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The Searchers next meeting:

Nov 14th, 2023 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Workshop news – Thursdays are busier than ever, Saturdays there are more saws running than people! In other words, Saturday would be a good day to attend. A heartfelt thank you to **Bob Larzelere**, for fixing the 18 inch Enan saw. He troubleshot it by video, measured the worn parts, ordered stock parts, machined them for a better fit, and installed them - in three weeks. (Our breakfast conversations were interesting, if you like that topic.)

After the General meeting, **Bill Hogarth and Jimmy Peterson** inspected some other saws with problems. Thank you to Bill and Jimmy, as well.

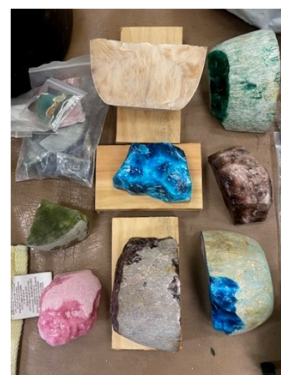
Highland Park has many YouTube videos about how lapidary saws work, and how to adjust their saws.

Other Workshop highlights: some colorful and high-grade material is arriving in Workshop, man-made from Australia.

Tumbling information: I tried a new product in my Lot-O Tumbler: Aluminum Oxide pellets. They work quickly and do not wear out, like ceramic media. They are available through Uncle Tom's Antique Mall in Minnesota.

See you on Election and Pie Night, Tuesday Nov. 14 – tip for the evening: bring a pie serving utensil

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



Welcome to New Members

Benito and Uriel Abundio
Vanessa, Troy, Tessa, Tyler, Brady Brogden
Amy Chiao
Brad Freeman
Joseph Lloyd
Frank Pitoniak
David Yturralde
Bob and Vickie Rubino, Sarah and Katie



Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **November 7th at 6:30 P.M.**

Member Meeting- **November 14th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Minutes - Board Meeting, Tuesday October 3, 2023

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

Sept. 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, Sept. 12, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes Correct the Rowley Mine spelling and approved by board.

Great Western 24"saw. Motion to sell the saw tabled for now. Enan, parts on order to fix from McMaster-Carr

Liability insurance and Director's and Officer's insurance – checks and paper work have been snail mailed and copies sent by email to Pat at McDaniel's Insurance.

Emails from club to members: Wix is now usable for emailing.

Dale Palas saw was picked up, and delivered to the Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 21. Robin Larzelere and Rick Webber organized the effort. Working on cart for Lortone saw.

Jamie needs to get reimbursed for paying the club's State Tax Franchise Tax bill for 2022. Board voted to approve.

Membership – Bob Alexander request to refund membership and travel gas money for Workshop Sept. 14, 2023. Board voted to reimburse him for the dues he paid

Health Fair in September – Jamie Cassidy Curtis and Charlotte Spaulding helped the Active Older Adults make and take bracelets. Thank you to Nancy Bird for a trip to Micheal's to get supplies, and donating high quality, color coordinated beads to the event.

Treasurer report Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Treasurer's reports, 2023 Income and Expense report updated

CA Attorney Gen. Office, Annual Renewal of Charity Status mailed in and Annual Treasurer's Report mailed in with tracking number, Federal Form 990-n postcard filed and accepted

November meeting is election night and pie party. We will have a mini silent auction.

Field Trips: Bill Hogarth and Rick Webber, trip to Castle Butte October 18-20. Rowley Mine trip November 11 and 12 December 16 and 17, Afton Canyon area, Top Notch Claim with Jeremy Berg visiting guide and Doug Flaugh's digital Google Map with GPS coordinates of jasper, geodes and fluorite.

Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth, submitted grant paperwork to Anaheim for show. Veronica setting up contracts.

Minutes – General Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1. Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:00 PM by Robin Larzelere
2. Rowley Mine Field Trip: Details presented and posted in Slab. November 10-12.
3. Opal Show: October 28-29, Anaheim.
4. Elections at November Meeting: Elections, pie night and mini silent auction.
5. Field Trips: October 17-20, Turquoise collecting in Nevada with the Yucaipa Club. October 21-22 Castle Butte. November trip to Rowley Mine and December to Top Notch Claim with Jeremy Barnhaus.
6. Show: Applied for grant for show from city of Anaheim. Need prizes big and small.
7. CFMS: Fall meeting is in Visalia.
8. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Searcher Presenters and News

November Speaker: Election and Pie Night

November 14, 2003

No speaker this month.

Board elections and pie night; Bring your favorite pie to share.

And, bring a few of your best finds from your recent field trips to show off.



Long-time Searcher Esther Reynolds passed

away on October 5th, 2023. She was a skilled wire wrap artist, as well as an active field trip participant. She had the magic touch when collecting, often finding great things where no one else had ventured. To show how motivated Esther was, she had recently gone on the Searchers' 3-week 2800-mile long-range trip. She was always a pleasure to rockhound with and will be sorely missed.



Presentation:

The Diversity of American Gems: Western States, presented by Renee Newman. A summary follows about the gems found across the western states.

In Southern California a number of pegmatite minerals are found including: blue cap tourmalines, kunzite, morganite, aquamarine and lepidolite. Northern California is noted for the state's gem, benitoite. Also found are abalone and scallop pearls, californite (also called Happy Camp jade) and nephrite jade from Big Sur.

Arizona is noted for its copper. Turquoise, azurite, malachite, chrysocolla and gem silica. Also found is ant-hill garnet, amethyst, peridot and fire agate. New Mexico is famous for Kelly blue smithsonite.

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"

Searchers Field Trips

Preliminary Searchers 2023-2024 Field Trip Schedule			
Date	Location	Leader	Notes
10/18 to 10/23/2023	Arizona	Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society	fee to dig tailings 6 mines lizbrackensmith@gmail.com
11/10-11/12 2023	Arizona	Caleb Guyer	Rowley Mine and nearby amethyst
12/16-12/17 2023	Mojave	Rick Webber	Top Notch area near Afton Canyon
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			

The 2023 December 16-17 Searchers Field Trip will be to the Top Notch area south of Afton Canyon. It is in the Mojave Trails National Monument, with dispersed camping at the North Cady Campground. Doug Flaug has generously shared his detailed Google Drive Top Notch Map with the Searchers. Materials to be found: fluorite, jasper and geodes. Rich Webber is the trip leader: richwebb3245@att.com.



Upcoming Fields Trips

November Field Trip



The November field trip will be the weekend of November 11-12 to two pay-to-dig sites in Arizona; the Rowley Mine and the Prism/ Blue Cube mine. We will be hounding for many lapidary and mineral specimens including chrysocolla from thin skin to 70# blocks, wulfenite, mimetite, galena, diabolite and lots of barite in dumps from Rowley and abundant purple/blue/green fluorite, barite, and amethyst in float and seams from the other mine.

Field trip leader: Caleb Guyer in Silver Subaru

To sign up contact at Caleb.guyer@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and group size.

Rowley mine Saturday: \$30 per person

We will meet at 7:45am at exit 102 (Painted Rock Road) off interstate 8 in Arizona

We will leave for the mine at 8:30am sharp

Prism/ Blue Cube mine Sunday: \$20 per person

We will meet at 8:30am at exit 81(Salome Road) off interstate 10 in Arizona

We will leave for the mine at 9:15am sharp

Places to stay

There are multiple hotels available in Gila,Az

There is dry camping at the Painted Rock Petroglyph Site

Hookup sites at the SONORAN DESERT RV PARK



Photos are Rowley mine material.

What to bring:

Cash to pay the mine owners each day

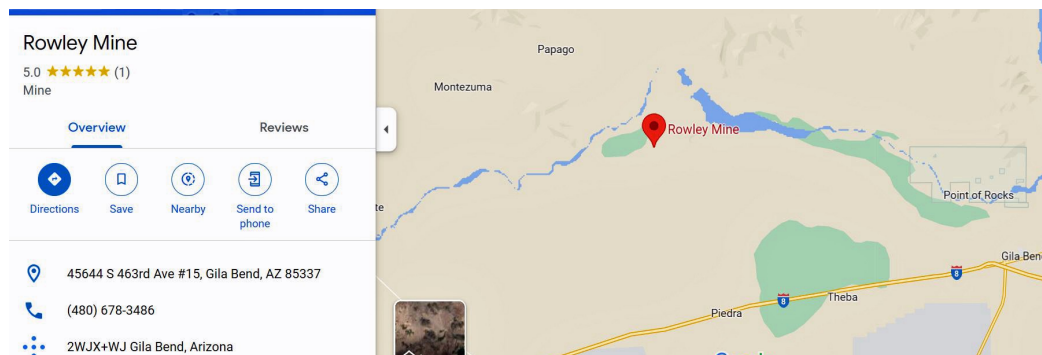
Hand trowel, spray bottle with water, rock pick, rock hammer, safety glasses, work gloves, hat, water, snacks, sun block, sun umbrella, extra bags for rocks, and whatever will help you have a comfortable stay.

For Saturday buckets, shovels, picks, rakes, spray bottle

For Sunday minimum of a 3# sledge. Preferably bigger bars, an even heavier sledge and/or chipping hammers

For any questions or need more info feel free to email me.

No 4x4 required you can drive up to both sites



For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber

Castle Butte Field Trip Report October 2023

For an alternate to the “Five Mines in Five Days” trip in Nevada we offered a short local trip to the Castle Butte/Boron Area and it was anything but Boron! 10 Searchers and 4 guests traveled out for a couple of days of fun in the sun. There were 4 camping couples and 4 more individuals staying in local hotels. As a surprise we had a visitor from the Conejo Valley Club and his son for a day trip. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there was plenty of collecting going on.



Long-time Searchers Doug and Inez led the trek out to the eastern side of Castle Butte on Saturday morning to a place they called “The Candy Store” to collect nice specimens of multi-colored jasper and agates in fist-sized and larger samples. Juan, our new friend from the Conejo Valley club, picked up a nice large piece of blood red jasper with fingers of a white quartz or agate intermixed, see the photo. The only complaint was from Dave Nelson who said he didn’t have enough room in his car! Moving further east in the afternoon, Doug led us to a place for flame agate and jasper. While some small pieces of flame agate were found there were lots of colorful jasp-agate and jasper specimens as well.

Several folks left for home late Saturday and missed the potluck dinner and campfire. On Sunday we went east again looking for special locations, and while the scenery was beautiful, the collecting was similar to Saturday’s. The wind finally showed up in the afternoon and we called it a day, ending without a campfire.



Show News November, 2023

It's time to actively start preparing for our annual show, held the last weekend in **April, April 27 & 28, 2024**. There are many ways to help. Plan on selling your items at the Searchers Sale Table, either keeping 85% and donating 15% to the club, or donating more. This includes not only rock-related creative endeavors, but also slabs, rough and other items.



We are strategizing new ways to display our wares. We would love it if you would like to help. On field trips I regularly pick up small pieces that can either be tumbled or used as-is in grab bags. We also plan to offer \$5 grab bags this year, so we are in need of nicer materials to pop into those bags. We also welcome any prize ideas. Sometimes it takes a village to make something this great.

We need volunteers to lead set-up in each of our 3 show areas: the main room, the patio, and the silent auction. Three people would be best. This means verifying that our set up of tables matches the set up on the layouts. Since our plan is reviewed and approved by the Anaheim Fire Department, our layout needs to be accurate so it can be safe.

Searchers always need donations of quality materials for the Silent Auction. This is our main source of show income for our 501c3 organization. When our organization is run by volunteers every person can make a big difference. Our show committee is filled with hard-working, phenomenally talented people who would welcome your help. You will make lifetime friends with fantastic rockhounds.

Keep on rocking,
Margaret Hogarth

For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber

Searchers doing what Rockhounds do Best– Searching for rocks at a Sale at the Nevada Mineral and Book



Upcoming Special Rock sale in November

The rock sale that I have talked up previously will take place on Sat Nov 4th from 8 AM to noon. The sale is located at 14111 Brenan Way, Santa Ana CA 92705. As I said before it seems to be all quality material and we will set very fair prices. I quickly snapped some photos of some of the material the other day, and have attached them in a Word doc. The photos don't do justice to the material, try looking at the names on the jars of slabs (ignore the spelling).

Anyhow, I believe you will find this to be a very good sale, I look forward to seeing you all there. No early birds please, we won't let you in early. Also, this is a friendly sale, so if you find a pile of one type of material that you think is wonderful the kind thing to do is to just take a couple of pieces and leave some for other people. If at the end of the sale there is some of that wonderful material left by all means then take it all.

Although this is a Searcher-friendly sale, all proceeds go to the family.

There are still a few pieces of equipment left from the same lot, details are below. If you are interested in any of the equipment let me know. All equipment is working, we can double-check when you pick it up, but is also sold "as is". This is the last time I will send you info about this equipment, I promise not to fill your inbox with spam. I really do this as a public service to the Rockhound community.

Regards,

Steve Duncan

6" flat lap with many laps-\$100

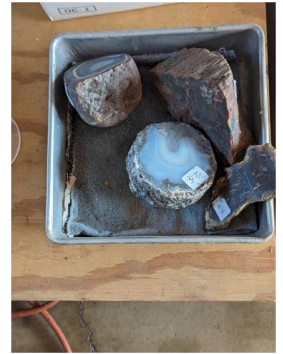
8" flat lap with a few laps-\$80

4 wheel 4" grinder \$160

3 wheel plus polishing pad 6" grinder \$200

Coarse grinding wheel \$40

16" saw \$900 (new lower price)



4" grinder/polisher



6" grinder/polisher



8" flat lap



6" flat lap



Grinding wheel



16" saw



Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2023

November 3, 4 & 5, 2023 – Eureka, CA

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society 68th Annual Show
3750 Harris St., Eureka, CA 95503
Hours: Friday 9 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Live Demonstrations, Games for the kids, Geode Cutting, Vendors with Gemstones, Rocks, Lapidary Tools & Equipment, Fossils and Jewelry

November 4, 2023 – Lake Elsinore, CA

Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
Rock and Craft Show
Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com

November 4-5, 2023 – Concord, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521
New vendors, additional family activities, along with our entry door prizes, free rock give away to kids, rock painting and many other things to do!
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: mike@diablorocks.com
Website: [Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society | Facebook](#)

November 4-5, 2023, Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral 67th Gem & Mineral Show. Located in Ridgecrest, CA. Vendors selling gems, minerals, rocks, jewelry and other rock

related items for sale. Field trip on Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 AM (dependig on road conditions). Free Admission and Free Parking.

Vendor spaces available: Contact John De Rosa (760) 375-7905
Contact: (760) 375-7905, iwgmjfrocks@gmail.com

November 19 – 20, 2023 – Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
El Cajon Valley Rock and Gem Round Up! Family Friendly! Free Admission!
12584 Maplevue St., Lakeside CA 92040
Hours: Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (619) 277-4981, ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://ecvgms.org>

December 2-3, 2023 – Barstow, CA

Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society
Cora Harper Community/Fitness Center
841 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm
Contact: John Printz (760) 979-6138, MDGMSsecretary@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.mdgms.net>

2024

January 20-21, 2024 – Exeter, CA

Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 324 North Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA 93221
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
2024 Gemboree
Contact: Gayle Bingaman, Show Chairperson, (559) 802-6029, bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 17-18, 2024 – Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-5PM
Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies, Auctions,

Grab Bags, Exhibits and hands on projects for kids. Admission \$6.00, Children 12 & under, scouts in uniform and Active Military Free. \$1.00 off admission with show flyer.

Contact: (510) 693-9075, kelly-plumb900@yahoo.com
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 24-25, 2024 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94589
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Show: We host vendors offering gems, geodes, fossils, raw rocks and minerals, carved stone animals, beads, findings and minerals from around the globe. The Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society invites you to discover lapidary and related crafts through our educational displays and live demonstrations. There is something for everyone, for crafters, jewelry lovers and science enthusiasts. We have a silent auction, geode cuttings, drawings for beautiful hand-crafted pieces and games of chance and discovery for kids!
Contact: (415) 254-1506, dduhonvgms@gmail.com
Website: <https://vjgems.co>

November Birthstone Topaz & Citrine



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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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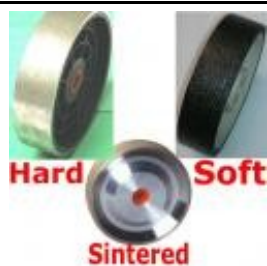
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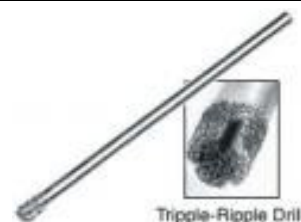
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