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The Rock Slab News

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The Searchers next meeting:
Nov. 4th 2025 6:30p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

Nov. 4th, 2025 - Searchers Elections for Board and Pie Night
PLEASE NOTE change in meeting date.

Bring a pie to share, and a pie server. If you don't want to bring pie, please bring paper plates, napkins and forks.

First weekend of November is Field trip to Arizona – see the Slab, next trip is Dec. 6,7 to Castle Butte, near Boron.

Thank you to Bob Rubino for cleaning equipment. M.C. Kao brought a donation of a Covington grinder, a Dayton drill press, and a faceting machine to the last general meeting.— thank you, M.C. The 2026 Show will have a record amount of equipment to auction. Jimmy Peterson donated large slabs to the club for the general meetings.

Jade Day and Opal Day were action packed, and full of new experiences. Bill Kordela, came with friend Larry Shute, and gave two presentations. The video can be seen on our website, click on the Jade postcard at searchersrocks.org Thank you to Ray Walls (SARM), Charolette Spalding (SARM, Searchers), Jim and Jan DiMarco (SARM), Elaine Foster (SARM, Searchers) for table skirt set up, Dania Boucher (SARM) for rock identification in the patio, Yuval and Gwen Sharp for running the Searchers Table, Todd Richmond and Dana for cookies and directing guests, Liz Navarro and Marjorie (SOCGM) for bringing lovely rocks and minerals to sell from San Clemente. The famous carvings of Jim Kelley and Marina Shoup were on display, as they shared their extensive knowledge of jadeite and nephrite. Many of us went from the Jade Day over to the Opal Show where we met Brian Lamberson (Searcher), John Klima (Searcher) and Veronica Purpura. Special thank you to Carmina Orilla (Searcher) who was demonstrating faceting at the Opal Show.

Searchers club will be offering faceting classes soon, a possible classroom will be looked at by Art Ravenscroft and Caleb Guyer. Bob Gilliland has volunteered to be adviser, he has many years faceting with the Faceters Guild of O.C.

Robin Larzelere, President

Welcome New Searcher's!

Camina Orilla, Randy McDaniel, Jenny Ikeda, Pan Vang, John Krucek, Paul Komala, and Rena Shukima



See Page 3 and 5 for pictures

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- Nov. 11th 2nd at 6:30 P.M.

Member Meeting- Nov. 4th Doors open at 6:00 PM Meeting at 6:30 PM

General Meeting Minutes Sept. 9, 2025

6:30pm Call to Order by Robin Larzelere

Business Update,

Equipment donated to the 2026 Show. Cleaning this Thursday at 2 pm at the Storage Unit, also Oct. 11

Jade Day: Sell opportunity at the Searchers Table, up to 6 items can be brought. Work for 1 hour.

Nominating Committee: Randy Barnes, Jenny Rohl and Andrea Putman- Choisse

1st VP Speakers and events, Brian Lamberson volunteered. Field Trips board seat is open.

Show Sponsors: Robin handed out sample letters for Searchers to use to solicit donations for the April 2026 Show.

Please go to Sumo Dogs at the Anaheim Packing house and let them know you are a Searcher. If we support them, they will support us.

Field Trips: CFMS has a trip to Utah to Topaz Mountain. Sept. 26 and 27. Yucaipa club is going to pay for turquoise mines in October.

Thank you to Stacy Reno for running the Zoom and laptop. Thank you to Elaine Foster for refreshments. Jimmy Peterson's 94th birthday cake was cut and served.

Lynn offered two cases for free. Pick up at her home.

Walt Lombardo is moving boxes of books into storage. Please help by showing up on October 5, behind the store.

Board Meeting Agenda, Sept. 2, 2025 6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Robin Larzelere, Jamie Cassidy-Curtis, Sue Gevedon, Stacy Reno

Rick Webber, Nancy Bird, Caleb Guyer, Gwen Sharp, Yuval Dohn Absent: Veronica Purpura

1. Consent Calendar:

A. Aug 5, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Aug 12, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes (tabled until October board meeting.)

2. Old Business:

A. **2025 By-Laws.** Results of membership vote are published in the Slab Newsletter. New By-Laws are posted to website.

B. **Rockhound of the Year Award** – Debbie and Bob Tanner – Nancy Bird update.

C. **Trip liability form** to state that car insurance and bodily injury insurance is the responsibility of the driver. Club insurance covers the club during the hours of the field trip: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on any publicly noticed field trip. Tabled until October.

D. **Show \$100 Thank You donations:**

Debbie Tanner, Bob Tanner, Charlotte Spaulding, Steve Duncan: \$400 Workshop experience for juniors to create a nice piece of jewelry within their ability

Karen Kremer: Workshop experience for juniors to touch the earth (using geology)

John O Conner, Linda Horn: \$200 PBS for earth science, lapidary programming

Gwen Sharp, Virgil Talbott: \$200 Cal State Fullerton Geology Dept.

Bill and Margaret Hogarth: \$200 Camp Paradise

Jimmy Peterson: \$100 back to the Searchers

Kendall Despain: no way to contact

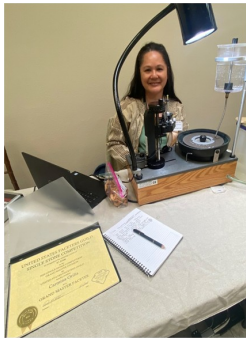
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Searcher Presenters and News

November No Speaker: Pie Night and Elections



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Camina, Grand Master



M.C. Kao custom acrylic bases at the Oct. gen. meeting



Steve Millbern, Bob Kordela in back



Guatemalan Jadeite – John Ito



Marina Shoup at her table



Exchanging rock information in the patio



Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$65 for 5 gallons to members. \$75 for non-members. Jim Peterson 714 904-8573
Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

Christmas Party And Gift Exchange Next month Dec. 9th Potluck



Field Trip November 7,8 and 9th Burro Creek Arizona

Hi Searcher rockhounds, field trippers and outdoor enthusiasts. We will be embarking to the Burro Creek area on November 7, 8 and 9th to collect the famed lavender, clear white and peach colored agate that is found behind the winding dirt roads of our campsite. We will be camping at a nice 'dry' area that is approximately eight miles before the BC campground area, off the 93 hwy look for 'Nothing', a sign with that name, seriously. Or you could reserve a spot in the campground or just use their facilities right down the road. In all, it is a 5-6 hour drive out the 10 freeway but a pleasant one, so plan accordingly so you can get into the fun on Saturday morning, around 9am. Friday and Saturday campfire will be blazing so join us and bring something to share for our pot luck on Saturday night.



I brought home 200 lbs of amazing material, cut for a month solid and still have 100 lbs left, no kidding, most was collected along river beds, etc., best collecting trip I have ever had, well worth the time spent, and a good way to kick off the cooler season thereafter.....

.Happy Trails, friends.

Rick Webber.....cell...714 585 5606.....text first or less reliable email Richwebb3245@att.net. There is some cell service @ BC area, texting more reliable if you are looking for help :))



Report on the Opal show + More Pictures from show

It went rather well and the weather was great. No real issues and it was surprisingly smooth in general. We're still calculating numbers and such. Here's some pictures to go with the article. Veronica



For field trip
information
contact:
Rick Webber

Club News

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New Business:

Vendor Contracts: Shelly Liberto is reviewing our contract with vendors.

CA JADE DAY is Saturday Oct. 18 with jade expert Bill Kordela speaking in the Rotary Room at the Downtown Center. Two clubs – Santa Ana Gem and Mineral and So. OC Gem and Mineral will have tables in the patio with us.

Bill is selling rough and jade jewelry. In the Lobby Patio, Club tables can promote their clubs, sell carved jade and other items. 15% of sales go to a pool of money that is split by the clubs to cover advertising expense (\$40 expense for us). Searchers Table, with members allowed to put out 6 pieces. Robin is coordinating the event with Bill and the other clubs.

C. **“Clean the equipment Day” at the Storage Unit – Thursday Sept. 11, Saturday Oct. 11** In August, 4 machines were cleaned and plugged in. Ricirolap needs 40 dollars worth of nylon bearings and pads. Robin ordered. Thank you to Mike Yamada and Rick Webber.

E. **Faceting Class in Fall of 2025 with Art Ravenscroft.**

F. **Orange County Riverwalk Project** (Anaheim) Should our club contribute in some way?

<https://ocriverwalk.com/>

Donation letters sent out: John Klima for \$360 to review vendor contracts

Reports:

● **President** – Robin Larzelere

1. 2026 Searchers Show Sponsors – Robin is reaching out to various businesses.

2. Nominating Committee – Jenny Rohl, Andrea Putman-Choisser, Randy Barnes

3. Gem Faire – share the time of running a table (no sales) at the Gem Faire at the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds. Cost is \$1 for non-profits. Request comes from the South OC Gem and Mineral Society. For next spring.

● **Treasurer** report Gwen Sharp

● **August Treasurer’s Report,**

Income and Expense Report, and Balance Sheet

Directors’ and Officers’ liability insurance due Oct, 1, **\$325 Board unanimously approved.**

Searchers general liability insurance, due after D and O insurance.

Gwen to contact Cal State Fullerton about where to send scholarship

● **1st VP – Programs** – Stacy Reno/Ryan Gardner by Zoom, lapidary artist. October is Lisbet Thorensen, The Ancient Art of Stone Carving

2nd VP – Field Trips: Rick Webber –

● **Show Report:** Yuvaland Robin will attend the Miss Anaheim pageant on Sunday Oct. 12, 2026 2 p.m.

Workshop Report: Caleb Guyer

CFMS Report: Nancy Bird Progress report on \$500 scholarship that Friends of the Fullerton College. Nancy received the CFMS packet to fill out for Rockhound of the Year. Debbie and Bob will be presented their certificate at the October General Meeting.



Mini Miners

Mini-Miner August Issue on Silver, Crystals and Wires is available for download from our website on the Newsletter Tab.

Upcoming 2025 CFMS Gem Shows

2025- Shows

November 1-2, 2025 – San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600
Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106 (in
Point Loma)

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM

Gem Diego, San Diego's Finest Gem &
Mineral Show – presented by San Diego
Mineral & Gem Society. FREE parking,
admission and gem/mineral ID, 29 deal-
ers, 20+ exhibits, lapidary demos, kid's
zone, door prizes do not have to be pre-
sent), and plenty more!

Service Animals Only! Eateries next door.

Contact: (858) 945-4762, ben-
ton.luannz@gmail.com

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

Gem Diego 2025 ad (web, vert 948 x
1100 pi)

November 1-2, 2025 – Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society
Ridgecrest Desert Empire Fairgrounds
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 9 AM – 5
PM

FREE ADMISSION! Gem Displays, Ge-
ode Cutting, Silent Auction
Sunday will be a field trip to the club's
jasper claim!

Website: iwgms.org

November 8-9, 2025 – Concord, CA

Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society
5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM

52nd Mineral, Gem and Rock Show, 30
Vendors, Gems, Jewelry, Minerals, Fos-
sils, Meteorites, Beads, Demonstrations,
Door prizes, Auction, Family Activities,
Raffle, Rockin' Displays of rock art.

Website: ccmgclub.com

November 15, 2025 – Cabazon, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society
50171 Ramona St., Cabazon, CA

Hours: 9 AM – 3 PM

Raw and polished rocks and gems, fossils,
and craft supplies. Grab bags, rock critters
and a spinning wheel for kids. Buy a geode
and get it cut.

Contact: (951) 963-6751, peggyrich-
ard@yahoo.com

Website: <http://sgmgs.org>

November 22-23, 2025 – Lakeside, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
El Cajon Valley Annual Rock and Gem Round-
Up

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9
AM – 4 PM

Contact: (619) 729-7904,
palmer.taskerud@cox.net

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

November 22-23, 2025 – Fresno, CA

Fresno Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge, 5351 N. Diana St., Fresno, CA
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10
AM – 4 PM

The 1st Annual Central Valley Holiday Gem &
Mineral Show, sponsored by the Fresno Gem
& Mineral Society, presents a great show for
viewing and learning about the world of rocks
and minerals! Beautiful handmade jewelry,
stone carvings, precious gems, art, etc. will be
available to complete your Holiday Shopping.
Educational and fun for all ages! Geode cut-
ting and More! Admittance \$5.00 for ages 13
& up, includes both days with a wristband.
Free parking.

Website: <https://www.fgms.rocks>

2026- Shows

February 28-March 1, 2026 – Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society
McCormic Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive
(Solano County Fairgrounds), Vallejo,
CA 94590

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5
PM

Contact: (707) 644-9764,
vgms01@yahoo.com

Website: <http://vjgems.com>

March 15, 2026 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA
92028

Hours: 12 Noon – 3 PM

Rough and Cut – This is a kind of clear-
ance sale for miscellaneous minerals.
Includes some fine minerals flats of
lower end minerals, and lapidary
rough. For the kids, there is a rock pile.
\$5.00 for a bucket to be filled as many
times as they want. Also, larger very
nice garden rock. Good family event
and open to the public.

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

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

March 28-29, 2026 – Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Location: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds,
2551 W Ave H, Lancaster, CA 93534

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun-
day 20 AM – 4 PM

Parking will cost \$10. Show will be in
the Van Dam building.

Contact: marylandorile@gmail.com

Website: <http://AVGem.weebly.com>

April 11-12, 2026 – Mariposa, CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007
Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun-
day 10 AM – 4 PM

Mountains of Minerals Gem Show

Contact: mgmc@sti.net

Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

November Birthstone – Topaz & Citrine



Topaz Colors



Citrine



SHOW INFORMATION

2026 Show, April 24, set up, April 25 and 26

Please mark your calendars now, we will need everyone to participate in order to make our show a success.

- 1) Starting today, please look around for quality geodes, like Mexican geodes. The club needs some in order to open the geode cutting station for the show. That station is very popular, and makes a lot of money when the geodes are donated. This is a great way help the Show.
- 2) If you are have a particular love of rocks, please consider spending a couple of hours at the Show, and showing off your interest. Having Searchers available to talk to other rockhounds, not only you learn, but they learn as well. There are many knowledgeable rock hounds that come to our show. Why not take advantage of that?

Veronica Purpura, Yuval Dohn 2026 Show Chairmen



San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
A Non-Profit Educational and Scientific Organization

GEM DIEGO SHOW

November 1–2, 2025

Sat 10am – 6pm | Sun 10am – 4pm

Liberty Station Conference Center

2600 Laning Road ♦ San Diego, CA 92106

FREE ADMISSION ♦ AMPLE FREE PARKING NEXT TO VENUE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ♦ SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY



*29 Retail Dealers,
Demonstrations
& Exhibits*

Minerals ♦ Gems
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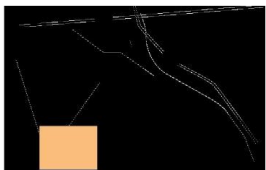
Located in the Point Loma neighborhood,
one-half block north of N. Harbor Drive and San Diego Bay
(1 mile south of Liberty Station Market and the Arts District)



San Diego Mineral
& Gem Society

1770 Village Place
San Diego, CA 92101

Visit our museum and workshop
for a tour weekdays and Saturday.
We're located adjacent to
Spanish Village in Balboa Park







Driving directions: bit.ly/libcmap



Scan the QR code above for more info or visit sdmg.org

If you need further information, contact LUAnn H. Benton benton.luannz@gmail.com

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org



General Meetings: 6:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Doors open at 6 PM

Board Meetings: 6:30 PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 9:30 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center

250 East Center St.

Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 3492

Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

Membership Dues: Individual \$35

Each additional household member is \$10

Valid Jan.1-Dec.31 The dues are prorated for new members. If new members sign up from October to December, their dues are good for those months, plus the entire next year.

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<https://www.instagram.com/searchersgemandmineral/?hl=en>

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