday 10AM - 5PM</p>	<p><u>!Fabulous Location!</u> Velvet Rose Event Center 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA 92868</p>
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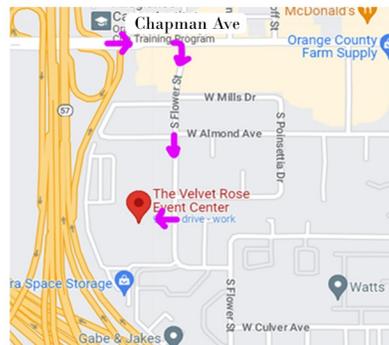
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 Garden Grove, CA 92842-4875
 Contact: Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959
info@opalsociety.org <http://opalsociety.org>
(dealer inquiries welcome)

DIRECTIONS: Exit Chapman from the 57 towards Orange. Turn onto Flower Street and go straight. Make a right into the venue just after passing Larkspur Drive. Parking lot is in the back. There is a church next door.

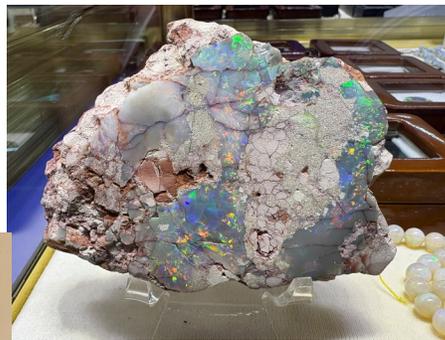


Annual Opal Show

The AOS annual Opal, Gem and Jewelry Show is coming up! The date is on October 18-19 at the Velvet Rose Event Center in Orange off the 55 fwy and Chapman/Flower intersection. Address is 300 S. Flower St., Orange, CA 92868. Show hours are 10am-6pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday.

Our Sponsors are in and vendors of opals, gems, minerals, lapidary, equipment and more are signing in. Tickets are on sale at the venue or through Eventbrite. \$5 adults and kids 15 and under are free. Students also get in free with proof of student ID. Parking is plentiful and free as well. Tickets purchased through Eventbrite will receive THREE total drawing tickets at admission instead of one with regular admission.

Patio will have geode cutters, non-profit groups and more vendors. Fun prizes from drawing tickets on second day after 4pm. Attendance isn't necessary to win but legible name and contact info on your submitted ticket is needed. The Opal Show scavenger hunt is available for all participants with a small bag of rough opals upon completion (while supplies last). Sergio's food truck will be available at the venue entrance. See the American Opal Society's website for more details (<http://opalsociety.org>).



Club News

My name is Ryan Bunch, I am Gregg's son.

I am writing to make sure you are aware that my father passed away recently, on June 30th.

I have been working my way through his emails slowly and responding to his many friends and various groups he was a part of.

And he sure was interested in a lot of things! "Rocks" was a primary interest since he was a young boy. He was an only child, and my grandfather owned several properties in Silverado Canyon, so he would have lots of time to himself to explore while my grandfather worked on and managed his properties. They had a relationship with a family that owned distribution for Tupperware, and my father would walk their large property in Blackstar Canyon to find arrowheads. When my parents bought their house in N. Tustin in 1975, the previous owners let their rock collection behind, including piles of geodes, some are still around the property today. Over the years, he has given some away. I was visiting him about a year or so ago when he gave a couple of buckets away to a man and a woman. I have to assume they are part of your club. I think the woman's name was Margaret, I could be mistaken.

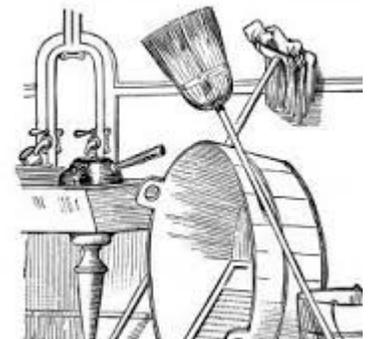
I'd be grateful if you would share this news with your club.

Sincerely, Ryan Bunch

“Clean the equipment Day” at the Storage Unit

Thurs. Sept. 11, Sat. Oct. 11 Bring a bucket, towels, toothbrushes and a few tools like crescent wrench and screwdrivers. Come preview what the club has, you set up your own workshop at home.

Robin Larzelere anaheimsearchers@gmail.com



Mini Miners

Mini-Miner August Issue on Silver, Crystals and Wires is available for download from our website on the Newsletter Tab.

Upcoming 2025 CFMS Gem Shows

2025- Shows

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

September 13-14, 2025 – Reno, NV
 Reno Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
 Silver State Pavilion at the Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second St., Reno, NV 89595
 Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
JACKPOT OF GEMS = DIAMOND JUBILEE
 Gem and mineral vendors, demonstrations, gold panning, kids center (fossils and dinosaurs). Silent Auctions every 30 minutes, showcase raffle, display cases.
 Contact: (925) 785-4551, sabl@comcast.net
 Website: <http://renogms.org>

September 20-21, 2025 – Pasadena, CA
 Pasadena Lapidary Society
 Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
65th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
 Inspiring and educational gem show provides an opportunity for families to explore the world of gem, mineral, rock and fossil hunting, earth science and the lapidary arts. There will be grab bags for sale, a club sales table and lovely raffle prizes.
 Free entry, plenty of free parking
 Contact: (626) 260-7239
 Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org/pls-2025-show/>

September 20-21, 2025 – Monterey, CA
 Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey, CA 93940
 Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
 Contact: (831) 679-2896, johnandjamies-mama@yahoo.com
 Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

September 20-21, 2025 – Chico, CA
 Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Inc.
 Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928
 Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
 Admission is \$6. A \$1 off coupon from our website or the postcard flyer save \$1 off admission. Plenty of free parking courtesy of FRLMS.
 Contact: shows@featherriverrocks.org
 Vendors please contact: frlmsrocks2025@gmail.com
 Website: <http://www.featherriverrocks.org>

September 27-September 28, 2025
 San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
 San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial Building, 802 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
 Gems By The Sea. \$5 Admission (Children 12 and under Free). FREE PARKING.
 Contact: 2025show@slogem.org
 Website: [Gems by the Sea – SLO Gem & Mineral Club](http://www.gemsbythesea.com)

October 4-5, 2025 – Anderson, CA
 Shasta Gem and Mineral Society
 Shasta District Fair and Event Center, 1890 Biggs St., Anderson, CA
 Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
70th Annual Gem Show – Free Family Fun! Door Prize. See World Class Exhibits, Demonstrations, Kids Booth, Raffle and More!
 Contact: (530) 356-2378, miller3987@gmail.com
 Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 4, 2025 – Lake Elsinore, CA
 Lake Elsinore Gem and Mineral Society
 32097 Corydon Road, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
5TH ANNUAL LAKE ELSINORE ROCK & CRAFT SHOW
 Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
 Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com

October 4-5, 2025 – Grass Valley, CA
 Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
 Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
"Earth Treasures", Mosasaurus Dinosaur Display, 25 Vendors, Display Cases of Mineral Collections, Beads, Fossils, Demonstrations, Kids Corner, Silent Auction
 Contact: (530) 273-0871, jan.2@att.net
 Website: <https://www.ncgms.org>

October 11 – 12, 2025 – Redwood City, CA
 Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
 Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA
 Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Both Days
 Rocks, Fossils, Crystals, Minerals, Gems & Jewelry, Beads, Exhibits, Educational Activities, Mineral identification, Free rocks for kids
 Contact: (650) 575-3144, cci@pacbell.net
 Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 11-12, 2025 – Signal Hill, CA
 Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society
 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755
 Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
GEMS on the HILL
 Contact: (562) 253-1390, lbmineral-gemsociety@gmail.com
 Website: <http://www.lbmineralgem.org>

October 12, 2025 – Fallbrook, CA
 Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA
 Hours: Sunday only 9 AM – 4 PM
Fall Festival of Gems and Minerals: Experience Nature's Wonders at the Gem and Mineral Street Fair! Join us for a day of dazzling colors and captivating stories at the Fall Festival of Gem and Minerals Street Fair! Free admission, free parking and loads of fossils, minerals and gems. Whether you're a collector or just curious, there's something for everyone.
 Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
 Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

September Birthstone – Sapphire



General Meeting August 12, 2025 Agenda 6:30 p.m.

Aug 12 Tuesday

Anaheim Downtown Community Center

Vote results

Tallied by: Jenna Rohl
Robin Larzelere

Business Update,

1. Vote on By-Laws Please Vote for each change:

A) "Chairman" should be the term used consistently throughout the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

23 yes 7 no

B) outreach and education as a named goal, "The encouragement and fostering of interest among young people in mineralogy and the lapidary arts."

30 yes 0 no

C) Official records are kept on Google Drive where all board members can upload

28 yes 2 no

D) have junior members pay dues when they turn 14

23 yes 7 no

E) active duty members will pay dues.

19 yes 11 no

F) Vendors that sell at the Show and have board positions may discuss Show items, but abstain from board votes on the Show agenda items.

27 yes 3 no

2. Code of Behavior be removed from the Slab newsletter. It does not appear in the Standing Rules or By-Laws.

16 yes 13 no one abstained

Aug. 14, 2025

Rob Imz
JRohl

Other Business:

3. Show Committee Lead Volunteers and Editor Linda Horn have designated the following charities for their "thank you" donation. PBS, Searchers Workshop, Searchers General Fund, Cal State Fullerton Geology Department, Camp Paradise

4. Equipment donated to the 2026 Show. Five pieces need to be cleaned, plugged in, and minor repairs done to the Riprolap (bearings) and one motor needs a grounded cord.

August 14 is a Thursday, can you come by and help?

August 16 Saturday at 1 p.m. is also available for pick up. Agates need to be slotted.

Please text me: Robin 714-475-9508

5. MSSC is taking donations for the Alta Dena Fire Victims until September 30. Info is printed and on the table.

6. Searchers needs an attorney recommendation: To review the Show contract with the Vendors. It will be \$350, if we cannot find an attorney volunteer.

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org



General Meetings: 6:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
Doors open at 6 PM

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

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 9:30 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 \$35
Each additional household member is \$10

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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