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The Searchers next meeting:

May 9, 2023 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

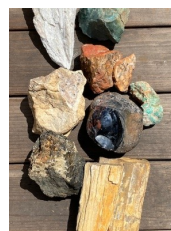
The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Imaginology was well attended and volunteers made over 300 polished stones rings for lots of happy kids. Thank you to Veronica Purpura for her beautiful rock collection that kids could pick up and handle. Elaine Foster, Melissa Meaux, Ellen Dupuy, Ron Hallum, and John O'Neill were there, thank you for your generous help.



And at the Searchers' Annual Show on April 29 and 30, 2023: A restored Highland Park Combo Polisher/Saw and a 40 lb. commercial tumble will have special silent auctions.



The Board is working diligently on the club brochure, the next Workshop Saw is close to being ordered, And the club is growing.

Welcome to new members:

Kevin Jamison, Ana Lorenzo, and Caleb Mitchell

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



Searchers Club Meetings

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

Member Meeting- **May 9th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Minutes - Board Meeting, Tuesday April 4, 2023

Meeting vis Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Jenny Rohl, Sue Gevedon, Margaret Hogarth, Bill Hogarth, Gwen Sharp, Caleb Guyer

March 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, approved as submitted.

Club Brochure: Board voted to find another designer to finish the brochure since we are not progressing as planned with the current designer.

Imaginology: April 15 and 16- Contact persons are Robin Larzelere and Veronica Purpura. Confirmed volunteers are: Ellen Dupuy and her friend (South OC Gem and Mineral Club), John O'Neill, Karen Kremer, Linda Werner, Jamie tom bring parking passes to the meeting for those who are volunteering.

Square tablets and hotspot are purchased. Approved by the board via email during the month of March.

Highland Park Polisher and Saw for Show- one saw blade will be purchased, two grinding wheels from Workshop storage The money from this Show Auction item will be posted to the silent auction. Board voted to approved the cost of the fan belt and a new saw blade.

Google drive storage will be \$2.99/mo. for 20 GB when paid, Board voted to go ahead with this.

Field Trips: Bill Hogarth and Rick Webber Steve Duncan trip, April 8 and 9 to Rainbow Ledge- Indian Wells Club at Ridgecrest area Claim Rainbow Ledge, \$5 per member charge. Lavic Siding, 2 weeks after show.

Margaret Hogarth, Balloons will be black yellow and red. We will not be fixing jewelry due to liability.

Caleb Guyer shop members will supply their own gloves and safety equipment. The shop is well attended and we are still evaluating saw options.

Minutes – General Meeting, Tuesday, April11, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:10 PM.

New Raffle: continued and Square used to take in money.

Square payment system: Two Squares and two small iPads were purchased and will be used at the show.

New members and visitors: Susan Simka, Scott Wistas, Steve Milburn and Todd Richman attended our meeting for the first time.

Show: Flyers ready for hand out. Please have things for show table. Need donations for raffle at show. Sign up sheets were posted for people we need to volunteer. Still need volunteers to make dino eggs. Consider selling works at Searcher sales table. Grab bags have been completed. Charles bringing two cases to the show.

Imaginology: April 15-16.

Field Trips: Rainbow Ledge was a success. South Cady's will be this weekend. Lavic siding will be two weeks after the show.

Federation: CFMS meeting to be held in June at Lodi. Nancy will represent out club. The show will also be there in Lodi for the CFMS.

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Searcher Presenters and News

May Speaker: Dr. William Gelnaw



Paleontology Curator | John D. Cooper Laboratory

TOPIC: Orange County Paleontology

Orange County is home to a rich fossil record spanning the last 140 million years, from the Jurassic Bedford Canyon Group to Pleistocene beach terraces. Thanks to environmental mitigation programs, hundreds of thousands of fossils have been recovered from development projects throughout the County, most of which have been deposited at a repository operated by OC Parks. Paleontology Curator, William Gelnaw, will provide an overview of the geological changes that have shaped our landscape, highlight significant fossils from the collection, and discuss how the public can get involved.



Dr. Will Gelnaw grew up in Orange County as an avid rock and fossil collector. After a career in paleontology that has taken him to jobs and universities all over the USA, Canada, and Australia, he landed his dream job of curating the collection where he volunteered as a kid. He is now the Paleontology Curator for OC Parks, at the John D. Cooper Laboratory.



Presentation:

The presentation was by Joseph W. Wright about Afton Canyon. Joseph posts videos on UTube about hiking and geology. He teaches geology and geography at Mount San Jacinto College.

Afton Canyon is part of the Lake Mannix complex that was formed during the Pleistocene and was 90 square miles 25,000 - 30,000 years ago. There were people along its shoreline and there were first traps, built at the edges. Fossils of western camels, short faces bears, mammoths and sloths have been found near Calico and other areas in the vicinity. Near Silver Lake you can see the ancient shoreline.

There are lake deposits in Afton Canyon that include tufa remnants. There is evidence of geothermal activity in the walls of the canyon. There is basalt at the top of the canyon and fossil cat tails in dolomite in the canyon. Blue quartz, jasper and calcite can be found as well.

Check out our “new” Facebook page:

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

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

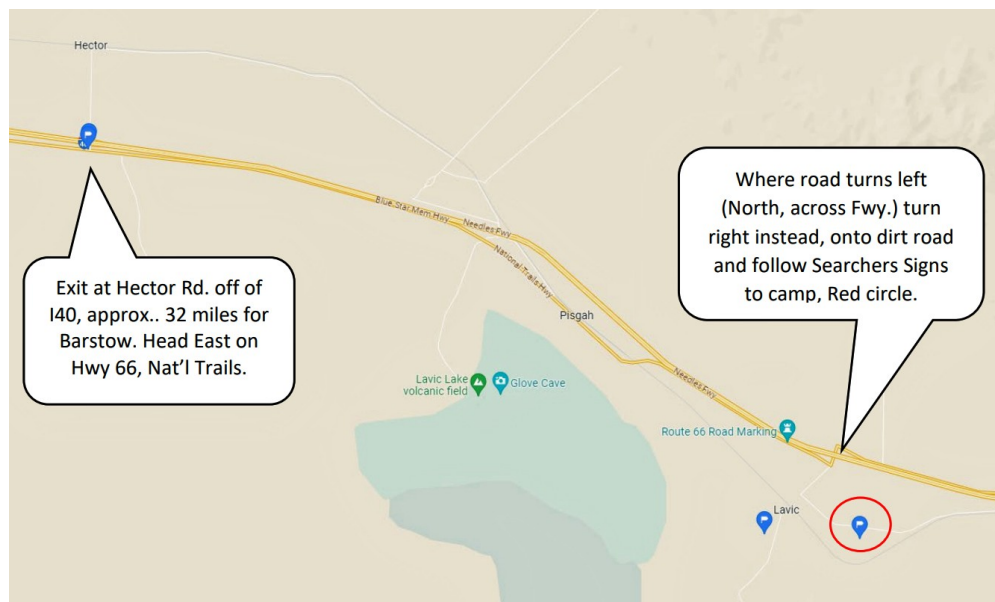
Field Trip Schedule 2023			
2023	Location	Leader	Status
May	Lavic Siding or Mineola Road		May 13-14, 2023

LAVIC SIDING FIELD TRIP – May 13-14, 2023

After the Annual Show we schedule an “easy-ish” field trip for those who are new to the club and/or field trips and wants to see what it’s all about. Mostly we will be driving on hard-packed dirt roads and cars with higher clearance will be fine. The area we explore will be Lavic Siding, and old railroad siding that’s still in use. If you ask any rockhound where the Mojave’s most colorful jasper can be found, Lavic Siding will be on the short list. For decades, rockhounds have driven across the tracks and down the Lavic Lake road to access this remarkable location. Red, yellow and orange jasper with blue and white quartz stringers are still found in profusion as float in this spot. Bring rock hammers and spray bottles. Our plan is to spend Saturday morning and early afternoon roaming the little mesas and gullies to the east of the brooding Pisgah Cinder Cone, and then move further south to explore the north part of Lavic Lake and check out the limits to the Testing Range boundary. Camping will be Dry Camping (Boondocking), or you can stay in Barstow or even drive up for a day trip on Saturday. That means no facilities, you need to bring it all with you and pack out any trash. Even though it shouldn’t be as hot as full summer, bring at least a gallon of water per person – even the wee folks. We will have a potluck on Saturday night, but if you aren’t able to contribute, don’t worry, there’ll be plenty.

For those who are GPS-enabled we will be at or near 34°43'23.7"N 116°17'55.4"W (34.723250, -116.298722) and there will be Searcher Signs to the camp from the Lavic turnoff.

Please RSVP to Bill Hogarth at 909-264-1122. Hope to see you there!



FIELD TRIP REPORT



MARCH 11-12 2023 FIELD TRIP TO CALICO

For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber

In March we had a Field Trip to the Calico Area that didn't make the cut for the Slab deadline. Here are those notes, better late than never: The Calico Mining District has more mines and material than almost anywhere else, and most is close to the surface. While there are many boondocking sites in the area we usually stay at one right off Minneola Road near the Early Man Site. This trip was postponed several times due to the storms and we figured they were done until Mother Nature played a trick. Three groups arrived on Friday afternoon, passing through rain and wind in the pass. Jimmie, Bob and Debbie and Rick and Corey. We had some new Trippers arrive from the San Diego area late in the night about 11PM, too! Suzie and Amanda were tentcamping and while the rain had stopped, the cold wind was still pretty fierce. We rearranged the vehicles to protect the campers from the full blast of the wind and just hunkered down for the night. Saturday arrived bright but still windy. After breakfast Robert and Sharon came out from their warm and cozy motel room to join us and then we corralled the participants and headed out to two/three sites. The Green Ash Hills yielded many alluvial agates and jaspers and was reachable from any high-clearance vehicle, but after that the roads required 4x4's. Robert led us to and along Mule Canyon Road to several sites like the area at the entrance to Tin Can Alley for Black Agate. But seriously the entire area had collecting material after this year's storms washed the hills. The many geologic specimens strewn out over a gorgeous landscape of extreme colorations (minerals) made it difficult to choose. Robert and Sharon pointed out the treasures abundant in the natural and mined specimens in float (on the surface). Back at camp, Suzie, Rick & Amanda went to the Early man site area at sunset. We had an abundance of really great food all day and we all crowded into Jimmy's RV in the evening to keep warm out of the wind!! WOW !! What An Amazing Day!! Sunday,



Trip Reports

Trip Report by Steve Duncan

Rainbow Ledge and Sheep Springs

April 8-9, 2023



The Searchers had a unique opportunity recently when the Indian Wells Club was kind enough to allow us to visit their Rainbow Ledge claim. Searchers Jimmy and Esther, Dean and Joanne, Bill and Margaret, Bert and myself took advantage of this opportunity, as well as Amy and Gerri from the SOC club and Bert's rockhound buddy George. The trip was led by Ron Schiller from the Indian Well's club, and there were maybe 10 members from their club also. So it was a good size group that made their way to Rainbow Ledge, and as usual the site did not disappoint, with everyone finding a lot of the high quality JaspAgate the site is famous for. In the afternoon we spent a couple of hours at another site that had some white and green opalite, and some moss agate.

Saturday night we had the standard excellent Searcher Potluck and campfire, Ron and his wife joined us which was nice.

Sunday we took the rocky road out to Sheep Springs, where you can collect black and white agate. After this Ron showed the folks a nice spot to eat lunch with some nearby petroglyphs to admire.

All in all it was another good Searcher field trip, many thanks to the Indian Wells Club for their hospitality.

If you are a Searcher and haven't been taking advantage of our field trips you are missing one of the best things the club has to offer. In addition to the healing aspect of just getting away from the noise and hustle and bustle of the city, the tribal knowledge that the club has to share about how, where and what to collect is invaluable. If any of you have ever had the frustrating experience of trying to collect rocks based on the info in the rockhounding books you know what I mean.



Upcoming Local Shows and Sales

Searchers

62nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show



Free



Gratis

Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave, Anaheim, CA

Saturday, April 29th, 2023 / hours 10am - 5pm
Sunday, April 30th, 2023 / hours 10am - 4:30pm
www.searchersrocks.org

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May 6th & 7th
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Address:
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(Woodland Hills Rock Chippers)
9510 Keokuk Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

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Questions: Email Nancy Bird
nancyjbird68@gmail.com

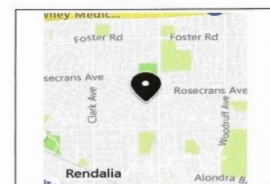
The Delvers are holding a Parking Lot Sale on June 25th, 2022....bigger and better than last year.



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Lutheran Church
14515 Blaine Avenue
Bellflower, CA 90706



Gems, Minerals, Equipment, Odds and Ends

Come One, Come All – Support Your Local Rock Club



Show News

The show is just days away; are you ready? Our show is for all ages. We want it to be accessible, inclusive, with fun activities for children that are low cost or free. Our prizes are famously good and generous. Come and make our show the best ever.

We need help loading the truck on Thursday at 4 p.m. We need even more help unloading the truck on Friday at 8 a.m. Virgil and Cary will mark out the measurements. The tables will be delivered at 8:30 a.m. We will set up the main room first. We must finish the set up before noon; the dealers will be anxious to start their set up then.

If you would like to help at the show but haven't already signed up, just go to the Members table and we'll find a place that you can help.

We want to encourage Searchers to place their wares for sale at the Searchers Sale Table. There is a limit to how many items that can be placed at one time, and we encourage you to volunteer at the table. We ask that you donate 15% of your proceeds to the club. Or, if you wish, you can donate more.

If you are bringing material to the Silent Auction, please bring it Friday morning so the team has time to set up.

If you need help during the show, contact any Searcher in a red security vest, the Hospitality table or the Members table. Margaret will be wearing a hot pink Searchers shirt and a red security vest during the show if you need her.

We need all Searchers to pitch in for the show take-down! It will happen right at the end of the show at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Bring a dolly and please help.

This is a big outreach opportunity for our club. Be friendly and welcoming. We want to keep the environment warm and safe. Donating a couple of hours to Security duty is a great way to keep the show flowing in a positive direction and make new friends. Our dealers really appreciate our security! We welcome your feedback as we strive to make each show the best possible. Most importantly, I hope that we all have fun and get to experience some beautiful and exciting rocks! Many thanks to our hard-working Show Committee who have been planning this show for the last year. You are the best!

Margaret Hogarth, Show Chair.



Grab bag stuffing party

Dino Eggs in the Making

Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2023

May 5-6, 2023 – Yucaipa

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Yucaipa Blvd at Adams Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399
Hours: Friday 6 PM – 10 PM, Saturday Noon to 10 PM
Attendance and parking are free. Festival and show is held along Yucaipa Blvd. This is a great event for everyone in the family.
Contact: grandpasgems@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.yvgms.org/>

May 6-7, 2023 – Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster, CA 93536
Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Admission and Parking are free. Please note that dogs are only allowed if they are Service Animals.
Contact: marylandoriole@gmail.com
Website: <http://avgem.weebly.com>
flyer: [antelopeshow](#)

June 3-4, 2023 – Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society
Gem and Craft Show at Kennedy Mine, 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd., Jackson, VA 95642
Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM
Contact: (916) 698-9853, mountaingirl@volcano.net
Website: <http://amadorgemandmineral.org>

June 10-11, 2023 – Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club
The Convention Center at the California Center for the Arts – 340 North Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA 92025
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: tonifloyd41615@gmail.com
Website: <http://palomargem.org>

June 17, 2023 – Bellflower, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
DELVERS PARKING LOT SALE, 14515 Blaine Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
Website: <https://delversgemclub.wordpress.com/>

JUNE 23-25, 2023 – LODI, CA CFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS, 413 E. LOCKEFORD ST., LODI, CA 95240

Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Educational Exhibits, Speakers
Adults \$6, Kids 12 & under FREE
Free admission to MILITARY Active, Veterans and their Dependents with valid Military ID card.
For information: rocksbob@sbcglobal.net
Dealer information: slchaisson@yahoo.com

July 8-9, 2023 – Culver City, CA

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Culver City Gem and Mineral Society
Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90203
60th Annual Fiesta of Gems – 2023 Theme: Druzy
Free Admission – Free Parking – Free Hourly Drawings
Contact: lexyhunter@aol.com
Website: <http://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

August 4, 5 & 6, 2023 – Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave., Nipomo, CA 93444
Hours: Aug 4 & 5 – 10 AM – 5 PM, Aug 6 – 10 AM – 4 PM
The 55th Annual Rockhound Tailgating Rock & Gem Festival
Free Admission and Free Parking
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.omsinc.org>

August 5-6, 2023 – Roseville, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society
Roebbelen Event Center, @the Grounds – Roseville, 700 Event Center Dr., Roseville, CA 95678
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
61st Roseville Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show
Bring your Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Meteorites and treasures, for a no-cost Scientific Identification. General Admission \$8, Seniors 60+ \$7, Kids – 12 and under Free. Parking \$10. Discount coupon.
Contact: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.rockrollers.com/index.html>

August 19-20, 2023 – Tehachapi, CA

Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Annual Tehachapi Valley Gem and Mineral Show
500 East "F" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM
Gems and minerals, jewelry, activities for kids and much more. Free admission.
Contact: (661) 972-1117, travis462@outlook.com
Website: <https://www.tvgms.rocks>

August 26-27, 2023 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia CA 91007
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (626) 260-7239
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

May Birthstone: Emerald



For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

www.cfmsinc.org

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



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 \$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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editor@searchersrocks.org.

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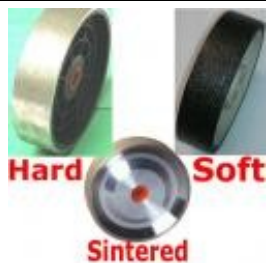
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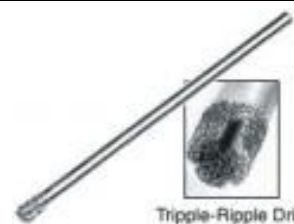
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