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The Searchers next meeting:

Sept. 12th, 2023 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

The **August General Meeting** was well stocked with slabs, rough, and equipment all changing hands. The hardy, rolling bookshelf was auctioned off and will go to Barnhouse Lapidary. **The Searchers library books** are available to check out in the Storage Room of the Workshop, during workshop hours. Thank you to **Steve Duncan** for inviting members to another August sale with good-quality used equipment. **Thank you to all the members who participated in these events.**

The club voted to purchase the Lortone 18 inch lapidary saw from Dale Palas. Jesse Garza volunteered to clean up the 10 inch saw that was donated by Brad Gibson. Because storage is almost full, please watch for announcements about sales of equipment and rough before the end of the year.

Searchers Special Notice: A Rockhound Bingo Game and a Rockhound Pong Game need to be "beta tested" with you! Are these games worthy of our **Show in April 2024**? When the doors open for the September 12 General Meeting, one of these games will be played until 6:55 p.m. With Prizes! Come early to play.

Robin Larzelere, President

See page 7 for picnic photo



Jheya M. and Rick W. with cabs



Daniel F. with Daniel and Mary



Steve B. sale tray

Searchers Club Meetings

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

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

Minutes - Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 5, 2023

August 1, 2023 Meeting In person, Downtown Anaheim Community Center

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

A July 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, June 13 General Membership Meeting minutes, approved as written

Policy for email list. 50 at a time, 10 minutes in between.

Great Western 24-inch saw repaired by Virgil Talbott, will continue to work on it.

Searchers business card. Move logo and code to bottom and name and address to top. Increase margins on back side and reduce font size to still fit.

Sell the library case and put the books on the shelf to make more room in storage area at workshop. Approved by board.

Paper vote approved as a trial for next month's vote on the purchase of the saw. Approved by board.

Thank you to Bill Hogarth for running July 11 meeting.

Tables reserved for upcoming general meeting.

August, Show, Tell, Buy, Sell.

2nd VP – Field Trips: Bill Hogarth Long range trip begins August 12.

CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird, went to Lodi for CFMS meeting. Show was not a success due to poor attendance.

Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth, will have \$5 grab bags this year.

Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer: Progress on new saw installations ongoing.

Minutes – General Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 2023

1. Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:00 PM by Robin Larzelere
2. Show, Sell Tell: large number of people were buying and selling at the event. Selling were: Regina and Danniell Tula, Sue Gevedon, Melissa Meaux, Jim Thorp, Searchers show people, Jenny Rohl, Paul Malone, Jhenya and Caleb Guyer and Jesse Bernard and the Garza's.
3. Walt Parking Lot Sale: Robing asked for people to show whether they would come to a parking lot sale at Walt's shop on a Sunday highlight rough and slabs. 13 raised their hands as interested.
4. Saw Vote: The members present voted by paper ballot 30-0 to purchase the 18-inch Lortone saw. We will decide at a later date what to do with it.
5. Field Trips: Long range trip schedule announced via email. Working on trips for this fall. Starts August 12. Let Steve Duncan know if you are going.
6. Picnic: August 13 at Yorba Regional Park at 11 AM. Sign-up sheet available
7. Bins of rocks for sale: 10 bins of rocks from the workshop were auctioned off at the sale.
8. Auctions: The bookcase and a flat lap and grits were auctioned off at the meeting.
9. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Searcher Presenters and News

September Speaker: Richard Edley



Topic: Searching for and Discovering Gemstones in Southern California

Richard's presentation will explore searching for and discovering gemstones in Southern California. Topics that will be discussed are filing claims, mining gemstones, and jewelry making. He will be available to answer any questions during and after the presentation.

Bio: Richard Edley and his son Bruce have been prospecting and mining gemstones for twenty years. They own two federal mining claims in Barstow, California. The Beautiful Paige mine produces turquoise and azure malachite. They also discovered a deposit of emeralds in the Julian Mining District in Southern California. Articles about this discovery were printed in the Gems and Gemology Journal published by the Gemological Institute of America, Winter 2020 issue. Another article can be found in the Gold Prospectors Magazine, May/June 2022 issue.



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

Now, information regarding future field trips, etc.

October is still muy caliente for deserts and most areas we love to visit, so Caleb suggested the possibility of Avila Beach. There is always San Diego county, an area I am dying to explore, the 'Pegmatite zone'. I do have some good connections now, and Walt might be able to talk with some mine owners, etc

If someone wants to suggest another site and help set it up, please do, I will be busy most of the month, but am always here to help in any way I can.

November is the Rowley mine, a private site that Caleb has connected, with another site he is exploring to do in that trip.

December is a trip to North Cady's, Lavendula at Jeremy's 'Top Notch Claim' and we will establish another site to visit while we are there.

Thank You, and lets enjoy Happy Hunting, when it cools down.

Rick Webber 714 5855606 e-mail Richwebb3245@att.net



November Field Trip

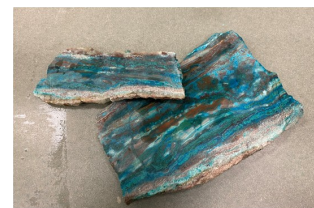
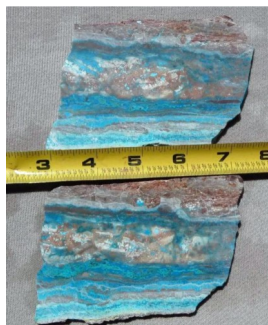
The November field trip will be the weekend of November 11-12 to two pay-to-dig sites in Arizona; the Rowley Mine and the Prism/ Blue Cube mine. We will be hounding for many lapidary and mineral specimens including chrysocolla from thin skin to 70# blocks, wulfenite, mimetite, galena, diabloite and lots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

There are dry campsites at both locations as well as hotel rooms in and near Gila Bend, AZ. Also a state park with hookups near Gila.

No 4x4 required you can drive up to both sites

Email Caleb.guyer@gmail.com to RSVP and any questions

Look for more information in the October slab



Photos are Rowley mine material.
Finished cabs are John Klima's work.

Rocking Information

How to identify a rock? Do you use a book or a website?

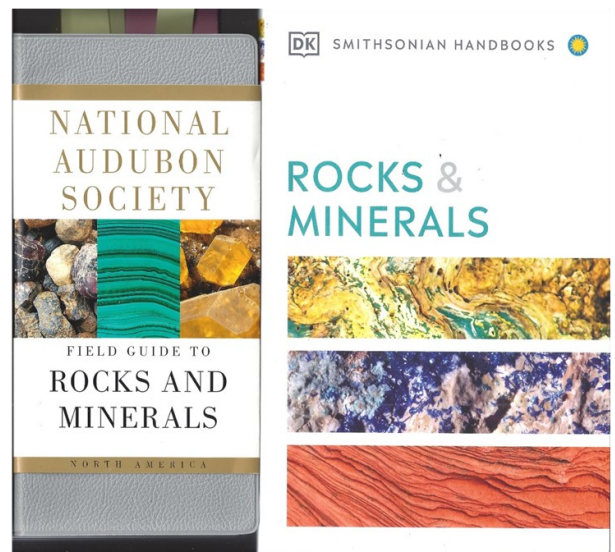
The National Audubon Society Field Guide has a “Visual Key to Rocks” (page 675 in the paperback version). If you have a “mystery” specimen, you visually identify its color and texture, then use the Visual Key’s list of characteristics that match your specimen.

Once those characteristics are selected, you are directed to a group of rock photos with those characteristics. Your specimen usually looks like one of the rock photos, and you have discovered what you have.

For a deeper understanding:

“Rocks and Minerals”, a Smithsonian handbook, has rock photos that are hand-sized (as if the rock were in your palm). Colorful and brief descriptions of the native elements, halides, sulfides, oxides and hydroxides, carbonates, sulfates and phosphates. Then, a Rock Identification Key (page 40 in the paperback version).

Which is easier to use? A book or a website? Contact the [anaheimsearchers@gmail](mailto:anaheimsearchers@gmail.com) and let us know.



Clear Creek Update

Clear Creek is still closed beyond the campgrounds. There's been no change since March.

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/clear-creek>

For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber

Club Updates and Information

Volunteer opportunities to help the Searchers

At General Meetings:

Volunteer to at 6:30 pm give out door prize tickets

Volunteer to take money for raffle and give out tickets, ask attendees to sign in

Volunteer at 6:45pm to do the zoom on your smart phone

Volunteer to take payments with the Square tablet

Bring a snack

Make coffee

Bring in the library

Square and ATT Hot spot (one hour a month, several hours for the 2024 Show):

1) For the 2024 Show: Update and charge: two Samsung tablets (no password needed), the ATT hotspot, and three Square devices. There is a bag with the items, you can take home to do the work, and bring to club events that need Square. Be at the 2024 Show on Saturday and Sunday morning to make sure the tablets are working, and volunteers can take a credit card to make a charge. Update the Eset virus software on the tablets.

2) Log into the Square account and make any changes to the categories for the 2024 Show.

3) Keep one tablet and one device charged for each regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (not December). Make sure the Treasurer has the equipment ready to take payments.

Searchers' Website (two hours a month)

Update the Google calendar with events

Learn the easy-to-use WIX interface. Make small fixes to the web pages.

Upload photos and documents to the site's media folder.

Download the POWR membership data from that website and check the membership list to make sure it is up to date.

Please contact Robin Larzelere, anaheimsearchers@gmail.com



Fall is in the air and soon cooler weather for Rock Hunting

Show News

I was organizing the garage the other day and was surprised and embarrassed at how many rocks I found, and at how disorganized some were. Sometimes I am so diligent about labeling and dating rocks that I have found, but other times, what a mess! Worse, I can't for the life of me see what made me pick up that rock in the first place. It's time to view these incidents as opportunities. Do I need these rocks? Will I have enough time in my life to cut and polish these rocks? Rocks that have no redeeming lapidary value have found homes in neighbors' and friends' rock garden parkways or other similar places. Lapidary material can be distributed to the Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, prizes, or to the tumblers. These distributions really enrich the show. At the last show we realized that there is a market for tumbled but ordinary rocks as craft supplies. Lots of people want to make their own fairy houses or other creations. I plan to explore the potential of rocks as craft supplies for the Searchers Sale Table at the next show. You probably have good ideas for the show, too. Be sure to share them!

Please remember, we have some good ideas of show activities that can earn money for the club, supply the workshop, and sustain educational opportunities. However, our limiting factor has been having enough members to staff our club activities' tables. One person cannot run an activity table for the entire show. At the very least that Searcher needs snack, meal and bio breaks. Sometimes these tables get very busy. Interacting with show visitors is an important part of growing our club. Consider pitching in to the show and help us realize our club's earning potential.

As Bill and I prepare to go to Camp Paradise I'm really excited about the classes this year. I hope to take advantage of agate carving being taught by Bob Rush. Additionally, intarsia is being taught for the first time this year. I'm very thrilled about that. I had a lot of fun picking out slabs for various classes at camp. I'll try to take a lot of photos and record good notes so I can share.

As a non-profit organization, volunteers keep our club effective and active. Ask how you can help today!

Margaret Hogarth

Annual Searcher's Picnic at Yorba Regional Park

Attended by 13 Searchers, and 87 degrees in the shade, with a breeze.





American Opal Society proudly presents
53rd Annual OPAL, GEM & JEWELRY SHOW

October 28th & 29th, 2023

Saturday 10AM - 6PM

Sunday 10AM - 5PM

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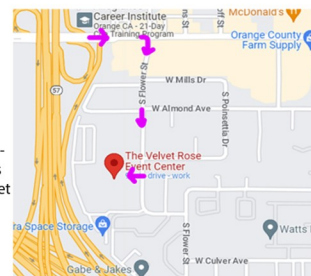
Garden Grove, CA 92842-4875

Contact: Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959

info@opalsociety.org <http://opalsociety.org>

(dealer inquiries welcome)

DIRECTIONS: exit Chapman from the 57 towards Orange. Take Flower Street and follow. Make a right into the venue just after passing Larkspur Drive. Parking lot is in the back.



**Nevada Mineral and Book
Company Lapidary Sale
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

342 S. Tustin St., Orange CA

Rough and slabs from old collections, good prices,
rare material. Sale is **behind** the store, in the **rear
parking lot**, enter the rear parking lot from
between the buildings.



GEM DIEGO SHOW

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San Diego's Finest Gem Show

October 28-29, 2023

Liberty Station Conference Center

2600 Laning Road San Diego, CA 92106

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ADMISSION!**

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SATURDAY, Oct. 28
9:30 A.M. – 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, Oct. 29
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
www.sdmq.org

Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org

September 16-17, 2023 – Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Contact: (831) 801-5887, susieharlow@gmail.com

Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA
Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an “active military” I.D. Free, FREE PARKING

Contact: 4vancan5@att.net

September 16-17, 2023 – Reno, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society
Reno/Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno

Contact: (775) 229-4420, sailondan55@aol.com

Website: www.renogms.org

September 16-17, 2023 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club

San Luis Obispo Veteran's Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Gems by the Sea Show. Admission: \$5, Children 12 and under Free. Free parking.

Contact: 2023show@slogem.org

Website: <http://slogem.org>

October 7-8, 2023 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley 95949

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

57th Annual Earth's Treasurers Show: 25+ vendors, gem and mineral exhibits, Gold panning, lapidary arts demonstrations. Kids Corner, food and ice cream trucks. Admissions – Adults \$4, Children ages 12 and under free with a paid adult, Military with an “active military” I.D. Free, FREE PARKING

Contact: 4vancan5@att.net

October 7-8, 2023 – Signal Hill, CA

Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Signal Hill Library, 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755

“Gems on the Hill” Annual Show

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

Contact: (562) 253-1390, lbmineralgemsocty@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LBMGS>

October 7-8, 2023 – Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem and Mineral Society

67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007

Hours: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM

FREE! 67th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Kids Area

Contact: sgmsrocksredding@gmail.com

Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8, 2023 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St. (show on street a& in parking lot), Fallbrook CA 92028

Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM

Rock Fallbrook! Over 40 mineral gemstone, jewelry and fossil vendors at the annual Fallbrook Festival of Gems & Minerals. Gem ID, Bargain Booth, Wheel of Fortune, kids activities, food booth, and a GIANT raffle of some gorgeous items. Free admission and free parking.

Vendor applications due August 1, 2023. Email info@fgms.org if you're interested.

Contact: (760) 728-1130, info@fgms.org

Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

October 14-15, 2023 – Redwood City, CA

Penninsula Gem and Geology Society
AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Rosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: (650) 575-3144,

cci@pacbell.net

Website: <http://sequoiaagemandmineralsociety.org>

October 21-22, 2023 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Hours: Saturday and Sunday – 10 AM – 5 PM

Annual show featuring 35 vendors, gold panning, florescent mineral display, children's activities, raffle prizes, on-going silent auction, member displays. FREE Parking

Contact: (707) 849-9551, jole-ne4srmgs@gmail.com

Website: <http://srmgs.org>

October 28-29, 2023 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center/
Point Loma Nazarene University, 2660 Lanir, San Diego, CA 92106

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

Contact: luannz@att.net

Website: <http://SDMG.org>

September Birthstone: sapphire



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.

Bulletin: Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: editor@searchersrocks.org.

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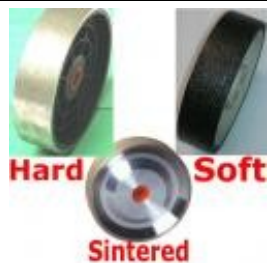
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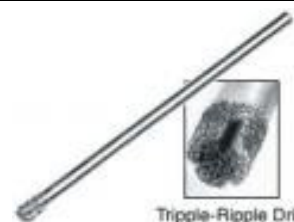
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