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The Searchers next meeting:
Jan 9th, 2024 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

Fun Holiday Party! 46 Searchers came out and brought delicious, home-made Christmas dishes. Thank you to Gwen Sharp for organizing, and donating a hand-made suncatcher for the coveted door prize.

Membership Renewal – Its that time! Dues are payable on January 1, delinquent on March 1. \$35 for individuals, and \$10 for each additional member in the household. Payment can be made with cash, check or Zelle. In December, two new members joined through Workshop.

Presentations for General Meetings, and for Workshop – When I visited the Salton Sea area in November, I was impressed by the geothermal plants. There is abundant mineralized water under the Imperial Valley, and recently, it proved to be rich in lithium. An Australian/American geothermal plant will play a role in the lithium's sustainable extraction. What does rough lithium look like? Is this topic worth a presentation at a general meeting? <https://www.cthermal.com/projects>

Workshop: If you have a skill you would like to share at Workshop, wire wrapping, saw maintenance, rock identification tricks, Quartzite visit tips, come over and visit: Thurs. 5:30 p.m. to 9, Sat. 2:30 p.m. to 7.

Annual Show – Our show is April 27, and April 28. Members are plentiful to set up and take down, but what about for the Show? Would you help spin the Wheel of Fortune for 2 hours? Demo a rock hound skill? Give breaks to others that are at the Searchers Sale table? Walk around and be security by watching tables? Work alongside Miss Anaheim? Last year, one Searchers found a \$50 dollar bill, and we started a lost and found. What would interest you enough to come for 2 hours on a Saturday?

Sincerely, Robin Larzelere, President



Welcome new members Michael Bozentka, Andrea Best, and John O'Connor

Searchers Club Meetings

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

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

MINUTES: Board Meeting, Dec. 5, 2023

Zoom Meeting Attendees, Robin Larzelere, Jaime Cassidy-Curtis, Regina Tula, Margaret Hogarth, Caleb Guyer, and Sue Gevedon.

Nov. 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, Nov. 14, 2023 General Membership Meeting minutes approved with one type error fixed.

President Report: We added a total of 22 new members to our club this year, bringing our total membership to 144 members.

The board has put a hold on Wix service for emailing until next year and will possibly resume as we get closer to the April club show. (Google gmail limits the number of emails the club can send.)

Holiday Party: We will have a Ham and possibly turkey for this year's Holiday Pot Luck Party held on December 12th at 7PM. A sign up is available by contacting Gwen Sharp at socalgeogal@yahoo.com (preferred) or (714) 672-9525 for your attendance and an item to share. There will also be a gift exchange for all who would like to participate.

Field Trip Report: Rick Webber, Bob Tanner, and Rex Nishimura went out to scout the locations for an upcoming field trip to the Pink Hills, including Angel Wings and Honey Pot. They will have some samples at the Holiday Meeting for show and tell. Top Notch has been 86'ed from the upcoming field trip on the 16th and 17th due to road hazards. If anyone would like to attempt Top Notch they should contact Jeremy Bird, who still may be going there.

Treasurer's Report: there is progress being made on obtaining the service of a bookkeeper for next year and the approval of our 2024 budget.

CFMS Report: The board is considering Walt Lombardo and Adam Woods as nominees for CFMS scholarship committee to nominate students for scholarships worth \$2000, as part of our community service to the surrounding area.

Show Chair Report: Margaret Hogarth is diligently working to create a phenomenal show this year and is seeking volunteers to assist. Grab bags, silent auction, free family activities, ect. which make the Searchers Club Show a huge success, happen when we as members can share some of our time to make it so. Please contact Margaret Hogarth hogarth.m@gmail.com or (909) 815-3045 The bragging rights of how great our show is depends on those who take pride in their time to make it a success.

Shop Report: Caleb is requesting a volunteer to assemble a dolly for an 18" saw. The board also approved a new cart for the 14" saw that has been used on a furniture stand. For safety issues the new cart is needed.

Director, Sue Gevedon made a suggestion for a show budget for future reference and show legacy.

As a gentle reminder IRA WHEELER IS ON HOSPICE; HIS WIFE IS REQUESTING MESSAGES VIA VOICE OR VIDEO TO SHARE WITH HIM. PLEASE SEND THEM TO STEVE DUNCAN.

Searcher Presenters and News

**January Speaker: Walt Wright will present,
"Petrified Wood Oddities"**



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

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.

Upcoming 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 17-22,2024	Quartzite, AZ		tentative
February 8-10,2024	Barstow area	Stoddard Wells Tailgate Show	tentative
March			
April			
May 18-19,2024	Coalinga, CA	Bill and Margaret Hogarth	Clear Creek Plasma Agate
May 24-26,2024	Ventura, CA		CFMS/AFMS Show
June 1-2,2024	Copper World, Mojave Wilderness	Rick Webber	Chrysocolla

It Is Quartzsite Time Again

Rock, Gem & Mineral Show Dates and Schedule for 2024

Hotels/Motels

There are hotels and motels in nearby (about 20 miles) **Blythe, CA** For more information and a complete list, [click here](#). (Rates, availability and reservations Online.)
For [Quartzsite Area](#)

Camping & RV Parks

There are camping and a plethora of RV accommodations in and around Quartzsite. For more information, contact:

Quartzsite Chamber & Tourism

1240 W. Main

Quartzsite, Arizona 85346

928-927-5200

<http://www.quartzsitetourism.com>

Arizona State Parks 602-542-4174

Arizona National Forests 800-280-CAMP



Shows & Events for Winter 2024

Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet

Oct 01, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Desert Gardens – Gem & Mineral

January 01, 2024 – February 28, 2024

Prospectors Panorama

January 2024

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 05- January 14, 2024- 9:00am-5:00pm

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 19 – January 28, 2024 – 9:00am-5:00pm

Sports, Vacation & RV Show (The Big Tent)

January 20st – January 28th, 2024 – 9:00am-5:00pm
(3pm closing day)

Quartzsite Gold Show

February 9th to 11th 2024 QIA building. Friday –
Saturday 9-4 pm Sunday. 9-3pm



History of Quartzsite, AZ

In 1856, settler Charles Tyson built a fort at the present site of Quartzsite to protect his water supply. Fort Tyson soon became a stopover on the Ehrenburg-to-Prescott stagecoach route, eventually becoming known as Tyson's Wells. After the stage stopped running, it became a ghost town.

A small mining boom revitalized the town and it became known as Quartzsite in 1897. It remained a mining town until 1965, when the Pow Wow Rock, Gem & Mineral Show initiated the rockhound winter migration to Quartzsite each year. These days, the population can swell to almost a million during January and February as rockhounds, jewelers and vendors, mostly in thousands of RVs, attend the eight major gem and mineral shows.

Population & Elevation

Quartzsite 3,714 people / 876 feet above sea level

Weather and Climate

Quartzsite has a classic low desert climate with extremely low relative humidity and very high summer temperatures. On the average, it receives less than 4 inches of precipitation a year. Stores, shops, restaurants, theaters and homes are air-conditioned year round in Quartzsite. June, July, August and September temperatures are in the 100 plus ranges.

For field trip
information
contact: Bill
Hogarth or Rick
Webber

Field Trip Report—December 15th, 16th 2023 Cadys

Our scheduled Field Trip to the North Cadys was a good introduction to the plentiful supplies and various mineral varieties in the 'Top Notch' area.

On Friday, Jeremy Berg offered a view of the surrounding landscape and described his search techniques for discovery of different plume and jasper (in matrix) buried under hard rock, whereby a 'calcite spear' seam was encountered on the surface. He was a valuable guide to the surrounding collection areas. We also visited the TN Fluorite mine

where green, and purple fluorite specimens were hammered out of the top of the mine (above the adit). Corey and Caleb chunked out a bucket of Fluorite pieces to share with everyone.



On Saturday AM, we used my Garmin device to identify Doug Flaugh's coordinates for charting our routes to the area of 'Jewelry Box' and 'Honey Pot', sitting side by side.

Up in the canyon and around the surrounding hills we discovered abundant chalcedony nodules and crystals, seam agates, travertine, sagenite, all of various combinations.

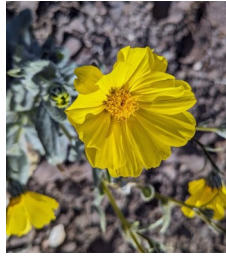
Friday and Saturday night campfire chats kept us warm and thankful as we shared stories and food. We had half a dozen for Friday night and up to almost 20 people in eight different vehicles during events for Saturday. Desert trekking can be challenging, except for the help from hardy souls, Jeremy and Ed. Sunday's trip to the 'old mining camp' of 'Bob's Cave Room' and further exploration into North Cadys will have to wait.

For future trips, I want to check out Pyramid mountain, and Candy Cane clane (Jeremy), and a site Caleb said we missed. The greatest part of the journey was the 'jewelry box' of personalities we were blessed with on our trip !!!

Happiest of All Holidays, and Happy Hunting !!! Rick Webber



For field trip
information
contact: Rick
Webber



Show News 2024

Do you realize that the Searchers' Sale Table made over \$1,000 at the 2023 show?

Not all of that went to the Searchers as some sellers donate the required 15% to the Searchers, while others donate all of the proceeds to the club. This is an area where we can grow income for the club. Imagine if every one of the 100+ paid club members donated \$20 of merchandise to the Searchers Sale table for the club? It would be over \$2,000 income for the club! We also welcome Searchers to sell items and donate 15% of their sales to the club. This is an opportunity for you to shine! The Show Committee is working hard to improve our display of items at the sales table, so that the club will be more successful.

I've put together 44 \$5 grab bags. These contain some very nice tumbled material from years of tumbling for the show.

Show Committee

All Show Committee meetings will be in the Anaheim center from 1-2:30 p.m. so that people can also participate in the workshop. These are all Saturdays. I bring cookies, you bring a beverage.

January 6, 2024

February 3, 2024

March 2, 2024

March 30, 2024

April 20, 2024

Please try to schedule field trips around these meeting dates.

Grab Bag Stuffing

March 2, 2024, 9-noon

Alternate rain date: March 16, 2024, 9-noon

Ideas? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Margaret at 909-815-3045, hogarth.m@gmail.com

Thank You to the Anaheim City Council!

Good news! We received word from the Anaheim City Council waived the Application Fee of \$20 and the Brookhurst Community Center Facility Rental Fees of \$6,484 for a total of \$6,504! This makes a significant difference in our ability to put on a show and raise operating funds and funds for our scholarship and outreach efforts.

Thank you, Anaheim City Council!

Upcoming 2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2024

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:
www.cfmsinc.org

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, bandg-bing@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 – 5 PM
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
Contact: (415) 254-1506, ddu-honvgms@gmail.com
Website: <https://vjgems.com>

March 2-3, 2024 – Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura CA
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
A SoCal tradition for 60+ years.
Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 8-10, 2024 – Victorville, CA (Stoddard Wells area)

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Tailgate. Take I-15 toward Barstow EXIT #157 stay on Stoddard Wells Road. Follow the signs 7 miles to Tailgate. GPS 34.671852347, -117-117133037
Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM daily 48th Annual Stoddard Wells Tailgate. This annual event is Free to vendors and visitors. Vendors offering slabs and cabs, findings and equipment, minerals and fossils, faceted and handcrafted jewelry, and lots of rough material. A family field trip to marble collecting site on Saturday from 9 A to 1 PM.
Contact: (760) 243-2339, president@vvgc.org
Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

March 9-10, 2024 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society of CA
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Mother Lode Mineral Society presents the 58th Annual Turlock Rock & Gem Show. Our theme this year is JADE.
Also featuring Mizzie the Velociraptor, Rocks, Minerals & Fossils, Gold Panning, Big Fluorescent Room, Touch and See Table, Kids Activities and shopping from the wonderful Vendors. Admission \$8 – 12 and under free with paid adult. Free Parking.
Contact: see web site
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

March 16-17, 2024, San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM
Free to active duty, retired military, military dependents and first responders with valid ID. Children under 12 free with adult. Adults \$8. Save \$2 when you buy on-line at <http://www.scvgms.org>. Free parking.
Contact: s(408) 265-1422, info@scvgms.org
Website: facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety or <http://www.scvgms.org>

March 16-17, 2024 – Lemoore, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA 93245
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Lemoore Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show – We have vendors from California and several other states that are selling jewelry, fossils, lapidary rough rocks, carvings, and kids activities involving rocks. An excellent show for anyone who is interested in rocks and jewelry.
Contact: https://facebook.com/events/999726084444006/999726087777339/?active_tape=about

March 23-24, 2024 – Angeles Camp, CA

Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp CA 95222
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Annual Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show: Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 FREE with paying adult. Amazing displays, vendors and demonstrations, silent auction, Fun and interesting activities for children. Treasure Hunt, Door Prizes! Food on sit. FREE PARKING. Great Fun.
Contact: (209) 736-4892, dbrooks49@att.net
Website: <http://CalaverasGemandMineral.net>

January Birthstone—Garnet



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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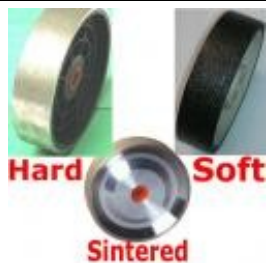
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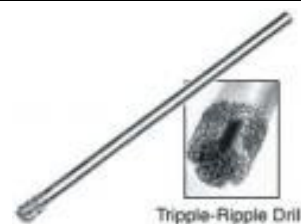
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