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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

September was a good month for Searchers to connect with each other. Chris Oliver gave a demonstration on fixing broken stones, knowledge she learned from pre-Covid Workshop lessons. Please bring some of your broken pieces to the Workshop (Tues. 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and we can mend them together.

On September 10, 2022, the Active Older Adults Group had a Fair at the Anaheim Community Center. Searchers had a table with Charlotte Spaulding, me, and John O'Neill answering questions about the club and showing off necklaces, books, geode plant holders, and rock specimens. A few days later, two Fullerton residents visited the Searchers General meeting, happily bringing rocks to have Searchers identify, and admire. I gave out 13 membership applications that day. The interest in our club is growing.

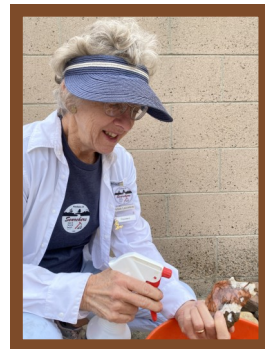
Other highlights, the Searchers voted to purchase a new 24 inch Diamond Pacific lapidary saw for the Workshop, and an 18 in lap machine. (They won't be installed until next year.) The Amber presentation by Maxine Dearborn of the Del Air Rockhounds included touching and holding various pieces of amber. It is so light, it is surprising, and if it hasn't been in salt water, it isn't amber.

Elections are in November. That will be Pie night, and a Silent Auction like no other. The club always needs volunteer hours. For example, the general meetings will need a refreshments volunteer. Lorri Renck is stepping down after years of brewing coffee and bringing cookies. Thank you Lorri.

Robin Larzelere, President

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Welcome to returning members:
Franciso Roman
Hayle Challacombe
and Dave Ross



Check out our "new" Facebook page:

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

Searchers Club Meetings

Board Meeting- **October 4th**

Member Meeting- **October 11th** in the Anaheim Community Center

Searchers board meeting, Sept. 6, 2022 06:30 PM in person at the Downtown Community Center

Attendees: Robin Larzelere, Charles Walker, Margaret Hogarth, Jenny Rohl, Steve Duncan, Gwen Sharp, Nancy Bird, Sue Gevedon

Progress on edits to vendor contract for the show. We will have a draft next meeting

24-inch Diamond Pacific Saw. Purchase of the saw was unanimously approved by the board.

Searchers Banner display at meetings: FUDESYS brand Backdrop Stand 7x10Ft \$50 plus shipping. Approved by the board.

The Opal Society has requested space in the workshop. Approved.

John O'Neill volunteered to help with WIX to update the website. He was approved by the board. Robin will supervise his activities.

South County Gem and Mineral is interested in sharing the Show ring making table with Cal State Fullerton. Approved by the board as long as they aren't actively promoting their club.

CFMS November meeting is in Visalia, November 11th – 13th.

Charles will not be able to continue as Shop Chair for next year. Caleb has volunteered for the position.

Searchers General Meeting, September 13, 2022 at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 7:00 PM.

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

Visitors: Kathy and Craig from Fullerton. Recruited from the Senior Health Fair.

Thankyou's: to John O'Neill for making a template for the club brochure, to Chris Oliver for showing shop people how to use quick glue to stabilize rocks, to Charlotte Spaulding who brought beaded cabs to the senior Fair.

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

New 24" saw: The purchase of the saw was approved by the membership, 26 to 0.

Brochure: Robin asked members to suggest topics to be covered.

Field Trip: The field trip to Clear Creek was cancelled due to extremely hot weather.

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

Presentation:

Maxine Dearborn did a presentation on amber. Tree resin is amber. The resin is created by the tree to repair wounds in the bark. It is lightweight and floats in water. To become amber the resin must be immersed in sea water for long periods of time. If not exposed to sea water, the resin stays sticky even if 10,000 years old, and is called copal. Amber is long wave fluorescent. It is extremely brittle and generates electricity if rubbed. It comes in 250 colors. It smells like pine when it burns.

Amber has been mined in the Baltic Sea region since the Stone Age. The Greeks referred to it as the tears of a virgin. Of the amber that is mined in the Baltic, 25-35% is good for jewelry. Stradivarius violins are varnished with amber. Black amber comes from the coal mines in Lithuania.

Other areas of the world where amber is found are, the Dominican Republic, Africa, Indonesia and Bruma. Burmese amber is all shipped to China.

Since amber soft, it can be shaped with sand paper to smooth it and then for a final polish, use tooth paste and a soft brush.

Searcher Presenters and News

September Speaker: Mary Pat Weber



This month Mary Pat Weber will introduce us to “Stromatolites, Past & Present”, a complex melding of biology, chemistry and geology. Considered to be the earliest known lifeforms on Earth, the ancient organisms that created stromatolites are believed to have played a major role in the development of life on this planet.



As a former exploration geologist, Mary Pat is fascinated with these fossils and the processes that form them. Over the years the Webers have traveled to several well known stromatolite locations such as Northern Minnesota, Glacier National Park and Shark Bay, Australia.

As a long time and active member of her mineral club, Ms. Weber has served as the “Pandemic President” of The Conejo Gem and Mineral Club for the past few years. She enjoys exhibiting her specimens at local mineral clubs and is a consistent blue ribbon winner at the Ventura County Fair. As a collector, she will have a sampling of stromatolite specimens at the meeting for club members to see.



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
Oct 15&16	Sperry Wash	Virgil Talbot	Planned
Nov 12 & 13	Afton Canyon	John O'Connor	Planned
Dec	Orbicular rhyolite (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 well 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

**For field trip
information**

**contact: Steve
Duncan**

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

714 724-7102

Searcher News and Updates

Field trip VP needed

As most of you know we will have our general election in November. For an assortment of reasons, I will be unable to continue as the 2nd VP (Field Trips). We need someone to step up and fill this position for next year. Here is what this job entails:

The goal is to run 1 trip a month between Sept and May. To accomplish this the Field Trip VP will recruit trip leaders from within the club (or possibly outside the club) and put together a schedule, with trip locations, leaders and dates, which is then published in the Slab and the website. The trip leaders will put together trip plans which also need to be published, the Field Trip VP will get the trip plans from the leaders (reminding them gently if needed), and get the plans published, hopefully, 2 months before the trip. They should be published at least a month in advance.

You will note that nothing has been said about the field trip VP actually running any trips. This job is much more about organizing the trips. This does not mean you shouldn't lead trips if you can and want to. Of course, you should. But if you are uncertain about leading a trip have others lead. You can then participate in some of the trips, as they are a lot of fun, and there is a lot to learn. After a few trips, you may realize that the actual leading is not that hard and you may want to give it a go.

I will be happy to assist the new Field Trip VP with everything related to the position, including recruiting leaders, proofing field trip plans, and maybe even leading a trip or two.

This is a great opportunity for someone to learn more about our club and rockhounding in general. I have been the Field Trip VP at various times for at least 6 or 7 years, and this has increased my enjoyment of the club, and my knowledge of rockhounding a lot.

If you think this is something you would be interested in, drop me an email at mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com and I will be happy to discuss things with you. A robust field trip schedule is very important for the continued success of the club, and it is important that this position gets filled.

Regards,

Steve Duncan

mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com

714 724 7102



Nominating Committee News

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!

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, and to Clear Creek in May, so at least two 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



Help Needed

A Searcher named Casey Hussey needs some help getting some cabochons drilled. If anyone can help with this please contact Casey at caseyhussey@gmail.com.

Ray Clary's Notebooks

There is a sheet for each site, what type of site it is, how reliable is the information, the name of the material/site, state, county, township, section and map ID. Sometimes there is a description of the locality and some remarks, but not always. In the references section, there is a book or journal article listing where the information was found. Frequently there isn't enough information to pinpoint exactly where the site is, but, with some research, we might be able to figure it out. Here is an example:

The rockhound sheets are being stored digitally on the Searchers drive. The notebooks will be available at the next general meeting. If you are interested, consider making a donation to the raffle tickets.

RESEARCH DATA SHEET			
TYPE: <u>01</u>	1 - ROCKHOUNDING 2 - LOST MINE 3 - LOST TREASURE 4 - GHOST TOWN SITE	RATING: <u>01</u>	1 - FACTUAL 2 - LEG/FCT 3 - LEGEND 4 - ???
NAME: <u>QUARTZ CRYSTALS</u>		HARDNESS: _____	
STATE: <u>CA</u>	COUNTY: <u>17/LAKE</u>	TOWNSHIP: _____	SECTION: _____
MAP ID: _____			
LOCALITY: <u>STATE 29 N. TO WHERE IT TURNS LEFT TO SKIRT CLEAR LAKE. TAKE LEFT AND GO 1 MI. TO SIGGLER SPRINGS / CANYON RD. TURN S. AND DRIVE TO SIGN MARKED PERINI HILL, TURN RT AND PASS RANCH. SITE IS JUST BEYOND RANCH.</u>			
REMARKS: <u>EGG-SHAPED OR ROD-LIKE CRYSTALS ARE FOUND IN POCKETS IN REDDISH SOILS</u> <u>COLORS INCLUDE COLORLESS, MILKY, LAVENDER, SMOKY, CITRINE, PINK, BLUE</u> <u>AND RED. MATERIAL FACETS BEAUTIFULLY.</u>			
REFERENCES: (1) <u>ROCKHOUND FEB 1976 P 28-29.</u>			
(2) <u>GEM TRAILS IN CALIFORNIA ABBOTT</u>			

Show News

The Board has been working on procedures and policies for the show. We hope to finalize these at the October board meeting.

Keep the show in mind as you sort through your stash or go out in the field. We have a need for many prizes for all ages and interests at the show. There are prizes for grab bags, Wheel of Fortune, and hourly door prizes. If you have a large item that you would like to donate to our raffle, just let us know. This is a good place for unused equipment! As you upgrade, please keep the club in mind. The Silent Auction would like to concentrate on quality material. This is not the place for your leftover leaverites! Having excellent silent auction material does much to promote our club and build good will.

Eventually we will run out of slabs donated by Adrian that we have been using for our monthly meeting drawings. If you have an extra beautiful slab, give it to the club for future monthly raffle items.

We are always looking for new prize ideas; if you have one, please let us know!

Thank you,

Margaret Hogarth, hogarth.m@gmail.com

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

Upcoming 2022 CFMS Gem Shows

2022 Shows

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>

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://w.eldoradocountymineralandgemsociety.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>

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February 18-29, 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
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>

March 3-4, 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

Contact: (805) 312-8467, info@vgms.org
Website: <http://www.vgms.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
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>
[Tailgate-2023-Info.jpg](#)



October Birthstone: Opal and Tourmaline



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:
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