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FIELD TRIPS

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKERS

The Rock Slab News

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FEBRUARY 2026

The Searchers next meeting:
Feb 10th 2026 6:30p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The President's Message

Greetings Searchers:

2026 Membership Dues: \$40 per person membership fee for 2026, additional persons in the house \$20 each.

Dues payment can be made by cash or check at a meeting or Workshop, or pay with Zelle (recipient: anaheimsearchers@gmail.com) March 1, 2026 is last day to pay and be kept on the roster.

Thank you to Helen Asuncion for volunteering for webmaster.

Charolette Spalding and Randy Barnes gave wirewrap donations and lessons to Workshop.

Thank you to Sandra Sion for volunteering for Facebook posting for the club.

Jenny Rohl for donating graphic designs to advertise the Show.

Minerals, Minerals, Minerals, Shells – Please volunteer to put together mineral boards for schools. When finished, the boards will be given to earth science teachers to promote rock-hounding and the Show.

Welcome new members: **Dave Contreas, Dan Anderson, Lee Gillham, Marco Torres**

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



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



Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- Feb 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

Member Meeting- Feb 10th Doors open at 6:00 PM Meeting at 6:30 PM

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

Minutes from General Meeting, December 9, 2025

Meeting location: Downtown Anaheim Community Center

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

Thanks to:

Rick Webber for serving on the Searchers board for Field Trips for several years.
Rick received his gold pin for his service.

Brian Lamberson for dubbing the faceting DVDs.

Crystal Vasquez for repairs on one of the faceting machines.

David Schanot for donating 2 bags of geodes.

Vote on Membership dues increase: A motion was made and seconded to raise the dues to \$40 for an individual, and \$20 for the next individual in the same household. The vote passed with 3 members voting against.

Saw oil: The price of oil has gone up to \$70 for Searchers members and \$80 for non-members.

Natural History Museum: The museum has an upcoming Minerals Unearthed display. Check with the museum for details.

December Christmas Party: The rest of this meeting was the annual potluck Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Lots of great food, great conversation with friends, and beautiful rock-related gifts.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.



Searcher Presenters and News

February Speaker - Bruce Wight

will give a brief presentation on his museum
quality specimen display



Bruce Wight and Mike Yamata gave a great SOCGEMS presentation on Jan. 19, 2026 in San Clemente. He had museum quality polished rock samples.

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 \$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"

Fields Trips

February 21-22, 2026	Turtle Mountains, Vidal, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	Chalcedony roses
March 21-22, 2026	Sperry Wash, Tecopa, CA	Bob Rubino, Bill Hogarth	
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.			

Field Trip -Turtle Mountain Feb 21-22

NOTE: There are two separate highways running north and south along the border named "95." One is US Route 95 in California and the other is Arizona State Route 95 along the AZ side of the border. We will use the common names CA95 or AZ95 to distinguish.

Campsite: GPS for turn off: 34.165212, -114.370803

We will be staying at the Blue Cloud BLM dispersed camping site between Vidal Junction and Parker north of Hwy 62 at mile marker 138.

Coming East on Hwy 62 you will continue past Vidal Junction, the intersection of CA95 and 62, and continue east on 62 toward Parker, AZ.

Coming North on CA95 you will turn right (East) on Hwy 62 toward Parker.

Coming North on AZ95 you will turn left (West) on Hwy 62 just as you cross the river and leave Parker.

The campsite entrance is at mile marker 138, close by large wood-pole power lines crossing Hwy 62. It might be hard to see in the dark. Look for the Searcher signs on Hwy 62.

NOTE: Traffic can be fast and heavy on Hwy 62. For those traveling east from Vidal Junction the campsite entrance is difficult to see at night or to make the turn north across traffic. There is a larger intersection 1/4 mile farther east to allow a safe U-turn and a return to the campsite entrance. Look for the Big River sign on your left or Rio Mesa Drive.

At the campsite proceed along the dirt road and look for the Searcher signs.



Meeting Place: GPS: 34.18939, -114.57432

We will meet at Vidal Junction, slightly north on CA95, across the road from the radio tower, at 9 a.m. PST sharp Saturday morning. It's a large turnout with plenty of room for cars.

Note: We're close to the AZ border and AZ is currently 1 hour ahead of Calif time.

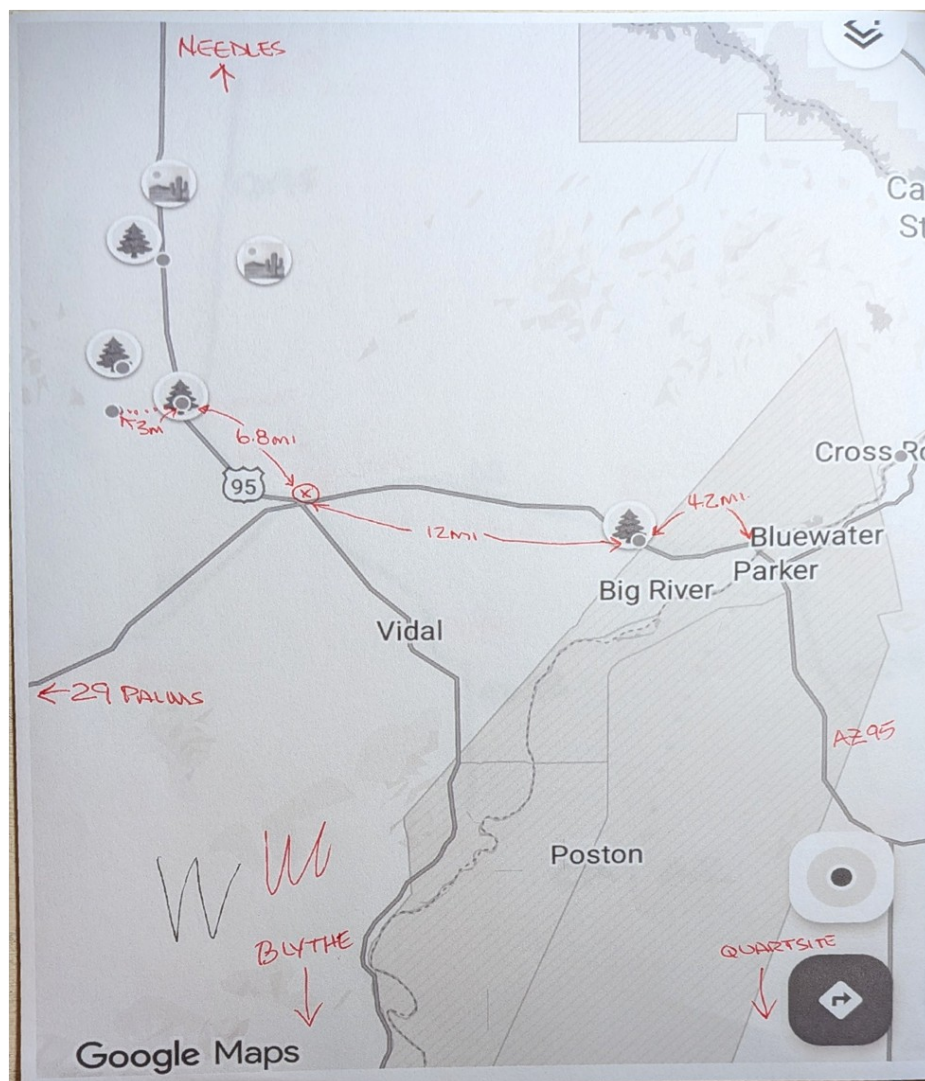
Collecting site:

On CA 95, just north of mile marker 15.50, turn west on the dirt road. Travel West for approx. 3 miles to the Wilderness Boundary marker.

This site is in a wilderness area. We will park the vehicles at the wilderness boundary and then we will walk. You will be walking at least one mile, probably more. The walk is mostly flat or slightly sloped, but there are softball sized rocks along the way. Wilderness means surface collecting only: no digging, no wheeled vehicles, no power tools. Please do not leave a trace.

Questions: Bob Rubino brubino54@gmail.com 714-504-4518
 Bill Hogarth whogarth@gmail.com 909-264-1122

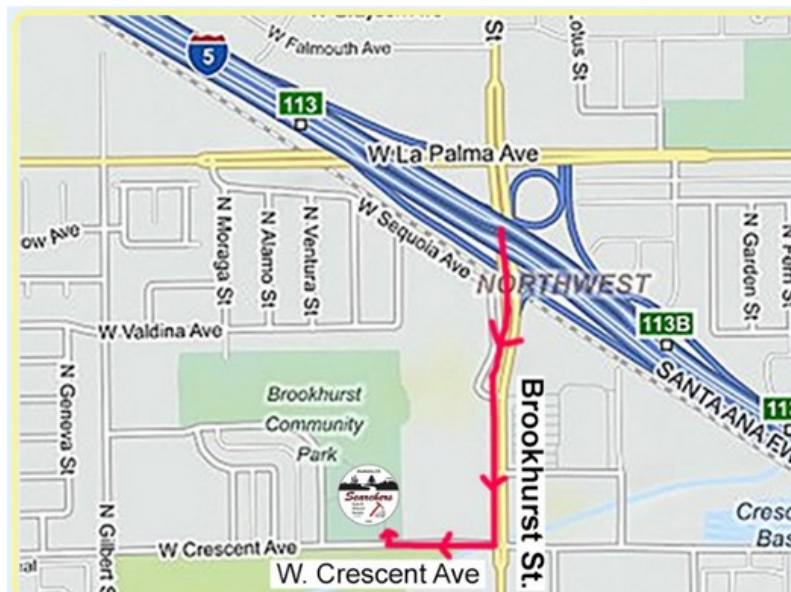
For field trip
information
contact:
Bob Rubino
and Bill
Hogarth



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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63rd Annual Ventura Gem, Mineral, Lapidary and Fossil Show

The Ventura Gem Show!

March 7-8, 2026 Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am -4:00 pm

Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA

Admission is free, Fairgrounds charges for parking.

Kids Activities, gold panning, lapidary, exhibits from private collections of minerals, fossils and lapidary work from throughout So-Cal! Raffle prizes at the end of the show, silent auction held hourly. 15+ dealers in fossils, minerals slabs, etc.

Second-Hand Treasures Store featuring flea market items, used books, plants for sale

For more info- or to enter a display- Jim Brac-Thompson 805-659-

3577 jbraceth@roadrunner.com www.vgms.org

CLUB News

Show Committee Meeting Dates:

Saturdays:

Feb. 7, 2026 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Zoom

March 7, 2026 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in-person and Zoom

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

April 20, 2026 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Zoom

Zoom meeting I.D.: 7144759508 Password: 3492

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7144759508?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7144759508?pwd=Y0hrVWtHUUtsSzJ3NVFVdnVkcHJUZZ09)

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

Sat. and Sun. April 25 +26 Annual Show

Activities:

Products:

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

February 28-March 1, 2026 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormic Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive
(Solano County Fairgrounds), Vallejo, CA 94590
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: (707) 644-9764, vgms01@yahoo.com
Website: <http://vjgems.com>

February 28 & March 1, 2026 – Newark, CA

East Bay Mineral and Lapidary Club
The Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thorton Ave., Newark, CA 94569
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Exhibits, Educational Presentations, Demonstrations, Gem ID, Kids' Spinning Wheel, Door Prizes, Geode Splitting, Live Auction. \$8 Admission, Kids 12 and under Free, Seniors 65+ free on Sunday, March 1
Contact: (510)j 353-3787, info@ebml.club
Website: <http://ebml.club>

February 12 – March 1, 2025 (13 days) – Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society
Riverside County Fairgrounds, 46350 Arabia St., Indio, CA 92201
Hours are Thursday-Friday (12-13th, 19-20th, 26-27th) 3 pm-10 pm. Saturday-Monday (14th-16th) 10 am-10 pm and Saturday-Sunday (21-22nd, 28th-March 1) 10 am-10 pm.
2026 Riverside Co. Fair and National Date Festival has a Gem & Mineral Building. For vendor space see datefest.org or call 760-863-8247. San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society helps with management of the building. Indoor space 10 feet x 10

feet is \$1000.00 and all space applications are available through the fair website. SGMGS has been involved in managing the Gem & Mineral building at this fair since the 1940's and it is a fun crowd and busy show. We hope you can join us in February 2026. Contact: (951) 963-6751, peggyrichard@yahoo.com
Website: <http://sgmgs.org>

March 7-8, 2026 – 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
Ventura Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. Exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils & lapidary arts; jewelry-making demos; gold panning; raffle prizes & silent auctions; rummage sale & plant sale; 15+ dealers; kids' activities. A SoCal tradition for 6 decades & counting!
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 13-15, 2026 – Apple Valley, CA

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
7 Miles down Stoddard Wells Rd., Apple Valley CA
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM daily
Stoddard Well Rockhound Tailgate
Contact: (760) 490-8401

March 14, 2026- Lake Elsinore, CA

Lake Elsinore Gem and Mineral Society
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
6th Annual Lake Elsinore Spring Rock and Craft Show
Contact: berylman50@aol.com, (909) 208-6956
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/530281757337262/>

March 14-15, 2026 – Turlock, CA

The Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Turlock Rock and Gem Show – We will feature 40-50 dealers of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and beads. We have a huge fluorescent material room, demonstrations, animatronic dinosaur, kids activities, geode cutting, gold panning, and amazing raffles.
Contact: mgibson_76@hotmail.com
Website: <http://motherlodemineralsociety.com/>

March 15, 2026 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028
Hours: 12 Noon – 3 PM
Rough and Cut – This is a kind of clearance sale for miscellaneous minerals. Includes some fine minerals flats of lower end minerals, and lapidary rough. For the kids, there is a rock pile. \$5.00 for a bucket to be filled as many times as they want. Also, larger very nice garden rock. Good family event and open to the public.
Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org
Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

February Birthstone – Amethyst



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

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 \$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.

Bulletin: Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: editor@searchersrocks.org.

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Searchers —Linda Horn Editor

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Check out our "new" Instagram page:

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

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