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The Rock Slab News

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The Searchers next meeting:
November 12th 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Greetings Searchers,

Pie Night and Elections on Tuesday, November 12

To get ready for the November meeting, please watch for the list of board candidates in an email, and plan what kind of pie to bring on the 12th. You can nominate someone at the meeting, if you like.

At that meeting, club members give the **out-going board members a "thank you"** for their year of service. The Golden Bear Service pins are given out. Candidates for board seats are announced, and the election is held. The new board members are sworn-in, and the new leadership starts. (THEN the pie is served.)

Fall temperatures make it cooler in the garage and yard. Would you consider organizing your rock material, and **donating your unused equipment or good quality rough to the club**? That would make room for new items in your garage and yard. Walt Smale brought in a combo grinder/saw for the 2025 Silent Auction. Would you consider going to Let's Store It at 850 N. Brookhurst in Anaheim and unload your donations for the 2025 Show? When is a good time?

Photos: Meet Jasper (rock on the left), created to give a rock's view of the club activities. He met a ghost at Workshop on Oct. 20.

From the Oct. 5 and 6 Field trip, Kokoweef cut at Workshop, and the Smale combo unit.



Welcome new members: **Alicia Ojeda, Christian, Nafisa Aly and Crystal Riner, Roger and Stacy Reno, Jason Sarrow and Pallavi Pawar.**

Robin Larzelere, President



Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **November 5th at 6:30 P.M.**

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

Board Meeting Agenda, Sept. 3 2024 In-person meeting start 6:38 p.m.

Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Sue Gevedon, Gwen Sharp, Nancy Bird, Margaret Hogarth

Absent: Rick Webber, Regina Tula, Caleb Guyer

1. Consent Calendar:

A. August 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. August 13, 2024 General Meeting Minutes.

Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:

A. 2025 Show Policies- **Goals for 2025 Show:** (besides what was stated at the Aug. 13 General Meeting)

Make money in order to support the club's mission.

Discussion:

Margaret will simplify the first page of the Show Vendor contract to show all signatures and initials that Brookhurst Center policy has been read. She will send out to Show Committee by email to review changes. (Table prices were discussed.)

Vendor can send copy by photo, text, email.

Wait List issues: 48 hours allowed for an answer up to 14 days before Show

Wait List issues: 24 hours allowed for an answer from 5 vendors at a time from day 13 to the day before the Show.

Vendors could be asked to donate an item worth \$50. Nancy suggested \$30.

Margaret stated that a safe place is need to display the items, lockable. Board members to ask around to see if one can be borrowed.

Donation needs to be written into the contract.

Suggestion: contact vendors in November and in May and ask for a confirmation that they still want to be on the waitlist.

Membership posters at the Show to answer questions. Could be QR code.

Kids Area: Look at new layout for Patio, perhaps removing a table on east side, to make a Kids Area.

Increase advertising. Robin to contact Hally C. and Yuval D. to get info on social media presence.

Show Policy: If non-profits are selling items, then they pay for their table. The board has discretion to allow other arrangements. Unanimously approved.

B. Review Income and Expense Statement. Sue suggested laddering the CD's, buying another in 3 months.

New Business:

Move money from checking account into a new CD account at Citibank.

Unanimously approved.

Vote on Scholarship amount \$1,500 for Cal State Fullerton. Unanimously approved.

Increase in zoom cost for 2025: \$160 (\$10 more than than 2024)

Searcher Presenters and News

November Speaker: No speaker

November 12th, 2024, Meeting: Election and Pie Night

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.



Doug's Geology Journal

Doug Prose has a series of six fantastic episodes explaining geology in several areas of the world. You can catch it on SoCal PBS <https://www.pbs.org/show/dougs-geology-journal/>, especially if you are a member and have access to Passport. The other options are through Amazon Prime and Apple TV <https://dougsgeology.com/>. Not only is the scenery gorgeous, the information is presented in a very understandable way. Enjoy!



Slab donations for the General Meeting Raffle are needed. Please bring them in November and December - January needs Slabs.

Board Meeting (con.)

Reports: • **President** – Robin Larzelere

1. WIX vendor pages for online sign up for 2025 Show. Progress report.
2. Jenny Rohl rohl@earthlink.net Christian Corbo corbo511@gmail.com, and Vince Marasco ve-marasco@gmail.com have volunteered for the Nominating Committee for recruiting board member nominees.

• **Treasurer** report Jamie Cassidy-Curtis

- 1. August Treasurer's Report.
- 2. Directors' and Officers' liability insurance Jamie provided McDaniel paper copies for Robin to fill out and send in.
- 3. Club general liability insurance Jamie provided McDaniel paper copies for Robin to fill out and send in.
- 4. City of Anaheim exemption from Business License tax due October 7th mail form to city, \$35 fee, proof of non-profit corporation status. Jamie will complete.

• **1st VP – Programs** – Gwen Sharp Walt Lombardo California Gems for September, Renee to return for October.

2nd VP – Field Trips: Rick Webber –Sept. 28 is informal outing to Whitewater with Bill and Margaret Hogarth. Oct. 5 and 6: Mohawk Mine near Copperworld BLM website and verifying claims before a field trip Robin gave information about BLM website. Rick needs a volunteer to help with computer work.

• **Show Report: Margaret Hogarth** Would like to see more cases at Show. Wheel of Fortune needs new volunteer. John O'Conner is not returning in 2025. **Workshop Report:** no report given

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Searchers Field Trips

Searchers 2024 -2025 Field Trip Schedule			
www.searchersrocks.org Field Trip tab for detailed information closer to field trip date			
Date	Location	Leader	Notes
Nov. 29-30, 2024	North Cady's	Rick Webber	Rex Nishimura nearby in Afton Canyon, CA
Dec.			
January 15-20, 2025	Pow Wow Quartzite	Rick Webber	Quartzite, Az. Jan. 15th, 19th local trips with Alva Richardson (Alvarite) confirmed
February , 2025	South Cadys	Rick Webber	
March 7,8,9 2025	Burro Creek	Rick Webber, Alva Richardson guide	Arizona confirmed
April	American Girl Mine, Tomb Co Ghost Town, wulfennite	Rick Webber	Yuma, Az.
May/June	Crystal Cave Mine	Rick Webber, Steve Bischoff guide	Clark Mountain, CA higher elevation
May/June	Lavic Siding	Bill and Margaret Hogarth	Mojave desert

Field Trip: North Cady's area of Baxter Wash & Afton Canyon. 11 29th– 30th

Rex is doing Baxter Wash with his club, we will be camped nearby. Post Thanksgiving, starting Friday at noon, he will go out, don't know where yet, for those that arrive in time for that.

Directions to our post Thanksgiving North Cady's/Baxter Wash area are as follows: 15 fwy north, past Barstow, Basin road off ramp, right hand turn onto dirt road, follow to first Y. Right turn would lead a short distance to where we camped last time at the base of a small mountain. Instead, turn left there and head where it curves slightly to the right until you come to the Union Pacific Railroad Crossing. These coordinates are N35° 02' 34.32" W116° 18'09.82"

I will be there at 9am, from there, I will leave signs as to where the camp will be for Friday and Saturday nights, approximately 15 minutes up that road. The way will be marked so you can find us. I will have to determine a good site for all of us to be able to drive into, some of us don't have 4wd, etc. **Generally, 9am is when daily travels, out back, will start.**

Remember, I have a cell no. 714 585 5606, text first, and I will help you if you have any questions. I don't know how far in the cell signal goes, last time, higher spots were good, so in and out'

E-mail: Richwebb32455@att.net less reliable cuz I don't check it as often as I maybe should cuz of all the junk that gets delivered, well you know. Thank You very much. Rick Webber

Pow Wow Quartzsite, Jan 15th--19th, Wed thru Sunday, two field trips a day. Quartzsite Roadrunner Gem & Mineral Club, I will get more information from them when they open shop Nov. 4th.

I will be camping out there and let me know if you will join us so we can stay together , if you like.

There are open spots to help lead or suggest a destination, please don't be shy, let's start planning.

Field Trip Report Copper World Oct. 5th to 6th 2024

Our Clark Mountains/Cima road field trip really started for a few campers who arrived Friday, October 4th. It was warm yet breezy as we were able to visit the 'Valley Wells' area nearby. A large area of 'black slag' is piled up as the furnaces separated the mined material. There is visible green and blue mineral specks everywhere. Nearby underground dwellings and numerous concrete slabs gave evidence of a small community of hardy miners who worked to complete the tasks laid before them. They eventually had a post office stop and a rail spike to move their product to the San Francisco ports. We also ventured up (north) the utility road between CuWorld and the Mohawk mines. Hour and a half and the open mines (east side, 4-5) along the hills became visible and ALOT of slag outside the mines, crazy. On the west side (left) and up into the Clark mountains, where extensive mining between 1850 and 1960 created a lot of slag draped over the steep slopes, hundreds of feet of adits (as I have read and youtube).

Back to camp to prepare for our Saturday morning field trip.

Saturday morning, we had five more arrivals, a total of 12 bloody rockhounds (I think). A quick jog to the Valley Wells area. Then up the utility road between CuWorld and Mohawk mining areas. Steady climb in elevation and soon the open horizontal mines (east side-right) are visible. Finding access over to these areas was not easy. There are some claims here and there are unwelcome signs discouraging visitors of going further. We walked in the last 100 yards or so to the slag area for an inspection. Not much there and the mines look extremely dangerous. Back to the dirt road and the trail that leads to the CuWorld and the sign that says 'Preserve Boundary'. Extreme abundance of slag visible on the (SW) side of the Clark Mountain, but rock hounding is prohibited in the Preserve. Yet the stream beds are fairly abundant in visible copper minerals.

Saturday night pot luck and fire pit never a disappointment. It's always fun to collect cool rocks and minerals, but then hanging out and sharing stories with a full sky of stars and meeting old and new friends is definitely a gem in its own right, what a life.

Sunday morning travel 5 miles (so. on 15) to Bailey Road to Zinc Mine road. Then 5 miles on dirt to Kokoweef Caverns. This was Piute country, Kokoweef meaning 'Hollow Mtn.'). WE were greeted warmly by Steve, our guide who gave us a tour and shared his knowledge of past and current events. Indiana Jones, oh yes, alive and well, and some. Google Kokoweef and get some salacious stories and your mind can wander, fact or fiction (?)

The only thing left is more questions. After the presentation, we were given a ride up the steep mountain in the Kubota to the opening of KKWF Caverns. a 100 foot shaft (horizontal) opens up into a maybe 200 foot high Cavern, a metal bridge spans the opening, maybe 100 foot wide. There is daylight at the top. There is a display of bones collected in a San Bdn museum, the unlucky ones that fell through the opening, dating back a long ways. The 'muck pile' is outside the opening with lots of material that can be collected for \$25 a bucket. Bob chose a 100# size rock for Jimmy who was sick this weekend. Bob wanted to stay and help find the 'Lost River of Gold but Debbie put the rock down and said NO, wow and all those gold nuggets in the black sand river down about 3200 feet. The river that flows from Canada to the Baja. This place begs for another visit, there is Kokoweef, Crystal Caverns (Zinc mine), Kin Sabe and dinosaur tracks as you travel around the Kokoweef mtn., abundant mine openings along the road. Fun day and good material (when cut and polished. This area begs for another visit in May (elev 5200') after snow is cleared. Temps were in upper 90's, not so bad driving around in AC vehicles. It is the journey and it's also about the rocks, ahah.

Thank You for listening and Happy Trails ahead. Kin Sabe to you and enjoy, always.
Rick Webber

Photos on Page 6

For field trip
information
contact:
Rick Webber

Photos from Copper World Trip



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"

December 12-10-2022

Searcher's Holiday Party

This will be a potluck party with the club providing

Turkey and Ham at the

Anaheim Community Center



Categories are:

Main Dish

Side dishes (suggested potatoes, yams, mac and cheese, stuffing etc.)

Other dishes (suggested green salad, broccoli salad, fruit salad, bean salad, rolls etc.)

Deserts



Show News November 2024

I've been busy tumbling small Wiley's Well nodules, and cleaning some donated amethyst crystals in acid for our \$5 bags. The small nodules are also used for goodie bags and grab bags depending on their beauty. We've had some volunteers cutting geodes/nodules 90% for the show. Thank you so much! I have more nodules/geodes to cut to 90%, so be sure to seek me out at meetings if you would like to help with this project. Since we have different kinds of nodules/geodes, the various kinds will need to be labelled and priced accordingly. A nodule or geode can be a gamble!

As you go out in the field, go to estate sales, garage sales, etc., keep an eye out for items that we can use as prizes. Small toys are great for Wheel of Fortune prizes. Rock-related books for all ages make good prizes, too. Painted rocks were immensely popular as prizes last year. We can use all that you can make! We went out with the Mineralogical Society of Southern California to some mine tailings by Acton, and I concentrated on picking up small pieces of chrysocholla for grab bags. Kids sure like a little bit of color! Be sure to share any ideas you have for prizes!

Miss Anaheim Beautiful Scholarship Program Pageant, October 13, 2024

I was proud to represent Searchers at the Miss Anaheim Beautiful Scholarship Program Pageant on October 13, 2024. There, six young women competed to be Teen Ambassadors for Miss Anaheim Beautiful. The t-shirt display was so enjoyable. The young women decorated t-shirts to show what Anaheim means to each and they described their creations. Five young women competed to be Miss Anaheim Beautiful and her court. This competition was held in fancy dress. These young women are so poised; they are focused on personal growth and development, being leaders in the community, promoting Anaheim, and representing Anaheim throughout the year at various events and celebrations. Miss Anaheim Beautiful participants have been an integral part of the Searcher's show for several years now. Not only are they a big help, our show is one of their favorite events during the year.



Help Needed

Geode cutting was very popular at our show. We have been gathering donated or purchased geodes/nodules for the 2025 show. We need volunteers to cut the geodes to 90%. It is best to use a blade at least the thickness of 0.05 inches. You may use the workshop equipment to do these cuts! If you would like to help, please let Margaret know. You will be given a bag of 10 or 20 (for smaller geodes) geodes/nodules. We have plenty of time to make these. At the show, the remaining 10% is cut on a trim saw. Remember, helping the show is helping the club! hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045. Thank you, Margaret

Upcoming 2024 CFMS Gem Shows

2024

November- 2-3, 2024 – Concord, CA
Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road,
Concord, CA 94521

Hours: Saturday 10PM – 5 AM, Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM

Join us for our Annual Mineral & Gem
Show! 13 & Over \$10. 12 & Under FREE.
Youth Org in Uniform FREE. Vendors,
Holiday Shopping, Minerals, Gems, Fos-
sils, Meteorites, Jewelry, Beads, Slabs,
Displays, Fluorescent Tent, Demonstra-
tions, Family Activities, Games, Rock
Painting, Door Prizes, Silent Auction,
Raffle, plus so much more...FREE SUN-
DAY ADMISSION WITH PAID SATUR-
DAY! And lots of FREE PARKING!

Contact: show@ccmgclub.com
Website: [http://www.ccmgclub.com/
show](http://www.ccmgclub.com/show)

November 2-3, 2024 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600
Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM

Admission & Parking: Free (Service Ani-
mals Only)

San Diego's finest gem and mineral show
located in the beautiful Point Loma
neighborhood of San Diego, 1/2 block
north of N. Harbor Dr. and the San Diego
Bay.. Featuring 20+ Dealers, Demonstra-
tions and Exhibits with Minerals, Gem,
Fossils, Crystals, Jewelry, Lapidary,
Slabs, Rough, Rock & Gem I.D., Books,
Door Prizes, Kids' Zone, and much more.
Contact: LuAnn Benton, ben-
ton.luannz@gmail.com

Driving Directions: <https://bit.ly/libcmap>
Website: <https://bit.ly/gemdiego2024>

November 2-3, 2024 – Ridgecrest, CA
Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society
Indian Wells Valley 68th Annual Gem and
Mineral Show
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond
Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM Both Days
Field trip to Rainbow Ledge Agate Claim on
Sunday November 3rd at 10 AM
Contact for additional information or vendor
space: Miguel Gonzales (760) 382-2967 or
miglogonzal@hotmail.com

2025- Shows

January 18-19, 2025 – Exeter, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, 246
Chestnut St., Exeter, CA 93211
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10
AM – 4 PM
Tule Gem & Mineral Society Gemboree
Contact: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: <http://www.tulegem.com>

February 15-16, 2025 – Antioch, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West
10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10
AM – 4 PM
Antioch Lapidary Club Jewelry, Gem & Rock
Show. Admission \$7, Admission is Cash Only.
All vendors take credit/debit cards.
Website: <http://antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 22-23, 2025 – Vallejo, CA
Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds McCormack Hall,
900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
59th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
Contact: (415) 254-1506
Website: <http://vjgems.com>

March 1-2, 2025 – Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W.
Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA 93003
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun-
day 10 AM – 4 PM
62nd Annual VGMS Gem, Mineral,
Fossil & Jewelry Show. Kids' activities;
jewelry-making demos; exhibits; raffle
prizes, hourly silent auctions; dealers in
fossils, mineral, lapidary materials;
gold panning, Second-Hand Treasures
Store of gently used items, books, and
plants.

Free admission but the Fairgrounds
charges parking if using the Fair-
grounds lot.

Contact: (805) 312-8467,
info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 7-9, 2024 – Stoddard Wells, CA

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
1-15 toward Barstow. EXIT #157, stay
on Stoddard Wells Road. Follow the
signs 7 miles to tailgate
Hours: Daily 9 M – 5 PM
49th Annual Show; Victor Valley Gem
and Mineral Club, Annual Stoddard
Wells Tailgate; Friday-Sunday 95p;
Free to vendors and public; Vendors
offering slabs and cabs, findings and
equipment, minerals and fossils, rough
material, handcrafted and faceted jew-
elry. Family field trip on Saturday 9a-1p
at local collecting site.

Contact: Dave Duncan (831) 406-0214,
president@vvgmc.org
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

April 12-13, 2025 – Placerville, CA
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem
Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placer-
ville, CA
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5
PM
Contact: (530) 676-2472
Website: <http://edcmgs.org>

November Birthstone – Topaz and Citrine



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

[www.cfms
inc.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



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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