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- Shop Chairman: Jim Peterson—Temp.
- Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth

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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this report finds everyone healthy and doing well. Our annual meeting, officer election and another silent auction will take place on Tuesday November 9. All paid members are eligible to vote in the election. Immediately after the election, the newly elected Board will take over leadership of our club. Therefore, this will be my last monthly message as club president.



The past two years have been challenging. No one foresaw a COVID pandemic and all the impacts it would have on our lives. But our club survived lock-downs, zoom calls and everything COVID threw at us. I would like to think that our club is stronger today than it was two years ago. Because of your support of the club, we can all look forward to more in-person meetings, field trips, shop sessions and the return of our annual show in April next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who supported the club over the past two years. My sincere thanks to Sharon Burson, Andrew Bloxom, Steve Duncan, Charlotte Spalding, Sue Gevedon, Aurora Vidin, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Charles Walker, Nancy Bird, Adrian Collard, Jimmy Peterson, Doug Flaugh and Margaret Hogarth who served as board members contributing their time and talent through the challenges of dealing with COVID and keeping the interests of the club as our primary goal. I'd also like to thank Debbie Tanner who served as membership chair, Linda Horn who served as newsletter editor and Lorri Renck who provided refreshments at in-person meetings. Finally, I want to thank all of our club members for your support and involvement in the club over the past two years. Our club's continuing success depends on the level of support and involvement of our membership.

In closing, I hope everyone gets the chance to spend time with family and friends over the coming holiday season. That's all for now Searchers. Stay safe and I'll see you soon.



Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- November 9th

Member Meeting- November 16th in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting – October 5th

The Searchers board met virtually by Zoom on October 9 at 6:30 pm. Items discussed included:

The board's scheduled meeting was on October 5 at the Anaheim Downtown Center, but several members couldn't attend, so the board didn't have a quorum to pass any motions. Instead, the board members who were present exchanged information, and agreed to reschedule the meeting.

Kim brought a draft of the financial review to the October 5 meeting.

We'll research the costs of printing & mailing postcards to advertise our annual show. Many stores and public places that used to allow club flyers no longer do so (even before the pandemic). We'll also look at other advertising methods, such as Google ads to a targeted audience.

We need another Facebook administrator to replace Andrew Bloxom, who moved to Virginia. Kim recommends the Facebook admins be board members.

Margaret is researching the values of the Searchers library books. We're not ready to make a final decision yet about whether to keep the library. It's usually not possible to bring the library to meetings, because the storage room is inside another meeting room that's often occupied by other groups. The library is so big and heavy it's not practical to have anyone store it at home and bring it to each meeting. But, when we brought it out at last month's meeting for feedback from the members, they were interested and some even checked out books. We need more discussion on this issue.

At the October 9 board meeting, the board passed three motions about Searchers membership applications. A Standards of Conduct has been added to the application. Like many other clubs do, from now on, the board will review and approve new membership applications. Also, in 2022, all members will fill out a new application in order to sign the Standards of Conduct and update their contact information.

Searchers general meeting – October 12th

The Searchers meeting was held at the Anaheim Downtown Center on October 12 at 7:00 pm.

Next month is the Searchers annual election for the 2022 board. If anyone is interested in running for a board position, contact the Nominating Committee or a board member.

The October speaker was Phil Chang, who gave a presentation on "Viewing Stones", known as suiseiki in Japan.

Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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



Searcher News

October Meeting 10-9-2021

Speaker: None

Topic: Board Elections and Silent Auction

Description: 2022 Board Elections and Silent Auction - Adrian Callard Collection

After many years of supervising the Searchers workshop, and before leaving the SoCal area, Adrian Callard donated a large amount of rough material to the Searchers. You'll find lots of nice quality, reasonable-priced petrified wood, agates, jaspers, onyx, and much, much more. Bring your shopping bags! All proceeds benefit the Searchers.



Upcoming Local Shows

**WEST COAST GEM, MINERAL
& FOSSIL SHOW**
Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626
November 13, 14 & 15, 2020
Fri & Sat 10AM to 6PM • Sun 10AM to 5PM



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mineralshowsll@gmail.com

Note: The dates are from last year's show.

The 2021 dates are 12,13 & 14 2021.

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 \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

Culver Club rock sale Sat. Nov. 6

The Culver City rock club is having a sale in a couple of weeks.



Fall Parking Lot Sale

November 6 | Saturday | 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

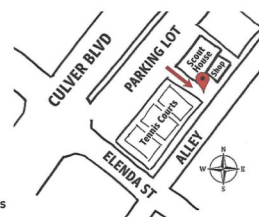
gems • minerals • rough • slabs • crystals
jewelry supplies • beads • findings • tools
lapidary & jewelry equipment • books...

free admission

The Parking Lot Sale
is behind the Scout House
& Lapidary Shop, next to
the tennis courts

10866 Culver Blvd
Culver City, CA 90230

Support your local rock club
All sellers are CCRMC members



Upcoming Fields Trips

Afton Canyon November 13 and 14th.

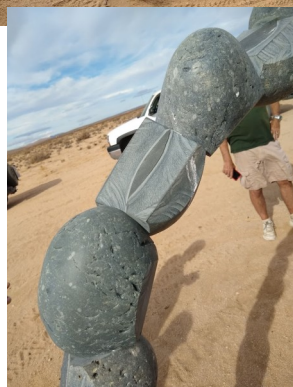
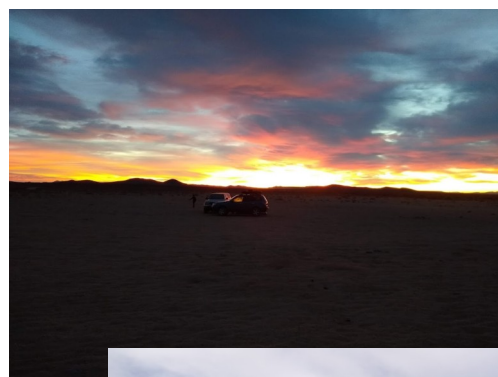
John O'Connor is leading a trip to Afton Canyon November 13 and 14. We will be staying in the campground. There is an iron ranger. There will be more details to come.

October Trip Report—Sierra Pelona Claim and Vicinity

Over 30 people of all ages from 8 to 91 enjoyed our October trip to the Sierra Pelona claim and vicinity October 23-24, 2021. On Saturday both day trippers and campers met at our campsite on Clay Mine Road by Aerial Acres. After digging at the claim all morning for gorgeous banded travertine onyx in various combinations of red, black, gold, plus other colors, and recording our take in the claim box as asked, we made our way to the Borax Visitor Center. After viewing the movie, open pit mine, and displays in the Visitors' Center, and the mule team wagons and humongous truck in the parking lot, we helped ourselves to the mineral piles the company left for us in the parking lot. Searchers picked up lots sparkly, showy pieces of ulexite, kernite, and colmanite. After that, Doug led us to a site off of Gephart Road for green and other colored jasper and blue agate. The road in was pretty exciting, especially for the kids! We were experiencing some wind, so some folks went to a restaurant in Boron for dinner. On Sunday we went back to the claim for a couple of hours for more banded travertine onyx, then proceeded further northeast to a site Doug found with extensive red, yellow and other colored jaspers. We saw a desert iguana that wouldn't move! As folks slowly peeled off home, we made our way over to the Haystack Butte area to admire the mysterious Stargate sculpture and Doug's Candy Store of jaspers, agates, and fossilized palm. We will definitely repeat this trip in the future! Thank you to the Sierra Pelona Club for sharing your claim and to Doug for enriching our club with his extensive knowledge and experience. See you next month at Acton Canyon November 13-14, 2021!



**For field trip
information
contact:
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Trips,
Searchers
Gem and
Mineral
Society,
andrew.bloxo
m@gmail.com**





Show Committee Meeting Hours for the 2022 Show

All meetings are from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Anaheim Community Center.

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (Or alternate date, January 8, the 2nd Saturday)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022 (during shop hours)

Questions? Contact Margaret at hogarth.m@gmail.com

Prize-Making Sessions

Join Searchers for prize-making sessions for our 2022 show! Bring materials, or we will have some to share. The sessions will take place during Saturday shop hours (2:30-7:00 p.m.) on the dates below. It's more fun if we create together!

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Questions? Contact Margaret at hogarth.m@gmail.com

Show Report for November

A small group of us made rock fairy houses for show prizes last month. This is experimental but fun, and a second group will probably be made early in 2022. Plans are well underway for our 2022 show, April 30-May 1, 2022!

Look for opportunities to work together in the workshop some Saturdays as we make more prizes. Please let me know if you'd like to participate. We may hold the November and December show meetings by Zoom so that more people can participate. Continue to collect material for the Wheel of Fortune, prizes, and Silent Auction. This is a good opportunity to go through your stash and share your bounty!

Margaret Hogarth, hogarth.m@gmail.com



Searchers Information

Searchers 2022 Slate

President: Robin Larzelere
 Director: Kim Strange
 1st Vice President: Gwen Sharp
 2nd Vice President: vacant
 Treasurer: Sue Gevedon
 Secretary: Jenny Rohl
 CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird
 Shop Coordinator: Charles Walker
 Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth

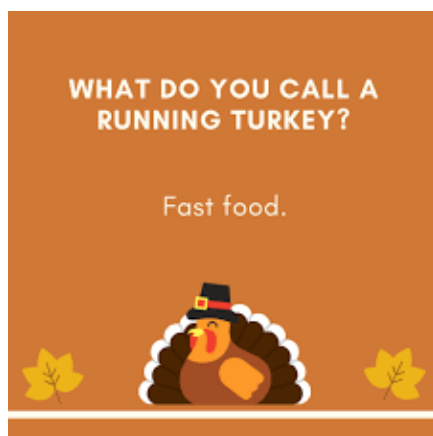


Please consider running for 2nd Vice President, Field Trip Chairperson. You will not be alone! Experienced and knowledgeable Searchers will help you find locations and run the trips.

Here are the job duties:

Second Vice-President:

- As the Field Trip Chairperson, is responsible for planning and coordinating all field trips and associated events during the year, February through January.
- Shall notify all participants of field trip rules and regulations, to include but not be limited to:
 - o All participants must sign the waiver form for field trips.
 - o Dogs will not be allowed to run loose on field trips.
 - o No discharge of firearms within two miles of camp.
 - o No motor bikes to be ridden through camp area at any time.
 - o Motor bikes will not be started before 8 a.m. or run after dusk in camp area.
- Shall make first aid instructions available on each field trip.
- Reimbursement of current Federal guidelines per mile, not to exceed a total of 500 miles without board approval, is available for each scouting trip.



Happy Days - The Shop is now open.

Finally after over a year, the Searchers workshop at the Anaheim Community Center is open for business. This is June 17th, Thursday night. Come have some fun and socialize again.



Shop Hours Thursday from 5:30pm to 10pm

Saturday from 2:30pm to 7pm

Searcher's Members - Artists for the Anaheim Community Center Gallery

Remember the display cases with spotlights in the lobby? If you have been to a Searcher's meeting or a workshop recently, you may have seen watercolors on display.

Would you like to see the Searcher's members work in those cases?

Please consider submitting up to 6 photos of your most artistic, creative, pieces...and let's see if club members can fill every case!

The Cultural Arts Commission is looking for fine art for the Anaheim Community Center. The pieces should be finished, photographed in a way that looks professional, no distracting backgrounds. Creative, surprising, beautiful, and skillful would be desirable qualities. (Spheres, jewelry, bead work, wire wrap, stone carving, belt buckles, stone specimens, and sculptures, are welcome.)

If you would like to see examples of accepted work, the Fine Art Gallery has a Facebook page. (Mostly student work.) [\(20+\) Center Gallery | Facebook](#)

Please send photos to Robin Larzelere at welcomehomestudio@gmail.com. I will send a confirmation email for each email I receive. The submission **deadline is Monday, November 22, 2021 at 5 p.m.** On November 23, I will submit all the members' photos, through the online application, to the City of Anaheim, Fine Art Gallery. (The Gallery representative asked that the Searchers submit as one application.)

If you have special display needs for weight, or security requirements, please let me know what that would be.

When the Gallery responds, I will contact members with the information. If you have questions, please call: 714-475-950

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

Upcoming 2021 CFMS Gem Shows

Still check to make sure a show has not been canceled

2021 Shows

November 13-14, 2021 – Yuba City

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society
29th Festival of Gems and Minerals
Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba City
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Contact 916 677-6696, horita@comcast.net
Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

November 20-21, 2021 – Lake Side, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Annual Rock and Gem Round-up
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside, CA 92040
Time: Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM

Free admission and parking.
Contact: 619 729-7904, ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://ecvgms.org>

November 20-21, 2021 – Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Time: 10 AM to 5 PM both days
Free admission and parking. Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society annual holiday sale. Come and see wonderful gifts of nature and art from around the world – gems, jewelry, rocks, minerals, and lapidary arts. Browse the bargains and pick up some great gifts for the holidays.
Contact: 408-644-7848, scrzmgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://scrockngem.org>

December 5, 2021 – Lake Elsinore, CA

Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Rock 'n Craft Winter Festival, 32097 Corydon Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Hours: Sunday, December 5 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Contact: (909) 208-6956, berylman50@aol.com
Website: Facebook: Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

2022 Shows

January 15-16, 2022 – Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA
Contact: (559) 802-6029

February 26-27, 2022 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA
900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA
Spring Bling 2022
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM both days
Contact: (415) 254-1506, dduhonvgms@gmail.com
Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

March 5-5, 2022 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Gems and Minerals, fossils, jewelry, healing stones, silent auction, exhibits, dealers, kids activities, lapidary arts demonstrations, raffle, flea market, plant sale. A successful and valued South Coast show since 1963. We are happy to be back again after COVID!
Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
"Inspiration Unearthed", 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381
Email: ellenbf2007@aol.com
Website: <https://www.pasadenalapidary.org>

March 12-13, 2022 – Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway in Turlock, CA 95380
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM daily
55th Annual Rock, Mineral & Jewelry Show! EDUCATIONAL FAMILY EVENT!
Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Beads, Fluorescents, Children's activities, and More! Learn to make beautiful jewelry out of natural rocks and gemstones from our demonstrators.
Admission: \$6 adult, children 12 and under free with paid adult.
Contact: Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 484-4416, terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

April 30 – May 1, 2022 – Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Website: <https://searchersrocks.org>



November Birthstone: Topaz and Citrine



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	\$25
	Couple	\$35

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