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# The Rock Slab News

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## The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Have you visited [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org) recently? John O'Neill updated the look, made the calendar more functional, made the website mobile friendly, added a membership application, linked to Instagram and Facebook, and added lapidary videos. I would like to thank John for all the hours he spent learning WIX, and researching best practices. WIX is the host of our website, and they recently sent an email alert that our site visits had increased by over 400% in November. Great results for all John's work!

Our membership has grown from 88 members in December 2021 to 123 members in December 2022.

In January, it is time to renew your Searchers' membership. (Renew online this year?) In order to balance the budget, there will most likely be an increase in dues after January 3. Also, please watch for mini-silent auctions of quality material at general meetings, and a 3 hour "pop-up" sale. The club has increased expenses, and increasing revenue will balance those.

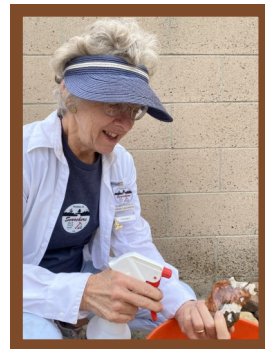
The club has good quality slabs and rough for the Show's Silent Auction, and has filled the storage unit to capacity. Thank you to Steve Duncan for 9 hours of pickup and sorting, Daniel Friend and Paul Malone for helping. If any members would like to store rocks at in their yard until April, please contact Steve or me.

Caleb Guyer, and Nancy Bird drove three, heavy Genie machines out to Diamond Pacific in Barstow for repairs. Now, the workshop has nine that are in good working condition, thanks to their efforts. Starting the first week of January, Workshop hours on Thursday nights are 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. There are quality slabs available in the Workshop if you stop by on the spur of the moment and want to cut and polish.

The Holiday Party was organized by Gwen Sharp, and 36 people attended. Delicious food and interesting rock related gifts. Rick Webber had a display of the Arizona rock material he prospected, including fire agate and some colorful petrified wood. [See Page 7 for pictures](#)

2023 Volunteering for the Searchers: Would you bring cookies and make coffee at a general meeting? Help roll out the library? Or take photos at a general meeting, a workshop, or rock sale? Or pick up a rock donation or work a rock sale? Help organize the storage unit and learn about the history of the club. The club needs a little of your time next year, especially working at the Show.

Robin Larzelere, President



Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

## Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **January 3rd at 6:30 P.M.** at the Anaheim Community

Member Meeting- **January 10th** in the Anaheim Community Center

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

Robin Larzelere, Margaret Hogarth, Rick Weber, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Jenny Rohl, Caleb Guyer, Gwen Sharp, Nancy Bird, Sue Gevedon, Steve Duncan and John O'Neill attending.

Show Policy and 2023 Show Contract approved by board.

Pay Pal will be added to the website to pay for and automate membership applications.

Donations to the club was discussed and a policy will be developed on how to handle donations in the future.

Advertising in the Slab is free to Members now.

We came up with a balanced budget for 2023.

Tentative field trips are posted on the website.

Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer presented Workshop Budget numbers. He was given board approval to fix 3 of the Genies.

### **Searchers General Meeting, December 13, 2022**

*Meeting location: Downtown Anaheim Community Center*

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

Thank you: Gwen Sharp for planning the holiday celebration.

We all waved hi to Steve Duncan who broke his leg on the field trip.

The pot luck included ham and turkey as well as sweet potatoes, green beans broccoli salad, pancit, egg rolls, corn pudding, corn bread muffins, cranberries and all kinds of delicious deserts.

A gift exchange followed the meal.

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



## Searcher Presenters and News



### January Speaker: Walter Lombardo

#### Gem Pegmatites of Southern California

Southern California is known worldwide for the production of gemstones & mineral specimens from the granite pegmatites in San Diego, Riverside & San Bernardino Counties. Some of the more well known gem minerals are Tourmaline, Garnet, Aquamarine Morganite, Kunzite, Quartz, Topaz & Lepidolite. Most notable are the Pala & Mesa Grande mining districts that supplied beautiful tourmalines to the last Dowager Empress of China, in the early 1900's, and continue to produce world-class gems and mineral specimens today. This talk will include discussion of the regional geology which made these deposits possible, history of mining in Southern California, some of the more important mines & the gem minerals that they produced.

Walter Lombardo is a geologist with more than 35 years' experience in mineralogy, mining and mineral exploration. He worked for American Borate Company in Death Valley (Billie Mine), for Cyprus Minerals Company in the California Mother Lode (gold), and several small exploration companies in the Southwestern U.S (gold). For sixteen years he managed the Southern Nevada Office of the Nevada Division of Minerals. And before retiring from the industry, he was a project manager for a company involved in worldwide exploration for uranium, gallium and germanium.

Walter is the owner of Nevada Mineral & Book Company, a natural history gallery and earth science bookstore located in Orange, California. He has lectured nationwide on topics related to mineral resources, mining & mining fraud, mineralogy and gemology.

Gwen

#### Searchers Board for 2023

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

President: Robin Larzelere

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

#### 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
Jan	Quartzite	Bill Hogarth	planned
Feb	Early Man Site	Virgil Talbot	Tentative
Mar	Rainbow Ledge details TBD	Steve Duncan	Tentative
Apr			
May			

## Upcoming Fields Trips—Quartzsite Pow-Wow

This is a Reminder/Update for the Searcher's Field Trip to the Quartzsite Pow-Wow this January. This is not a typical Searcher's Field Trip in that there are no scheduled rock-hounding visits planned by the Searchers, but there are others planned by the Show and Quartzite clubs.

This is a chance to join other Searcher friends attending the Quartzsite Pow-Wow between 1/18 thru 1/22. The Pow-Wow is billed as "**the oldest gem and mineral show in Arizona**, featuring over 520 booth spaces. Vendors bring gems and mineral specimens from all over the world, which, in many cases, they have personally collected. Many of the vendors have attended for over forty consecutive years." You can use the links at the end to see more info.



Margaret and I are planning to be on site at the Q-View RV Park (<https://goo.gl/maps/Px91pUT4tA4tygZf9>) just north of the 10 Freeway (if we can still get a space) starting Wednesday Night, 1/18 and coming home Saturday 1/21. The owners say they are filling fast. The show continues after that if you wish to stay longer. If you have the grit, you can even make this a one-day trip! **Use this email to contact me or text/call me at 909-264-1122 if you're planning to go and I'll let you know the latest.** Our friend Russ usually camps in Scadden Wash, far away from the rock shows. It's nice and quiet and more spread out. There's even trees for privacy. The coordinates are 33.657210°, -114.150510°. It's about 6 miles from the campsite to the Pow Wow.

There are many other fee-based RV parks in Quartzsite and many, MANY more free DRY camping sites on BLM land to the North, South and South East of the town. If you need help just enter "Camping" in Google Maps. There are literally thousands of RV's perched all over the desert in the area!

As for hotel/motels, your best bet for those IMHO, is 25 miles west in Blythe, and there are several to choose from.

There are a few shows going on there in January. For an calendar, see <https://quartzsite-tourism.com/events/>

An overview of each show can be found here: <https://rvingwithrex.com/2022/12/17/quartzsite-heres-the-2023-qz-show-schedule/>



**DESERT GARDENS, 1/1/2023 thru 2/28/2023**, is primarily raw rock specimens and where you will see pallets and shipping cubes of beautiful stone from around the world. It is open to everyone, but many wholesalers will purchase large amounts of material for resale. Several of our keenest rockhounds have plans to be there on the first weekend! It may have the best selection of large specimens for carving, spheres and display yard stones.

**TYSON WELLS ROCK AND GEM SHOW, 1/6/2023 thru 1/16/2023**, is a typical Rock show with raw, cabbed, and finished material. There will even be a section with used equipment and rock-related items.

**POW WOW GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, 1/18 thru 1/22**, is the oldest show in Quartzsite and, while the others are big, this one is the largest. There will be rocks of all kinds and finishes, less of a wholesale feel than Desert Gardens, but still plenty and usually good prices.

**FIELD TRIPS** are a big part of the Quartzsite experience, and while the Searchers will not be sponsoring any, there's a list of the scheduled ones at: <http://www.qiaarizona.org/Powwow-Field-Trip.html>

If you want to go, don't dawdle! Make plans now and let me know so we can get a meet-up or two during the trip.

Bill Hogarth



For field trip  
information  
contact: Bill  
Hogarth or Rick  
Webber



## Johnson Valley Field Trip Write-up, December, 2022

Nine people, aged 92 to 8 years old, joined us in Johnson Valley. This included two people from the San Diego club and two who also belong to the Pasadena club. We collected some quality (bird's eye) orbicular rhyolite, including sizes ranging from tumblers to modestly sphere-sized. We had an impromptu collective dinner on Friday night and warm campfires both nights. After lunch back in camp on

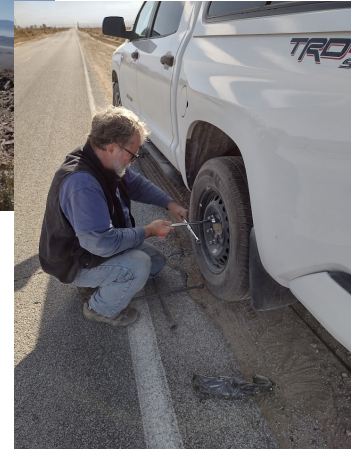


Saturday, we headed out to Green Rock Mine, on Green Rock Mine Road, a new location for us. There, we found pistachio-green tailings, some pieces potentially large enough for spheres. Since Bill and I were tied up with a flat tire, the other Searchers picked up green rocks for us, Robin, and Gwen. We'll try to figure out what kind of rock it is. We had a fine potluck on Saturday night with lots of delicious food. The days were cool and clear, perfect weather for rockhounding, and the nights were about 30 degrees, with a large storm scheduled to come in around midnight on Saturday night. The off road folks were pretty busy, even in the dark, and definitely had some sound systems thumping away, but we all enjoyed the valley together. We put away and packed up everything around camp on Saturday night expecting rain, which really didn't start until Sunday morning.

Everyone headed home early Sunday morning because the storm was on the horizon and we were worried about the traffic in the storm. Driving through Lucerne Valley on the way home there were some spectacular rainbows, sometimes double, bridging the sky, from edge to edge of the valley. In the west we could see the dark mass of storm clouds coming in. Unfortunately we were dealing with gusty winds and didn't stop to take any photos.

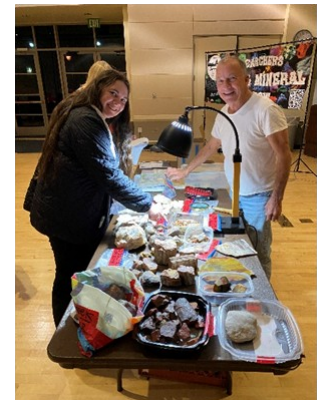
It was good that the driving leader called us when they lost sight of us when we had a flat tire. Luckily, it was on the pavement and not in the back of beyond. That was good trail etiquette, to track the vehicle behind you so that no one gets lost. As we age and get a little unsteady on our feet, it's also good to know who has a first aid kit or other emergency equipment in their car. Lately, we all seem to benefit from having a walking stick to use as a third leg in those wobbly moments.





## Searchers Christmas Party

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## Show News

Our show is just around the corner. It may seem like it's far away, but the months will leap on by and it will be time for the show. Please continue to make prizes for young and old. Try out a new concept, and donate one to the show. If you have any machines you have grown out of, donating it to the show is an awesome tax deduction. Pick up a few quality rocks for the Silent Auction each field trip. Donate some small sparklies to our grab bags. Every little bit goes to make our show better than the year before. I will be purchasing some geodes for our geode cracking activity. I'm looking for geodes that are larger than those we used last year. Please join us at our Show Committee meetings. We are a great group of creative, hard-working Searchers!

Keep on rocking, Margaret

### 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 8, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.  
 Please join us! We have a fantastic, efficient Show Committee with dedicated, hard-working folks.

## LAST SALE!!! HUGE ROCKHOUND ESTATE SALE

January 7th & 8th  
 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
 Address:  
 Ray & Jo Anna Ritchey  
 224 Oaks Avenue  
 Monrovia, CA 91016

50¢/Pound - \$45/3' Basket  
 \*Bring Squirt Bottle & Buckets\*  
 NO EARLY BIRDS!  
 Questions: Call Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636





# 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!

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

## January Birthstone: Garnet



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

[www.cfmsinc.org](http://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](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 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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

<b>Membership Dues:</b>	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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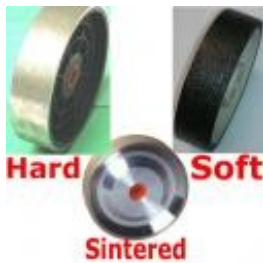
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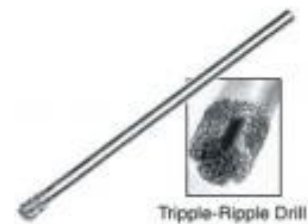
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