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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this report finds everyone healthy and doing well. Can it really be October already? My, how time flies....

Our September general meeting was great – thanks to everyone who attended and to our speaker, Walt Lombardo, who gave a wonderful talk on gemstones.



During my comments at the September general meeting, I mentioned that the Board has been discussing adopting what we are calling “Standards of Conduct” for the club. I mentioned there were draft copies available at the back table during the meeting and I invited your feedback. Well, I haven’t received any feedback so I thought I would spend a little more time sharing my thoughts on the Standards of Conduct here. They are also published elsewhere in this edition of the Slab.

When I took office as club President almost two years ago, one of my first president messages called for us as a club to focus on what we have in common, that is, the enjoyment of all things related to earth sciences, and not to fixate on our differences. I did that for several reasons. Among the reasons I noted was that Searchers is a voluntary social organization. People join our club because they enjoy what we do here, which should be all things related to earth sciences and they expect friendly, respectful interactions with fellow club members. People do not join our club expecting to be subjected to someone’s outrageous behavior. The club’s Board has a responsibility to club members, visitors and vendors to create a welcoming environment free of bullying, intimidation and harassment. The Standards of Conduct create a framework for the Board to fulfill that responsibility. See page 6 of this Slab.

Most people don’t need to be told not to bully, intimidate, insult or harass other people. Most people don’t need to be told not to touch, say or do something that makes another person uncomfortable. But in this day and age, boards of social organizations need to set standards on what sort of behavior is and is not acceptable. First and foremost, these standards are intended to protect our club members from unwanted behavior. Secondly, these standards give the club’s Board clear guidelines should it become necessary to impose consequences on someone for their failure to follow our standards in the future.

That’s all for now Searchers.

Stay safe and I’ll see you soon.



Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- **October 5th**

Member Meeting- **October 12th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting – September 7th

The Searchers board met at the Anaheim Downtown Center on September 7 at 6:30 pm. Items discussed included:

The Star Diamond Slab Saw will soon be disassembled, and the worn parts will be sent to machine shop for repair. We passed a motion to sponsor a \$1000 scholarship in the CSUF Geology Department this year, thereby restarting our annual scholarship, which was put on hold last year due to financial uncertainties caused by the pandemic. We'll ask the department to find a worthy recipient.

The new Searchers Facebook page now has 33 members.

We're trying to find out whether there's enough room in the workshop storage closet for the SCC Gemology Alumni Association to store a small amount of equipment with us. For example, if we don't need the library anymore, there may be enough room. Once we know what's possible, we can decide what to do.

We're trying to calculate the repair work needed on a small trailer, about 4 ft X 6 ft, that Searchers has. Another possibility is selling it.

We're looking at ways to improve the Searchers membership application to, for example, ensure that applicants don't forget to include their contact information.

Searchers general meeting – September 14th

The Searchers meeting was held at the Anaheim Downtown Center on September 14 at 7:00 pm. Announcements included:

Thanks to John O'Connor and Charles Walker, who agreed to help run the workshop.

Thanks also to Steve Duncan, who will fill in as interim 2nd Vice President – Field Trips board member for the rest of the 2021 term. (Andrew Bloxom and his family moved to Virginia earlier this month.)

A draft Standards of Conduct is on the back table if you want to look at it. Comments are welcome.

The Searchers library is in the back. Comments are welcome; do we need a physical library now that up-to-date information is readily available online?

The first Show Committee meeting will be on Saturday, October 9, at the Anaheim Downtown Center from 1 – 2:30 pm, before the workshop begins. At the workshop, several people will make "fairy houses" as prizes for the show. If you're interested in helping, contact Margaret Hogarth.

Our annual election will be held in November. Open positions include President and 2nd Vice President – Field Trips.

Our speaker this month was Walt Lombardo, owner of the local Nevada Books & Minerals shop, who spoke about "The Collection of a Lifetime: the Dr. Joel A. Arem collection". Dr Arem is a retired geologist who, decades ago, began collecting colored semiprecious gemstones (in other words, gems that are something other than diamonds, rubies, sapphires, or emeralds). Recently demand for some types of semiprecious gems, such as spinels, have caused the values to rise so "semiprecious" gems can be worth as much as comparable precious gems. Dr Arem's collection is impressive, with many large, clear, beautiful specimens.

Searcher News

October Meeting 10-12-2021

Speaker: Phil Chang

Topic: Viewing Stones

Description: Asian art and hobby of "viewing stones" called Suiseki in Japan.



Searchers New Logo Wear Website

Here is the link:

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/searchers-logo-kim-strange.html?product=regular-tshirt>

Once the page loads, the default is a men's t-shirt but the drop down menus on the right side allow the selection of different sizes, colors and types of apparel. In addition, scrolling down on the page then shows a variety of other logo items - from cell phone cases to tote bags to notebooks and everything in between. Let's see if we can work up some sort of standing notification in the slab each month to try to generate some interest. The club earns a small commission on each logo item sold so this is a fund raiser for the club. Let me know if you have any questions.

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 \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

Upcoming Fields Trips

Mojave Field Trip, October 23-24, 2021

Save the date! We will be taking a field trip to the Mojave the weekend of October 23-24, 2021. The idea for this trip is that campers can camp if they want, but the trip will also be close enough for day Searchers. We're still working out the details, so stay posted. We'll send out an email once the details are set.

Leader: Margaret and friends. Interested? Contact hogarth.m@gmail.com

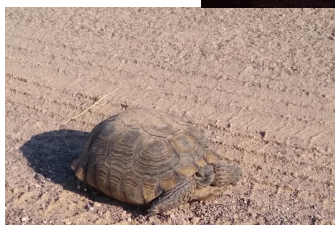
We have a tentative Afton Canyon trip in Nov led by John O'Connor. Be sure to say tentative.

Steve

Pictures from Lavic Siding Field Trip 9-25th & 26th.



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Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The 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.

Rude or offensive actions or language directed to a member or guest.

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

Show Committee Meeting Hours for the 2022 Show

All meetings are from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Anaheim Community Center.

Saturday, October 6, 2021

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (Or alternate date, January 8, the 2nd Saturday)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022 (during shop hours)

Questions? Contact Margaret at hogarth.m@gmail.com

Prize-Making Sessions

Join Searchers for prize-making sessions for our 2022 show! Bring materials, or we will have some to share. The sessions will take place during Saturday shop hours (2:30-7:00 p.m.) on the dates below. It's more fun if we create together!

Saturday, October 9, 2021. For a fairy house blank, please reserve with Margaret.

Saturday, November 6, 2021

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Interesting Information

Atlas of Metamorphic Minerals

<https://www.earth.ox.ac.uk/~oesis/atlas/metmins/>

For some microscopic thin-section eye candy, check out the Atlas of Metamorphic Minerals. The sequence of minerals follows the recommended sequence of Deer, Howie & Zussman, i.e. ortho- and ring silicates first, followed by chain silicates, sheet silicates, framework silicates, and finally non-silicates. The search facility will find words in image titles and descriptions. Enjoy!

Global Volcanism Program, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History

<https://volcano.si.edu/>

The mission of this site is to document, understand and disseminate information about global volcanic activity. There are lists of Holocene and Pleistocene volcanoes; current eruption information; video and image collections; and "Eruptions, Earthquakes, & Emissions," a time-lapse animation of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes since 1960. Learn about volcanoes!

Searchers Information

Nominating Committee News

The Searchers Board has spent the last two years strengthening the club, clarifying procedures and expectations, and making sure that Searchers can face the future in a robust, professional way. They have done an amazing job, however, several members of our current board would like to serve Searchers in different ways in 2022. We have three openings and suggest a team approach to the Workshop Coordinator role. Brief job duties follow. For a complete list of job duties, please see the Searchers website at <https://www.searchersrocks.org/club-documents> > Searchers Standing Rules (contains Job Duties).

Brief Job Duties:

President:

- In January at the Board meeting, reviews the Searchers By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Job Duties with incoming board members. Appoints a committee to review the By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Job Duties as deemed necessary by the President.
- Appoints the committee chairpersons as necessary, and provides them with job descriptions.
- By November, sets up the working schedule for the following year and makes the meeting room reservations.
- Presents CFMS pins and bars to outgoing board members at the annual installation.

First Vice-President:

- As the Program Chairperson, plans programs/speakers for monthly meetings, February through January.
- Will be responsible for the installation of new officers.
- Conducts or oversees activities of the Social Director as required.

Second Vice-President:

- As the Field Trip Chairperson, is responsible for planning and coordinating all field trips and associated events during the year, February through January.
- Shall notify all participants of field trip rules and regulations.

Workshop Coordinator:

- Working with a team of approximately four people, responsible for maintaining a sign-up sheet for shop sessions and collecting fees. Supervises the shop to make sure safety measures are observed and equipment is used sustainably.
- Submits workshop and class fees to the Treasurer.

If we have a team of four people, you would have to supervise only 2-3 workshops per month.

Candidates will be well supported by past board members and long-term Searchers. Not sure you can be a vice president by yourself? Get a partner! This is a great opportunity to grow a deeper relationship with the club, make life-long friends, and learn more about rocks. If interested, please contact the Nominating Committee: Robert Burson, Jim Peterson, and Margaret Hogarth.

Happy Days - The Shop is now open.

Finally after over a year, the Searchers workshop at the Anaheim Community Center is open for business. This is June 17th, Thursday night. Come have some fun and socialize again.



Shop Hours Thursday from 5:30pm to 10pm

Saturday from 2:30pm to 7pm

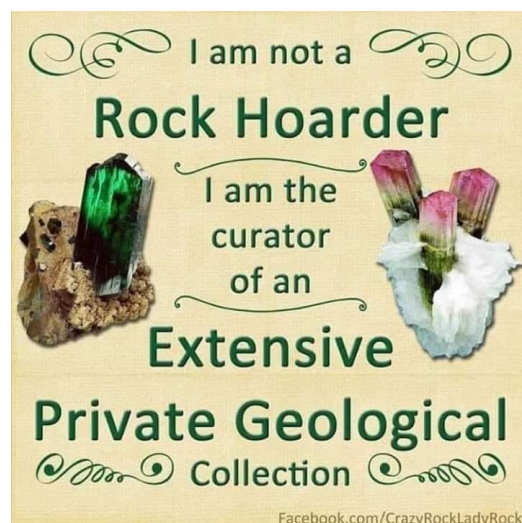
Just for FUN

Checking your pockets before the laundry:



normal people

me



They finally made a jacket



Just for carrying rocks!

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

Upcoming 2021 CFMS Gem Shows

2021 Shows

October 1-3, 2021 – Vista, CA

Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Vista Gem and Mineral Open Air Market
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista CA 92083
Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: 1 (760) 214-8770
Website: <http://www.vistarocks.org>

October 2-3, 2021 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds, Main Street Center, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95949
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
54th Annual Earth's Treasurers Show.
Contact: 4vandlan5@att.net
Website: <http://ncgms.org>

October 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2021, Clovis CA

Fresno Gem & Mineral Society
Clovis Rodeo Grounds, 445 Clovis, CA 93613
Time: Friday-Sunday Oct. 8th-10th – 10 AM – 5 PM, Monday Oct. 11th – 10 AM – 4 PM
Central Valley Gem & Mineral Show is sponsored by Fresno Gem & Mineral Society.
Contact: 1 (708) 821-7575, daniel-bolm096@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.fgms.us/>

October 9, 2021 – Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Antioch Lapidary Club's Annual Artisan Jewelry and Rock Show
Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse, 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd., Antioch
Time: 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (925) 240-2954, vicmcpherson@sbcglobal.net
Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA – CANCELLED

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384, steve_job@sbcbglobal.net
Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
Fall Festival of Gems
Location: Across the street from the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.
October 10th, 9 AM – 4 PM
Contact (760) 728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org

October 16-17, 2021 – Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa 95405
"Agates Abound" Gem and Mineral Show
Hours: Saturday 10 AM-6PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: Janyce Vickers (707) 217-0636, jvz@namaste333.com
Website: <http://www.srmgs.org>

October 16-17, 2021 – Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667
This show will be held indoors at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds with secure spaces for 25-30 vendors.
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (530) 676-2472
Website: <https://eldoradomineralandgem.org>

October 30-31, 2021 – Mariposa CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mountains of Minerals Show
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fair-

grounds Rd.

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM
Contact: Meredith Meehan, mgmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

November 6-7, 2021 – Ridgecrest, CA

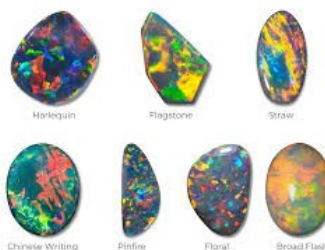
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest CA 93555
Time: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM
Fieldtrip November 7th at 9 AM
Free admission!! Vendor spaces available.
Goede purchasing and cutting, petroglyph slab paintings, gems and minerals and jewelry.
Contact: (760) 375-7905, fjrocks@dslextrême.com

November 6-7, 2021, Concord, CA

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Contra Costa Annual Mineral and Gem Show
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94518
Time: 10 AM – 5 PM each day
Mineral & Gem Show & Sale – Admission \$6, Under 16 Free with adult. Scouts in Uniform Free. Military and First Responders Free with ID. Gems, jewelry, mineral specimens, fossils, meteorites, beads, tools, equipment, fluorescent room. Demonstrations, displays, kids activities, door prizes, raffle and auction materials.
Email: mhopskins@ironhorsesdesign.net
[Annual Show](http://www.contracostamineralandgemsociety.org/annual-show/)
Website: <http://contracostamineralandgemsociety.org/annual-show/>



October Birthstone: Opal and Tourmaline



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

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