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# The Rock Slab News

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## The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Thank you to Steve Duncan for an "earth science" presentation to the Calvary Chapel Homeschool in Mission Viejo. The kids received gifts of polished cabochons and rough. John O'Conner led the Afton Canyon field trip and deserves a thank you, as well.

For the December 13 General Meeting, bring a dish to share, the club is providing ham, and bring a rock related gift to put in the gift raffle. Rick Webber will "Share and Tell" about his Arizona trip, and bring material he found there.

Its time to renew your Searchers' membership. And maybe volunteer? The club needs a member to...

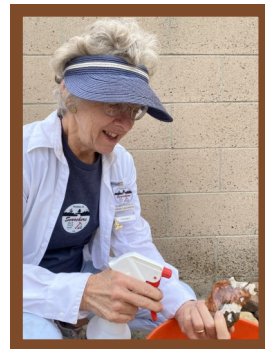
Bring a box of cookies to general meetings, and make coffee.

Help with rock donations, cleaning and sorting the rough, storing the material until April 2023, and disposing of unwanted material.

Tumbling rocks for the Show.

Photographing and video of club events.

Robin Larzelere, President



Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

## Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **December 6th at 6:30 P.M.** at the Anaheim Community

Member Meeting- **December 13th** in the Anaheim Community Center **POTLUCK**

### **Searchers board meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM on at The Anaheim Community Center.**

Robin Larzelere, Margaret Hogarth, Jenny Rohl, Caleb Guyer, Gwen Sharp, Steve Duncan, Nancy Bird and Sue Gevedon attending.

Show Policy vote moved to the December agenda.

Nominating Committee – Field Trip position is open. Sue Gevedon will run for Director.

New application is on website. You can use Zelle for payment.

Sales tax exemption form was accepted by City of Anaheim. (Robin was contacted, as she is named on the form).

Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer – Two genies need repair since they get really hot (#'s 8 & 9). Need backup blade and maybe backup blades for big saws. Caleb to develop budget for 2023 expenses.

### **Searchers General Meeting, November 8, 2022**

*Meeting location: Downtown Anaheim Community Center*

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:05 PM by Steve Duncan.

New Members: Alex, Jonathan and Peter

Thank you: Jon O'Neill for all his work on the website, the Tula family for cut wood blocks for the shop.

Veterans workshop: Closed until next summer while it is being remodeled.

Field Trip; John O'Connor will lead to Afton Canyon this weekend.

Spring Senior Boutique: Sell your work at the club table.

Notebooks from the Clary Estate: Available for the asking tonight.

Potluck Dinner: for the holidays along with gift exchange at regular meeting, December 13.

Elections: Margaret Hogarth ran the election while Sue Gevedon administered the oath of office. The following slated of officers was unanimously elected: President, Robin Larzelere; First Vice President, Gwen Sharpe; Second Vice President, Bill Hogarth (Rick Weber Co-Chair); Treasurer Jamie Cassidy-Curtis; Secretary, Jenny Rohl; Show Chair, Margaret Hogarth; Shop Chair, Caleb Guyer; Federation Director, Nancy Bird; Director, Sue Gevedon.

Silent Auction: The Martin Oberacker was sold at silent auction.

Pie Night: Pies donated by members were enjoyed after the election and during the silent auction.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

## Searcher Presenters and News



### December Speaker: **Christmas Party**

This will be a **potluck party** at the Anaheim Community Center with the club providing ham as well as plates, silverware and cups.

Sign up by contacting Gwen Sharp at [socalgeogal@yahoo.com](mailto:socalgeogal@yahoo.com) (preferred) or (714) 672-9525 (leave a message) to let us know you will be attending and what you will be bring to the potluck (main dish, side dish, or dessert) so that we can have the room set up for the party. We will have a gift exchange! For those who would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a rock related gift with a value of approximately \$20.

### **Searchers Board for 2023**

Please welcome and support the 2023 Board for Searchers Gem and Mineral Society:

President: Robin Lazerle  
1st VP, Programs: Gwen Sharp  
2nd VP, Field Trips: Bill Hogarth and Rick Webber  
Secretary: Jenny Rohl  
Treasurer: Jamie Cassidy-Curtis  
CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird  
Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer  
Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth



### **Slabs for Vets**

Searchers has donated rocks that need to be slabbed for the vets at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital lapidary program. Let me know if you can help!

### **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

Field Trip Schedule 2022-2023			
2022	Location	Leader	Status
Dec	Orbicular rhyolite (Lucerne Valley)/ or Baxter Wash details TBD	Jimmy Peterson	Planned
2023	Location	Leader	Status
Jan	Early Man Site	Virgil Talbot	Tentative
Feb	Rainbow Ledge details TBD	Steve Duncan	Tentative
Mar			
Apr			
May			

## Why you should go on a Searchers Field Trip

Rockhounding is simple, but not easy. Most places in the world do not have quality rocks which would interest a rockhound. And if you do manage to get to a location that does have quality rock, it is not always easy to identify and locate the good stuff. And sometimes it is not easy to extract the rock. The tribal knowledge that the members of the Searchers have amassed over the years is one of the best things the Searchers have to offer. And we are happy to share it with you and the rest of the rockhounding community. Part of our reason for being is to create new rockhounds.

There is a secondary benefit to Field Trips, besides the rocks. Too many of us spend all of our time in the city. We get so that we don't even notice the hustle and the noise. But I believe that you are noticing it, on a subconscious level. You will definitely notice when the noise is gone. When you are in a desert canyon and all of a sudden realize that it is silent, really silent, it is like your soul takes a deep breath, and then lets it out and your tensions disappear. I believe that all of us need more of this.

One last benefit is the opportunity to get your children into the outdoors. There are too many children nowadays who have only experienced nature only from a TV screen. I completely believe that getting children into the real outdoors and allowing them to experience it for themselves is invaluable.

So.....you really should consider going on some of the Field Trips. You do not need to be a member to go on a Field Trip. You will need to sign the hold harmless waiver like everyone else.

On the Searchers website ([searchersrocks.org](http://searchersrocks.org)) there is a Field Trip page, and on that page there is a list of facts about Field Trips. This list may answer most of your questions, but if you have more questions about Searchers Field Trips send me an email.

Steve Duncan

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

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## Upcoming Fields

### Searchers December Field Trip

#### East Ord Mountain Orbicular Rhyolite

**December 10 & 11, 2022**

Leaders: Jimmy Peterson (714 904 8573) and  
Steve Duncan (714 724 7102)



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

The December field trip will be to the Ord Mountain area for orbicular rhyolite on Saturday, and some prospecting in old mine tailings on Sunday.

Directions to the camp:

Take Interstate 15 north towards Barstow, take the Bear Valley Rd Exit (147) and go east on Bear Valley Rd towards Lucerne Valley. When Bear Valley Rd ends at the Hwy 18 junction turn right and continue east on Hwy 18 towards Lucerne Valley. When you reach Lucerne Valley do not turn right towards Big Bear on Hwy 18, instead continue straight onto Old Woman Springs Road (Hwy 247). Follow Hwy 247 east for ~5.25 miles, and turn left (north) onto Camp Rock Road. At ~ 3.9 miles on Camp Rock Rd there will be a sanitary fill sign, you want to bear right here and continue on Camp Rock Rd. Approximately 2.3 miles further on Camp Rock Road the pavement ends. Continue on the Camp Rock dirt road for 4.7 miles, and then turn right around a small hill that has some gray and black boulders on it to get to camp. There will be a Searchers sign to identify the turn off to camp. Someone should be at camp by Friday afternoon. This is a dry camp, bring everything you need.

The orbicular rhyolite can be found in float, or there are some decaying seams you can break pieces out of. For material in float standard rock tools of a rock pick and spray bottle should suffice. If you plan to attack the seams you will want to bring some hard rock mining tools (small sledge, gads, Geopick etc.) The seams are not terribly hard to work.

Access to the collecting sites requires a high clearance vehicle, as usual 4x4 is preferred, but I have been there in a 2 wheel drive pickup. Cars will be able to make it to camp, we can carpool folks into high clearance vehicles for the collecting.

We will leave camp at 0830 both mornings for the collecting. You will want to pack a lunch on the collecting days as we will not return to camp for lunch. Sat night we will have our traditional potluck and campfire, so bring some goodies to share and some firewood is always nice.

If you have any questions about this trip, or field trips in general, email me at [mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com](mailto:mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com). Also if you plan to attend the trip let me know please so we have a feel for the number of participants.



## Afton Canyon, November 12-13, 2022 Trip Report

We had a group of six people for our Afton Canyon trip. The weather was comfortable during the day, but cold at night. John led us in exploring two new canyons to the west (right) of the main canyon, Pyramid Canyon, canyons we have never been to before. Imagine our surprise to see how much soil, sand and other materials had washed down under the railroad bridge. It was at least four feet deeper, probably more, under the bridge. We could almost touch the bottom of the bridge! That must have been a spectacular flash flood. The marshy area was no more, and there was a small shallow lake at the foot of the railroad tracks on the west side of the bridge. We even saw a black-necked stilt wading in the water and several American Coots swimming around. We bushwhacked through waist-high shrubs and then climbed up the foot of some steep slopes following the desert big-horn sheep path. We passed Ten Dollar Canyon, the dead-end canyon where Gwen found a ten-dollar bill last year, and continued on to the next two canyons. John had gone ahead and marked the path for us. This was a pristine float area, freshly washed down from the surrounding slopes. I think we all were delighted with our various jasper, agate and chalcedony finds. Being in an area without evidence of other people was a special treat. Pristine desert is so beautiful.

The campground hadn't been serviced for awhile in terms of payment envelopes, trash pickup and paper in the pit toilets. We tried very hard to not add to the mess. We enjoyed small campfires each evening, looking at the stars, and had a fine potluck with homemade bread from a Dutch oven. We know how to live! This was such an enjoyable field trip; I hope you can join us next month in Johnson Valley for Bird's Eye Rhyolite, even for the day.



**December 12-13-2022**

# Searcher's Holiday Party

**This will be a potluck party with the club providing**

**Turkey and Ham at the**

**Anaheim Community Center**



Categories are:

Main Dish

Side dishes (suggested potatoes, yams, mac and cheese, stuffing etc.)

Other dishes (suggested green salad, broccoli salad, fruit salad, bean salad, rolls etc.)

Deserts



Sign up at the November meeting or contact Gwen Sharp at [socalgeogal@yahoo.com](mailto:socalgeogal@yahoo.com) or (714) 672-9525 to let us know you will be attending and what you will be bring to the potluck (main dish, side dish, or dessert).

## Show News

The Show Committee is reviewing the 2023 show postcard designed by Veronica and preparing the dealer contracts for emailing. I don't know about you, but I'm constantly trying to think of new prize ideas that I can make with rocks. Believe it or not, I am successfully putting together some simple fairy houses for show prizes using quite a bit of Liquid Nails. If I proceed in small steps and let each part cure, it seems to hold. I'm sorting through Wes' beach cobbles to see what we can use for the show. If you need rocks for painting, please let me know. I keep the show in mind when I'm rockhounding; I pick up small materials for grab bags and the Wheel of Fortune. It's fun!

Feel free to show up for our Show Committee meetings. You'll make some good friends for life, learn a lot about our club and traditions, and get inspired about rocks.

### Show Committee Meetings

Show Committee meetings will be in person in the Anaheim Community Center on the following dates:

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Please join us! We have a fantastic, efficient Show Committee with dedicated, hard-working folks who also have a lot of fun.

## The Best Vibratory I have Found—Thumler's Tumbler

I would like to tell you about the best vibratory tumbler I have found both the machine and the wonderful support the company gives. It is Thumler's Tumbler. I did a lot of research before buying it. Some rock hounds we knew in Washington really liked the tumbler and had a lot of experience with it. That convinced me to try it even though it is somewhat costlier than others. It has been so worth it. I bought the **Uv18** which holds about 18 pounds of rocks.

It tumbles fast and is easy to work with. The bowl lasts a very long time which is not always the case with some tumblers. No bowl will last forever. Grit and rocks are hard on bowls. When I have a problem they will repair the machine for the cost of parts only and shipping only. They are fast and efficient in getting it back to me. I was most impressed with the last repair I had done. My first motor last over 4 years with continuous use. The replacement motor only lasted 1 year so I sent it in for another replacement thinking I just had bad luck with the second motor. They replaced it for nothing including shipping it back. They told me the second motor turned out to be inferior to the original which they did not realize at the time they started using it. They felt it was only right to replace it for free. I did not even have to ask. Linda Horn Editor

NOTE: The bowls with the blue stripes are the heavy duty machines for rocks.

<http://www.thumlerstumbler.com/>



UV-18

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# Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

## 2023

### February 18-19, 2023 – Antioch, CA 94509

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds,  
1201 West 10th St. Antioch, CA 94509  
Hours: 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday and  
Sunday  
Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies,  
Auction, Grab Bags, Exhibits and  
hands on projects for kids  
Contact: (925) 301-6957, edysnyder@gmail.com  
Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

### February 25-26, 2023 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive,  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
Hours: 10 AM-5 PM  
Gems, geodes, fossils, beads and minerals from around the globe. Discover lapidary and stone crafts from vendors and live demonstrations. Something for everyone! Silent auction, geode cuttings, and games of chance and discovery for kids!  
Contact: (415) 254-1506, ddahonvgms@gmail.com  
Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

### March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
50 exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils and lapidary arts; ongoing demos of lapidary and jewelry making; raffle prizes & silent auctions; a Second-Hand Treasures Store & plant sale; 15 dealers; children's activities and free resources for teachers. A SoCal tradition for 6 decades and counting!

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Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org  
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

### March 3, 4 & 5, 2023, Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA  
Times: Friday and Saturday, 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
MGSCV Annual Show. 40+ dealers, display cases, demonstrations, door prizes. Sunday auction of donated items from society members. Fluorescent displays and dealers. Free parking.  
Contact: Showchair@mgscv.org  
Website: <http://MGSCV.org>

### March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate  
Time: Friday, Saturday & Sunday – 9 AM – 5 PM  
Come visit us and our vendors for Hand-crafted and Faceted Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings, and Equipment, Minerals and Fossils. TONS of Rough Material and More  
Contact: (909) 657-7200, mark-lantz53@gmail.com  
Club Address: 15056B Seventh St., Victorville, CA 92395  
Phone: (760) 243-2330 and leave a message.  
Email: president@vvgmc.org  
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>  
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### March 11-12, 2023 -Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA  
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Admission: Adults \$8, 12 & under free w/paid adult  
Parking: Free  
Activities: Jewelry, Beads, Tools, Educational Exhibits, Demonstrations, Fossil Exhibit, Sharks, Fluorescent room, Speakers, Geode

Cutting, Dinosaur Walk-about, Gold Panning, Gem & Mineral Identification. Chat with Paleontologist Neal Larson, Large Fluorescent Room, Kids Activities, Rock Sale – old collections, Earth Science Tables, Food Court, Gemstone & Fossil Dig bags, Raffle, 45 Dealers  
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com> or <http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com>

### March 24-26, 2023 – Clovis, CA

Fresno Gem and Mineral Society  
The Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 748 Rodeo Dr., Clovis, CA 93612  
Hours: Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
3rd Annual Central Valley Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Fresno Gem & Mineral Society. ! Free Parking and Free Admission  
Contact: danielblom096@gmail.com  
Website: <https://www.fgms.online>

### March 25-26, 2023 – Angeles Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Road, Angeles Camp, CA 95222  
Contact: clairemathison1@gmail.com  
Website: <https://calaverasgemandmineral.net/>

### March 18-19, 2023 – San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA 95111  
Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10 AM-5 PM  
Fun for children of all ages. Free Parking.  
Active Duty, Retired Military, Their Dependents & First Responders Free with Valid Military ID or First Responder ID

## December Birthstone: Zircon, Tanzanite and Turquoise



## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

This Searchers Gem and Mineral Society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial persons for the purpose of:

- Studying mineralogy and the earth sciences by means of association with other mineralogical societies and with their members.
- Presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, and similar programs.
- Field trips for exploration, study, and collecting of specimens.
- The encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts.
- The procurement and maintenance of collections of minerals, mineral products and related pictures, writings, and other information thereof.

All other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

To help achieve our purpose, The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society is committed to providing a social environment in which all members and guests are treated with respect and dignity. Each member has the right to attend meetings, club functions, club programs, and to interact with other club members in a non-threatening professional atmosphere that promotes equality and prohibits discriminatory practices, including harassment. We expect that all relationships among members and non-members who interact with our club will be business-like and free of bias and harassment. The activities listed below are not supportive of the Searchers purpose and are therefore strictly prohibited. Any member or guest who exhibits any of the behaviors listed below may be subject to consequences, including termination or denial of club membership.

1. Abusive or threatening language towards a member or guest.
2. Rude or offensive actions or language directed to a member or guest.
3. Verbal or physical harassment of a member or guest.
4. Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
5. Conduct endangering the life, safety, health or well-being of others.
6. Hate speech, bullying or taking unfair advantage of any member or guest.
7. Bringing into a Searchers event dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives, firearms, weapons or other similar items.
8. Verbal or physical disruption of Searchers meetings or events.
9. Theft of Searchers property.

Failure to follow the Searchers Bylaws or Standing Rules.

All Searchers members should report prohibited behaviors as outlined above to the Searchers Board of Directors. Upon receiving any such report, the Board will promptly investigate and take appropriate action.

# Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

## General Information

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

[www.searchersrocks.org](http://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 9:00 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](http://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.

**Bulletin:** Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to:  
[editor@searchersrocks.org](mailto:editor@searchersrocks.org).

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Searchers —Linda Horn Editor

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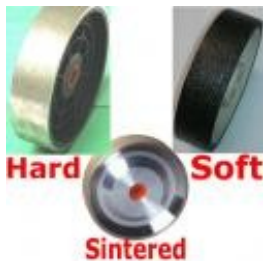
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Hours may vary, please call before coming.



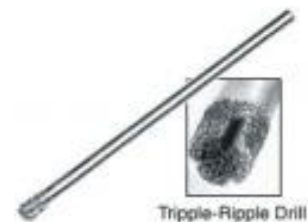
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