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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

Behind the Scenes –

The board is drafting a new club brochure with the help of Searcher John O'Neill,

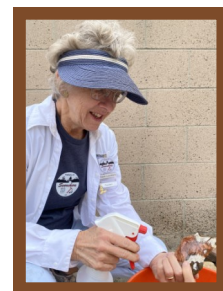
The club Show banners are being updated with the round logo.

A special auction will be held at the November 8 General Meeting, thank you to Doug and Inez Flaugh, for donations of valuable rough and slabs.

Searchers will have a membership outreach table on September 10, 2022 at the Anaheim Community Center Active Older Adults Fair.

The Searchers' Workshop hours, and General Meeting hours now finish at 9 p.m., to help the Anaheim Center reduce staff time and meet budget. Hopefully, next summer the club can return to the 10 p.m. finish time.

The 8 inch lap in the Workshop is usable, and can polish 3 inch (or smaller) diameter geodes or cabochons.



Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **September 5th**

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

Searchers board meeting, August 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Robin Larzerle, Sue Gevedon, Margaret Hogarth, Gwen Sharpe, Nancy Bird, Jenny Rohl and Jamie Cassidy-Curtis attending.

Margaret, Veronica, and Sue are working the vendor contract and rules and regulations for the September board meeting.

Wait List and Vendor List are updated and on Google Drive.

Show Security Response Policy will be discussed and voted on at the September Board meeting.

No display cases to be silent auctioned off at August General Meeting. There are four remaining display cases. They will be used for the following: one for club use, two for the workshop and one to loan out to someone who wants to show their collection.

Nominating Committee for Club Board positions- Margaret Hogarth, Jimmy Peterson and Charles Walker will be on the nominating committee.

It was decided to not reduce the size of the storage container.

Tentative trips posted on website.

CFMS Representative: Nancy Bird, reported on the upcoming two-week trip to Camp Paradise.

Searchers General Meeting, August 9, 2022 at the

Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 7:00 PM.

Thankyou's: to Lori for providing snacks and coffee at the meeting, to Margaret for fixing the shelves in the storage container so they can be wheeled into the truck and then into the show, and to Gwen for planning the picnic.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Hogarth, Jimmy Peterson and Charles Walker.

New 24" saw: We will vote on the new saw purchase at the meeting in September.

Annual Picnic was Sunday, August 7, 2022 at noon.

Field Trip: Margaret reported on the long-range field trip to Clear Creek September 10-11. You will need to get permits from the BLM. Details are available on the Searchers' website. Minerals to be looked for are: plasma agate, jadeite and serpentine.

Workshop: Caleb covered the shop while Charles went to the Nipomo show.

Jewell Tunnel: We are invited to go to the Jewell Tunnel from Noon to three on August 15 and 16. Sen an email to them if you are going.

Show: Start planning on donating rocks for the show. Margaret is getting some dinosaur books from the library for the kids.

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

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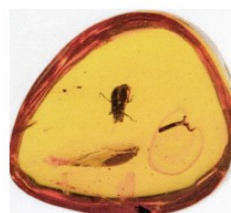
Searcher Presenters and News

September Speaker: Maxine Dearborn

I have been a member of the Del Air Rockhounds Club in the San Fernando Valley for over 40 years and have been picking up rocks since 2nd grade. I am co-chairman of our club's Educational Team that talks to 2nd and 4th grade students on local geology, rocks, minerals, fossils and more. Fossils are my favorite, but I have a hard time not picking up any old rock I see on the ground and looking at it. In my travels, I have collected Trilobites in Utah, Fossil Fish in Wyoming, Ammonites in Texas, Dino Bones in Wyoming, Petrified Wood in many States and all kinds of rocks in every State in the Union. Yes, rockhounding is FUN !!!



Dominican Republic Amber Pendant



Baltic Amber with Beetle



Raw Amber

AMBER - "THAT FANTASTIC TREE RESIN"

Maxine Dearborn will walk us through the gem stone "AMBER". Yes, Amber, like Pearls, is one of the few non-mineral gemstones.

Amber comes in many colors and she will have samples for you to see and touch. Maxine will go from where Amber is found and what it looks like in the rough, to finished items in jewelry.

You will also learn how to polish and take care of your Amber. You will want your own Amber necklace after this program.

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"

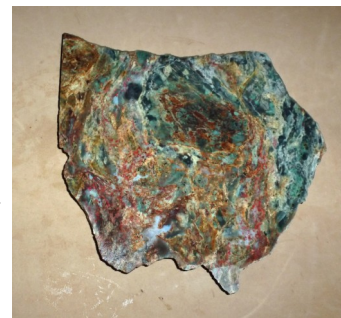
Clear Creek Management Area Field Trip

September 10-11, 2022 Meet 8:30am, Depart: 9:00am

Leader: Margaret Hogarth and Jimmie Peterson Cell# 909-815-3045

Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com

Hobby gem and mineral collectors are drawn to the Clear Creek areas by the presence of over 150 semi-precious mineral and gemstones. This is one of the most highly mineralized areas in California. The serpentine mass contains two superfund sites, Atlas Mine and Johns-Mansville. Both were associated with the mining and processing of chrysotile asbestos. Other minerals mined from the serpentine mass included cinnabar, chromite, magnesite, and jadeite. The Gem mine (private) located within the serpentine mass is the only source of gem-grade benitoite in the world. They have a fee dig in the tailings if you are interested, but we will not be going on that trip. The rare minerals neptunite and joaquinite have also been found there. Other cool things to hound are jaspers, uvarovite, and plasma agate. We'll do a combination of digging for plasma agate and scouring the stream beds for interesting finds. You can't be disappointed in such a geologically diverse place! Please RSVP if you plan to attend.



Permits Needed Get your permits ahead of time by visiting the follow site, each car needs a general access permit to CCMA and a special permit for the Serpentine Area (ACEC). <https://www.recreation.gov/vehiclepermits/250848>

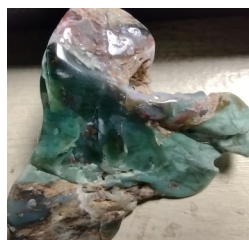
Clear Creek Vehicle Permit: \$5 per week* Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Permit: Free, limited to 5 entries per calendar year, per person* *Each permit requires a \$6 reservation fee. We will also need a **gate code**; Margaret will send that information out before the trip.

Directions: I recommend using the "download offline maps" feature for Google Maps or your own selection of GPS App which allows off grid maps. **There isn't much for cell service in the area.**

Coming North on I-5: Take exit 325 for Jayne Ave (Rt 33) and go west toward Coalinga. Jayne Ave turns into Polk St thru the town of Coalinga and then turns back into Jayne Ave Continue on Jayne Ave and it make a big right sweeping turn and turns into S. Derrick Ave and you are in the middle of the Chevron Oil Field, go ~4miles. Turn left onto Lost Gatos Creek Rd. Follow for 21.5mi, turns into Coalinga Rd at the Condon Peak Recreation Area. Continue another 8.6mi and turn right onto Clear Creek Rd (LOOK FOR SEARCHERS SIGN) Pass over the ford in the San Benito River. Travel about 2.3 miles, the left just before the locked gate to head up to Jade Mill Campground (36.368356 N, -120.754140 W), SEARCHERS signs will be posted.

Camp is approximately 6 hrs from Orange County.

The camp is a dry camp, bring everything you need.



Tumbled Plasma by Margaret

**For field trip
information
contact: Steve
Duncan
mrsteveduncan
2@gmail.com
714 724-7102**

Tools: You may want heavy tools for the Plasma Agate, as some of it is in boulders you will need to break up if you want to take some. For the stream collecting a rock pick and a spray bottle will suffice.

Vehicles: Although we will be on dirt roads, a high clearance vehicle is still recommended. If you come to camp in a car, we will have you carpool with someone for the collecting.

Potluck On Sat night we will have our standard potluck, bring something to share if you wish to participate. If campfires are allowed in Sept please bring so bring some firewood if you are able.

Clear Creek Rocks and Minerals

Searchers will be taking a field trip to the Clear Creek area in September, 2022. You might want to do some reading about Clear Creek materials before you go.

The Clear Creek area features serpentinite, blueschist, schist, quartz and plasma agate, and many minerals. Plasma agate may contain quartz, cinnabar and other minerals, giving it a variety of colors. Due to the presence of asbestos, access to the area is monitored and caution must be taken. Be sure to follow the directions and registration process for permits when we release the field trip information.

Travel To The Asbestos Mountains In Clear Creek, San Benito County, CA by rt395

<https://hive.blog/hive-163772/@rt395/travel-to-the-asbestos-mountains-in-clear-creek-san-benito-county-ca>

For gorgeous photographs of the area, a description and history, read rt395's overview of the Clear Creek area, including some mine sites.

Minerals I Found At Clear Creek, San Benito Co., CA by rt395

<https://hive.blog/hive-163521/@rt395/minerals-i-found-at-clear-creek-san-benito-co-ca>

rt395 did some research before going to Clear Creek, so they were looking for specific mines and mine sites in blueschist and serpentinite. While exploring rt395 found green uvarovite (a chromium garnet), purple kammererite (a chromium clinochlore), and coalingite. They also found a small quantity of benitoite in stream beds below a claimed mine. Green andradite garnets were also found. You can see photos at the website listed above. There are many potential minerals there!

Mindat Entry for Clear Creek area, Picacho Peak, New Idria Mining District, San Benito Co., California, USA

<https://www.mindat.org/loc-27173.html>

Be sure to click on the Photos > Gallery for photographs of the mentioned minerals.

The rose quartz site in the Greenhorn Mountains near Kernville is closed due to fire damage received last year. Before going, check to see if the area is open. Their contact information:
Kern River Ranger Station
Address: 11380 Kernville Rd, Kernville, CA 93238
Phone: (760) 376-3781

Upcoming Fields Trips

Field Trip Schedule 2022-2023			
2022	Location	Leader	Status
Sept 10 & 11	Clear Creek	Margaret Hogarth/Jimmy Peterson	Planned
Oct 15&16	Sperry Wash	Virgil Talbot	Planned
Nov 12 & 13	Afton Canyon	John O'Connor	Planned
Dec	Orbicular ryholite (Lucerne Valley)/ or Baxter Wash details TBD	Jimmy Peterson	Tentative
2023	Location	Leader	Status
Jan	Early Man Site	Virgil Talbot	Tentative
Feb	Rainbow Ledge details TBD	Steve Duncan	Tentative
Mar			
Apr			
May			

Searchers Field Trip OCT 14-15, 2022

SPERRY WASH

Leader Virgil Talbot

Directions to camp:

Take I-15 to Baker. This will be your last chance to get gas. Go north on state 172 about 50 miles to the Spanish Trail Rd turnoff to Tecopa. Go east on Old Spanish Trail Rd past Tecopa approximately about 1.5 miles and then turn right on to Furnace Creek Rd., go about 4.2 miles to a well maintained dirt road on your right, turn right here, (there will be a Searchers sign) , follow this road until it T's , turn right and follow to the camp site. I will be going out Fri. with a white Casita trailer. This is a dry camp, there are no facilities! Bring everything you need, including a little firewood if you have it, as well as something to share at the Saturday night potluck.

We will meet at the camp Saturday morning at 8:30 am and leave at 9:00 am. The roads to the collecting sites are rough, high clearance vehicles only, Four wheeled drive preferred.

We will be collecting float agate, jasper and petrified wood. Further down canyon is there is hard rock mining for jasper. You will need hammer, wedges, pry bars, sledges etc. for this hard rock mining. Saturday night there will be a pot luck and camp fire.

Sunday again we meet at 8:30 am and leave at 9:00. We will head to Kingston Mountains for quartz crystals in float, and some requiring hard rock mining for the motivated.

On the collecting trips you will need to bring water, lots of water, lunches, protective clothing, sunscreen, safety glasses, personal walky-talky, channel 7 if you have one. Please e-mail me at virgil_talbott@roadrunner.com if you plan on attending. My cell is 714-606-8502 (on trip only), my home phone, 714-871-7900

This summer has been a very active monsoon season and Sperry wash may be washed out, I will scout it in the first part of Oct and update people. Watch for a E-mail BLAST!

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

Utah Geological Survey Publishes Rock and Mineral Collecting Information

Check out this very nice site describing rockhounding opportunities in Utah, and an interactive map.

Utah Geological Survey Rock & Mineral Collecting Sites

<https://geology.utah.gov/popular/places-to-go/rock-mineral-collecting-sites/>



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Survey Notes Site Articles include:

Agate, chert, jasper, and petrified wood between Capitol Reef National Park and Caineville, Wayne County

Birdseye Marble in the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Utah County

Bixbyite, Rutile, and Amethyst Crystals near Marysvale, Piute County

Dugway Geode Beds, Juab County

Gypsum sand near Knolls, Tooele County

Obsidian in the Black Rock Desert, Millard County

"Onyx" Near Mount Nebo, Juab County

Oolitic Sand on Stansbury Island, Tooele County

Smokey Quartz and Feldspar Crystals at Rock Corral Canyon in the Mineral Mountains, Beaver County

Sunstones at Sunstone Knoll, Millard County

Topaz and other minerals found at Topaz Mountain, Juab County

Wonderstone in the Vernon Hills, Tooele County

Utah Rockhounder

<https://geology.utah.gov/apps/rockhounder/?page=Interactive-Map>

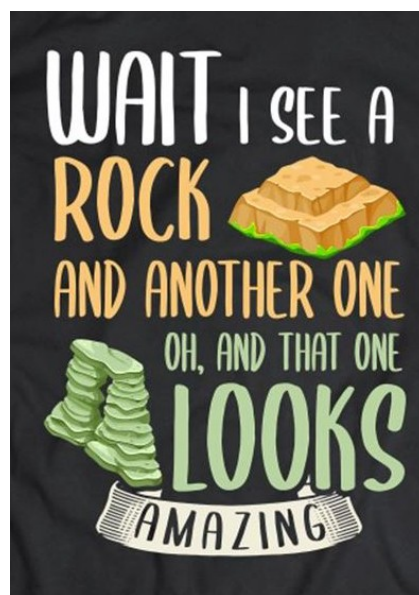
A Little Fun

checking your pockets before
laundry :

normal folks



me



Show News, September, 2022

I'm a tumbling fool, trying to tumble as much material as I can for grab bags, but also for other needs. For the 2022 show we put larger tumbled rocks in the goodie bags (given to each child as they came into the show), so I'm tumbling some larger materials, too. For the grab bags, we include a small zip lock bag with "special" items such as garnets, small crystals, showy items, small fossils, so that every grab bag has 6-7 things that are exciting and "valuable." These things are usually donated, so if you have a handful of something special that you don't know what to do with, think about donating it to the Searchers for use in our grab bags or goodie bags.



As we prepare to go to CFMS' Camp Paradise, I found some enameling done the last time we went; I'll have to channel those pieces to prizes!

I plan to make as many prizes as I can at camp while I learn some new skills and use up the beautiful material I've collected and worked on over the years.

Nominating Committee News, September, 2022

The Nominating Committee would like to encourage you to consider filling any positions in the Searchers board or functional positions. It is a lot of fun, we learn new things, make new friends, and contribute to the club. The Searchers' web site contains the Standing Rules, which have the various job descriptions at <https://www.searchersrocks.org/club-documents>, but you can also contact a Nominating Committee member for further information. Nominating Committee members are Charles Walker, Jimmy Peterson, and Margaret Hogarth. Don't limit your interest to described job duties; if you have a great idea, please bring it to the board!

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Presentation:

Charles Walker did a presentation on Wingate Agate. The source of this agate is located in China Lake Naval Weapons Center on the edge of Death Valley and has been closed to collecting since 1957. However, in 1961 whatever was left was mined by some collectors.

Wingate Pass was used by the Borax teams to move the mined borax to the west and then onto market.

There are 17 different patterns exhibited in Wingate Agate. They are gorgeous plumes of orange and red and yellow. Some of the material needs to be stabilized to be successfully cut and polish this stone.

Charles had pictures to show of his collection as well as a showcase that showed many of the kinds of the agate both as rough and as slabs. There were some polished examples as well.

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

Upcoming 2022 CFMS Gem Shows

2022 Shows

September 10-11, 2022, Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Jackpot of Gems

Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia, Reno, NV 89502

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

Contact: sailondan55@aol.com

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

September 17-18, 2022 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2757 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928

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

Contact: (530) 586-7052, mmpg@att.net

Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

September 24-25, 2022 – San Luis Obispo, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA

Hours both days: 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: 2022show@alogem.org

Website: <http://www.slogem.org/show.htm>

September 24-25, 2022 – Long Beach

Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society
Gems on the Hill, Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Signal Hill Public Library, Signal Hill, CA 90755 - Terrace and Community Room

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

Free event, Children's activities

Contact: Carol Kron (562) 577-9044, lbmineralgemssociety@gmail.com

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

October 1-2, 2022 – Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Shasta District Fair and Event Center, 1890 Briggs St., Anderson, CA (just south of Redding) 96007

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

Contact: miller3987@gmail.com

Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

October 8-9, 2022 – Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society

Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City 940612

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Recreation with Rocks: Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society and Peninsula Gem and Geology

Contacts: 650 575-3144 cci@pacbell.net, 650 743-7447 catphalen@comcast.net

Websites: <http://pggs.org> or <https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/sgms-gem-mineral-show.html>

Website: <https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/sgms-gem-mineral-show.html>

October 8-9, 2022 – Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society
Earth's Treasures Show 2022

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945

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

Contact: 4vanclan5@att.net

Website: <https://www.ncgms.org/show-info/>

October 9, 2022 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Fall Festival of Gems & Minerals

123 W. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook CA 92028

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

Vendors: apply by August 1, 2022. Free booths for nonprofit organizations promoting minerals, fossils or gems.

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

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

October 15, 2022 – West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

First Methodist Church, 22770 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91204

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

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

October 15-16, 2022 – Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society

45th Annual Mineral and Gem Show

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

Hours: Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Contact: (707) 849-9551, jole-

ne4srmgs@gmail.com

Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

October 15-16, 2022- Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667

Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM daily

Contact: office@edcmgs.org

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

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

October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA

Hours Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

86th Annual Sacramento Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Gemstones, Meteorites, Jade, Equipment, Gold, Opals, Crystals, Food, Slabs, Rough Rock and Cabochons, and much more!

Contact: (916) 662-5819, gem-

show@sacramentomineralsociety.org

Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

September Birthstone: Sapphire



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

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:
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