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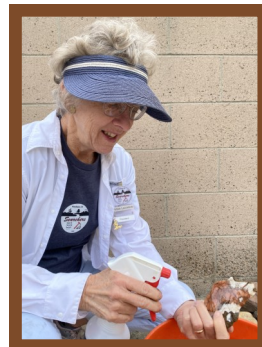
The President's Message

Hello Searchers!

Elections are November 5, 2022. That will be Pie night, and a Silent Auction. A former Searcher, Martin Oberacker, is donating his collection of slabs, some from locations that are no longer open for collecting. A hearty thank you to Martin. Some of the proceeds of the auction will go toward funding the new 24 inch Diamond Pacific Saw, now ordered. If you bring a pie, please bring a serving utensil for it. Donations are still being accepted, and are welcome, for that night.

The club always needs more volunteers to make the club run smoothly. A volunteer is needed to make coffee, and bring cookies to the general meetings. Rich Webber will soon lead a field trip, and is considering the Field Trip Organizer position. John O'Neill is working as the new webmaster, the membership application can now be filled out online. Melissa Meaux has volunteered to help with Show Vendor Contracts. Jimmy Peterson is contributing lapidary shop machine maintenance. Jim Thorpe for emergency Shop Chair help. Anthony Palumbo is co-host for zooming meetings. Thank you to these active members, the club is better due to your efforts, and we appreciate what you do.

I recently visited the Sierra Foothills area, Plymouth, California. Rocks are used everywhere, especially Greenstone. At the Black Chasm Caverns park, large limestone rocks are exposed because gold mining activities washed away 75 feet of top soil while prospecting in the 1800's. Not much is growing around the exposed limestone today. I did find gold flecks in a seam of quartz. The Sierra Foothill economy is struggling due to lack of tourism from Covid and wildfires. The residents are happy to have visitors, and we felt welcome.



Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **November 8th**

Member Meeting- **November 15th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting, Friday, October 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Robin Larzelere, Margaret Hogarth, Jenny Rohl, Steve Duncan, Gwen Sharp, Nancy Bird and Sue Gevedon attending.

Show Policy review moved to the November agenda.

Nominating Committee- Jimmy Peterson, Charles Walker, Margaret Hogarth. Field Trip position is opn. The board voted to remove the Code of Conduct Board from the membership application. It will be published on the Searchers' website and in the monthly newsletter.

A Zelle account has been set up. The Pay Pall account will be a business account when set up with 3% charged for each transaction and will be created when the new treasurer is installed.

Board approved the allocation of \$1,200 for the 2022 scholarship for the Cal State Fullerton geology student. Nancy Bird will set it up with Cal State Fullerton.

The \$1,165 deposit for Diamond Pacific Saw deposit has been paid with the remainder due when saw is ready for delivery

Charles Walker has resigned his position as of Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. The board approved the appointment of Caleb Guyer until he is confirmed by the elections in November.

Searchers General Meeting, October 11, 2022

Meeting location: Downtown Anaheim Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:00 PM by Steve Duncan.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Hogarth, Jimmy Peterson and Charles Walker. Still need a volunteer for the field trip position.

Field Trip: Sperry Wash is washed out. Instead, we will collect just east of Yermo. You will need a high clearance vehicle for this trip.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Presentation:

This month Mary Pat Weber will introduce us to "Stromatolites, Past & Present", a complex melding of biology, chemistry and geology. Examples of stromatolites are from Lester Park, New York and Mary Ellen Jasper. Stromatolites are the remnants of microscopic cyanobacteria that form chains. They sediments into a core and live predominantly on the top surface of the formation so they can use the light for photosynthesis. They are some of the earliest life forms and helped create the oxygen in our atmosphere.

There are for predominant forms of stromatolites:

Stratiferra: form near shore and are flat layered structures.

Domal: form in relatively deep water, up to 30 feet. They have a bulls-eye pattern when cut.

Columnar or Digitate: form finger-like structures.

Thrombolites: Formed by both blue-green bacteria and blue-green algae.

There are living stromatolites in Anza Borrego and off Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake. Fossils come from the upper peninsula of Michigan, Lester Par, New York, 3 Spring talc in Australia, Namibia and Glacier Park.

Mary Pat brought polished examples of the various kinds of stromatolites for us to see.

Searcher Presenters and News

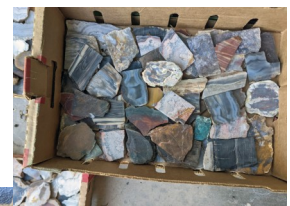
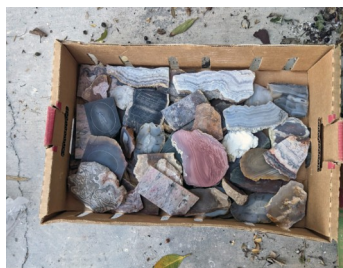
November Speaker: None

Topic: Board Elections, Pie Night, and Silent Auction!!!!
Bring their favorite pie to share!



November Silent Auction

At the November general meeting (Nov 8th at 7PM) we will be having a silent auction. The material being auctioned is mostly labs and small rough, all of it quite good quality. This is the personal collection of man who was a member of the Searchers previously. Like all of our silent auctions most items will start at \$1, so there will be great bargains for the astute buyer. All Searchers meetings are open to non-members, so the auction will be too. All purchases will be cash only.



Slabs for Vets

Searchers has donated rocks that need to be slabbed for the vets at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital lapidary program. Let me know if you can help!

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

Field Trip Schedule 2022-2023			
2022	Location	Leader	Status
Nov 12 & 13	Afton Canyon	John O'Connor	Planned
Dec	Orbicular rhyolite (Lucerne Valley)/ or Baxter Wash details TBD	Jimmy Peterson	Planned
2023	Location	Leader	Status
Jan	Early Man Site	Virgil Talbot	Tentative
Feb	Rainbow Ledge details TBD	Steve Duncan	Tentative
Mar			
Apr			
May			

Why you should go on a Searchers Field Trip

Rockhounding is simple, but not easy. Most places in the world do not have quality rocks which would interest a rockhound. And if you do manage to get to a location that does have quality rock, it is not always easy to identify and locate the good stuff. And sometimes it is not easy to extract the rock. The tribal knowledge that the members of the Searchers have amassed over the years is one of the best things the Searchers have to offer. And we are happy to share it with you and the rest of the rockhounding community. Part of our reason for being is to create new rockhounds.

There is a secondary benefit to Field Trips, besides the rocks. Too many of us spend all of our time in the city. We get so that we don't even notice the hustle and the noise. But I believe that you are noticing it, on a subconscious level. You will definitely notice when the noise is gone. When you are in a desert canyon and all of a sudden realize that it is silent, really silent, it is like your soul takes a deep breath, and then lets it out and your tensions disappear. I believe that all of us need more of this.

One last benefit is the opportunity to get your children into the outdoors. There are too many children nowadays who have only experienced nature only from a TV screen. I completely believe that getting children into the real outdoors and allowing them to experience it for themselves is invaluable.

So.....you really should consider going on some of the Field Trips. You do not need to be a member to go on a Field Trip. You will need to sign the hold harmless waiver like everyone else.

On the Searchers website (searchersrocks.org) there is a Field Trip page, and on that page there is a list of facts about Field Trips. This list may answer most of your questions, but if you have more questions about Searchers Field Trips send me an email.

Steve Duncan

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

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714 724 7102

Searchers Field Trip November 12-13, 2022

Location: Afton Canyon and surrounding area

Leader: John OConnor

jwoc1269@gmail.com

714-924-2226

The Searchers are having a field trip to the Afton Canyon area. We will be staying at the Afton Canyon Campground which costs \$6.00 a night. Field trips will leave at 09:00 Saturday and Sunday from the kiosk in front of the campground entrance.



Saturday morning, we will start collecting at Pyramid Canyon, for a variety of material found in float. We cannot drive into the canyon, so be prepared for some walking. Saturday afternoon we will visit some sites on the other side of the 15 Fwy. Most of this material is also in float, but we have done a little hard rock mining here in the past. So, if you like that kind of thing, be sure to bring some heavier equipment. Carefully driven passenger cars should be OK for the Saturday trip.

Sunday we can do either the Alvord Mine or Baxter Wash areas. High clearance vehicle are recommended for both trips, the final stretch to the Alvord mine is a 4x4 road, but the tough part is short and can be walked. Baxter Wash requires 2 water crossings in Afton Canyon that can be quite high so we will see.

Recommended equipment: gloves, glasses, shovel, rock hammer, rock bag, and spray bottle. For the harder working people, you may want to add a Geo Pick, small sledge, gad etc.

Don't forget sunscreen, and lots of water.

Directions to the campground: Proceed to the 15 freeway north. Pass Barstow – Yermo (last place to get gas).

Exit at Afton Road, turn right and follow the main road to the campground.

DIRECTIONS TAKEN FROM BLM WEBSITE

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 35.06837, -116.40963

DIRECTIONS:

From Barstow, take Interstate 15 east for 35 miles. Take the Afton exit south. Drive south three miles on graded dirt road to parking area for the fully-developed Afton Campground. Pit Toilet and some water is available.



Looks like we will be able to have a campfires in campground provided grates, but you will need to get a (free) permit. This permit is available at <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>

We will be having our standard Saturday night potluck, for those that would like to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact: John OConnor, jwoc1269@gmail.com, 714-924-2226

*For field trip
information*

**contact: Steve
Duncan**

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2@gmail.com](mailto:mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com)**

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Upcoming Fields Trips

Searchers December Field Trip

East Ord Mountain Orbicular Rhyolite

December 10 & 11, 2022

Leaders: Jimmy Peterson (714 904 8573) and Steve Duncan (714 724 7102)



The December field trip will be to the Ord Mountain area for orbicular rhyolite on Saturday, and some prospecting in old mine tailings on Sunday.

Directions to the camp:

Take Interstate 15 north towards Barstow, take the Bear Valley Rd Exit (147) and go east on Bear Valley Rd towards Lucerne Valley. When Bear Valley Rd ends at the Hwy 18 junction turn right and continue east on Hwy 18 towards Lucerne Valley. When you reach Lucerne Valley do not turn right towards Big Bear on Hwy 18, instead continue straight onto Old Woman Springs Road (Hwy 247). Follow Hwy 247 east for ~5.25 miles, and turn left (north) onto Camp Rock Road. At ~ 3.9 miles on Camp Rock Rd there will be a sanitary fill sign, you want to bear right here and continue on Camp Rock Rd. Approximately 2.3 miles further on Camp Rock Road the pavement ends. Continue on the Camp Rock dirt road for 4.7 miles, and then turn right around a small hill that has some gray and black boulders on it to get to camp. There will be a Searchers sign to identify the turn off to camp. Someone should be at camp by Friday afternoon. This is a dry camp, bring everything you need.

The orbicular rhyolite can be found in float, or there are some decaying seams you can break pieces out of. For material in float standard rock tools of a rock pick and spray bottle should suffice. If you plan to attack the seams you will want to bring some hard rock mining tools (small sledge, gads, Geopick etc.) The seams are not terribly hard to work.

Access to the collecting sites requires a high clearance vehicle, as usual 4x4 is preferred, but I have been there in a 2 wheel drive pickup. Cars will be able to make it to camp, we can carpool folks into high clearance vehicles for the collecting.

We will leave camp at 0830 both mornings for the collecting. You will want to pack a lunch on the collecting days as we will not return to camp for lunch. Sat night we will have our traditional potluck and campfire, so bring some goodies to share and some firewood is always nice.

If you have any questions about this trip, or field trips in general, email me at mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com. Also if you plan to attend the trip let me know please so we have a feel for the number of participants.

Yermo Area Field Trip Report, October, 2022

Our small group of five people allowed us to do some extra exploring on our October trip. We scouted an area under the power lines just north of Minneola Road, then went to the Green Ash Hills, Doug's Black Agate site, and into Mule Canyon on Saturday. The Green Ash Hills were quite productive with fossilized bog and palm, and some agates. One colorful volleyball-sized agate that we were very excited about for sphere material was disappointingly white inside, despite the many colors on the outside. Jimmy will give us a report on some of the other big materials we found as he works through them.



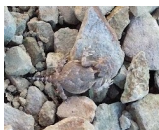
We stopped near Tin Can Alley to look for Doug's black agate. We did find the black agate, some evaporites, and some brecciated jasper that might tumble well. The black agate was also brecciated and fairly featureless.

Well into Mule Canyon we hiked up to the top of the steep, rocky road to the silver onyx mine site. I'm happy and proud to say that all five of us made it to the top without having heart attacks, but we were disappointed to find only tiny fragments of silver onyx. The seams that Jimmy remembered were long gone! Jimmy wanted to scramble up into the bighorn sheep scree to look for new seams but we held him back. Going down that steep road with the roly rocks was an experience, too, but only two of us slipped onto our tailbones.

It so happened that we were in the Severe Thunderstorm Warning area that the national weather service warned us about. We had a perfect potluck under the gathering clouds, then, as lightning was striking on two sides around us, we suggested putting the food away. Immediately after picking up the dishes, the storm broke loose with hail and very strong winds that sent our table and chairs tumbling. We threw things into the back of the trucks and made it inside without getting too wet. I was scared, but everyone else enthused that this was most exciting!

On Sunday we went to Alvord Mine and picked up small sparkly quartz for grab bags. We saved the productive site near where we camped for another field trip because it is so perfect for a one-day trip and for new rockhounds.

This was a very satisfying trip on many levels. Be sure to join us at Afton Canyon for the November field trip!



December 12-13-2022

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.)

Desserts



Sign up at the November meeting or contact Gwen Sharp at socalgeogal@yahoo.com or (714) 672-9525 to let us know you will be attending and what you will be bring to the potluck (main dish, side dish, or dessert).

Searchers 2023 Slate!

The Searchers Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2023 slate of Board members:

President: Robin Larzelere
 1st VP, Programs: Gwen Sharp
 2nd VP, Field Trips:
 Secretary: Jenny Rohl
 Treasurer: Jamie Cassidy-Curtis
 CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird
 Shop Chair: Caleb Guyer
 Show Chair: Margaret Hogarth



Nominating Committee Report

Searchers is in need of a Second Vice-President (field trips) for 2023. Please note that this can be filled by two people. The candidate will not be alone! There is a group of Searchers dedicated to helping make our field trips a success. We have ideas and information. We know we will be going to Quartzite in January, to Clear Creek in April, and Lavic Siding in May so at least three field trips are already taken care of. Here are the duties as stated in the Searchers standing rules:

Second Vice-President:

- Shall serve in the absence of the President and First 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.
- Provides the Rock Slab News Editor and the Webmaster with a written description of future field trips or events to include:
 - o Maps, including unusual conditions/circumstances
 - o Mileage/distances
 - o Fees
 - o Dates
 - o Special Needs
 - o Activities
- Provides written report on the last field trip to the Rock Slab News Editor and the Webmaster. Provides an oral report to the board and the membership at the next board and general meetings.
- 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.

Please consider running for Second Vice-President.

Thank you,

Charles Walker, Jim Peterson, and Margaret Hogarth

Show News

Good news! Searchers received the City of Anaheim's Co-Sponsorship for Searchers Gem and Mineral Society's annual show for the Brookhurst Community Center's facility rental fees, over \$5,000! Thank you, City of Anaheim! This grant makes a huge difference in our ability to put on an annual show. We also appreciate all of the work and assistance that the Brookhurst Community Center gives us during our show.

Show Committee Meetings

Show Committee meetings will be in person in the Anaheim Community Center on the following dates:

Saturday, January 7, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.

Please join us! We have a fantastic, efficient Show Committee with dedicated, hard-working folks who also have a lot of fun.

Grab Bag Inclusions Needed

Every grab bag that we sell at the show has a small ziplock bag with special goodies in it. This might include beautiful tumbled rocks, garnets, crystals, small fossils or other small treasures. If you have any small items that could fit in a small ziplock bag, we would be happy to distribute them to our grab bag buyers!

How You Can Help the Searchers Show

Make or donate prizes for all ages, small or large

Donate some good quality material to the Silent Auction

Share sparkly or interesting items or fossils to Wheel of Fortune

Sign up to help set up and/or take down

Sign up to help at a Searcher table

Are you on the waiting list for a dealer spot for the Searchers Show? Did you know you can sell rock-related items or materials at the show from the Searchers Sale Table? It only costs 15% of your sales price!

Keep on rocking,

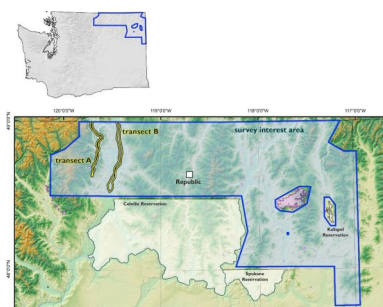
Margaret Hogarth hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045

Low-level Flights to Image 3D Geology in Northeastern Washington State

The USGS announced that helicopter flights began in September through November, weather permitting, and then will continue next summer. Data will be collected in "11 northeast Washington counties, including Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Spokane, Lincoln, Grant, Douglas, Chelan, Skagit and Whatcom.

Data collected as part of the survey is part of a national-scale effort to acquire modern high-resolution airborne magnetic and radiometric data. The survey will replace existing low-quality geophysical data, collected mostly in the 1980s, that is of limited use for geologic mapping. The new geophysical survey will use the latest technological developments that will allow scientists to develop high-resolution three-dimensional representations of geology to depths several miles below the surface. The 3D models and maps produced from the survey will help understand the distribution of groundwater, mineral, and energy resources as well as the potential for natural hazards. Data collected as part of this effort will be made public and used by USGS in collaboration with Washington Geological Survey scientists to guide more detailed geologic mapping at local scales."

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/state-news-release/usgs-media-alert-low-level-flights-image-3d-geology-northeastern-washington>



Upcoming 2022 -2023 CFMS Gem Shows

2022

November 6, 2022 – Mason, NV

Mason Valley Gem & Mineral Club

55 Bridge St., Mason, NV

Time: 1 PM – till over

This event will be held at the VFW Hall in Mason, NV. Do not turn on Bridge St. in YERINGTON. See the map on the flyer.

LIVE AUCTION! Geodes, Petrified Wood, Rocks, Slabs, Minerals, Cabochons, and other lapidary crafts. Cash or Check only

Contact: srheid@usa.net

November 6, 2022 – Lake Elsinore, CA

Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society

32097 Corydon Road, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

Winter Festival Rock & Craft Show

Contact: Berylman50@aol.com

Find us on Facebook

Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies, Auction, Grab Bags, Exhibits and hands on projects for kids

Contact: (925) 301-6957, edysnyder@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 25-26, 2023 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94589

Hours: 10 AM-5 PM

Gems, geodes, fossils, beads and minerals from around the globe. Discover lapidary and stone crafts from vendors and live demonstrations. Something for everyone! Silent auction, geode cuttings, and games of chance and discovery for kids!

Contact: (415) 254-1506, dda-honvgms@gmail.com

Website: <http://vjgems.co/>

March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001

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

50 exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils and lapidary arts; ongoing demos of lapidary and jewelry making; raffle prizes & silent auctions; a Second-Hand Treasures Store & plant sale; 15 dealers; children's activities and free resources for teachers. A SoCal tradition for 6 decades and counting!

Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org

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

November 19-20, 2022 – Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society

Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

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

Santa Cruz Holiday Sale – Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Fossils, Jewelry

Contact: (831) 459-0572,

scruzmgs@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.scrockngem.org>

2023

February 18-19, 2023 – Antioch, CA 94509

Antioch Lapidary Club

Contra Costa County Fairgrounds,

1201 West 10th St. Antioch, CA 94509

Hours: 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday and Sunday

March 3, 4 & 5, 2023, Newark, CA

Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley

Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA

Times: Friday and Saturday, 10 AM – 6 PM,

Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

MGSCV Annual Show. 40+ dealers, display cases, demonstrations, door prizes. Sunday

auction of donated items from society members. Fluorescent displays and dealers. Free parking.

Contact: Showchair@mgscv.org

Website: <http://MGSCV.org>

March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate

Time: Friday, Saturday & Sunday – 9 AM – 5 PM

Come visit us and our vendors for Handcrafted and Faceted Jewelry, Slabs and Cabs, Findings, and Equipment, Minerals and Fossils. TONS of Rough Material and More

Contact: (909) 657-7200, mark-

lantz53@gmail.com

Club Address: 15056B Seventh St.,

Victorville, CA 92395

Phone: (760) 243-2330 and leave a

message. Email: president@vvgmc.org

Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

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March 11-12, 2023 -Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N.

Broadway, Turlock, CA

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM

– 5 PM

Admission: Adults \$8, 12 & under free w/paid adult

Parking: Free

Activities: Jewelry, Beads, Tools, Educational Exhibits, Demonstrations,

Fossil Exhibit, Sharks, Fluorescent

room, Speakers, Geode Cutting, Dino-

saur Walk-about, Gold Panning, Gem &

Mineral Identification. Chat with Pale-

ontologist Neal Larson, Large Fluores-

cent Room, Kids Activities, Rock Sale –

old collections, Earth Science Tables,

Food Court, Gemstone & Fossil Dig

bags, Raffle, 45 Dealers

Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.com>

or <http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com>

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 9:00 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

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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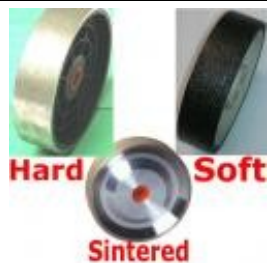
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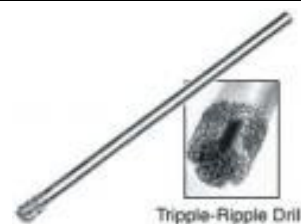
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