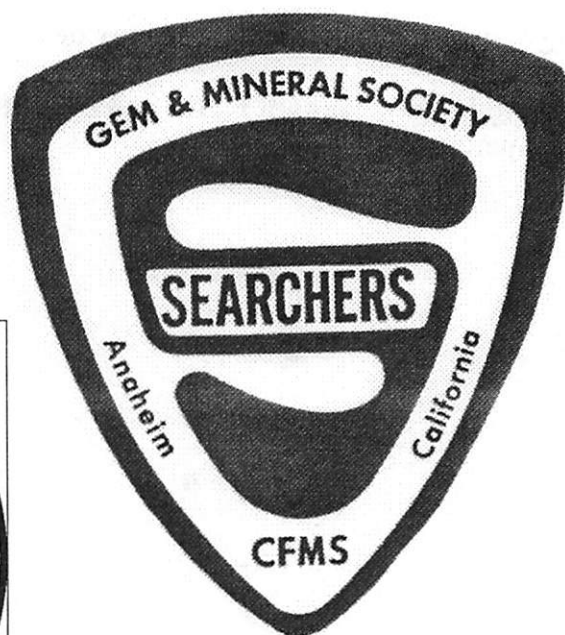
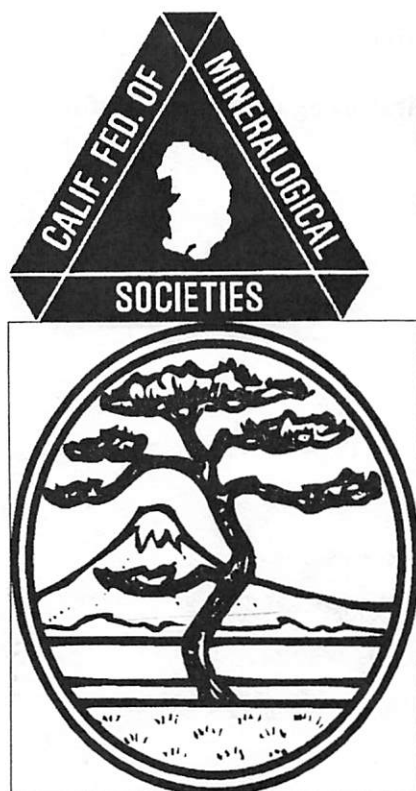


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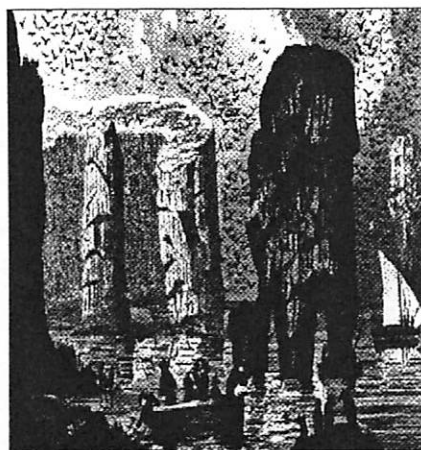
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Visitors are always welcome.

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Members are always welcome.

**Membership Dues:** Annually: \$20 for adults, \$25 per couple, and \$2 for junior members under 17 years in age.

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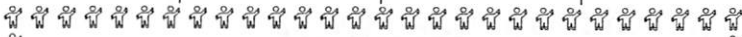

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Birthdays *</b> <b>Anniversaries</b>	 <b>"They are coming in December"</b> 					1 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 pm
3	Labor Day 4	5	6	7 Pat Sherrick * Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 pm	8	9 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 pm
10	11 Tara Kane * Gene Rigger *	12 Searchers meeting 7:00 to 9:00 pm	13	14 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 pm	15	16 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21 Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 pm Board meeting 7:00 to 9:00 pm	22 Mary L. Turner * <b>PAPER DEADLINE</b>	23 Craig Bluell * Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 pm
24	25 Thomas Casey *	26	27	28 Cecilia Ronini * Workshop 6:30 to 10:00 pm	29 Matt Selden *	30 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 pm

**Jim Pelowin 1st Vice President  
September Speaker**

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Allan Silverstein, one of our Searchers Club members, will be the speaker at our next meeting on Sept. 12. He will speak on a RAINBOW OF COLORS -FLOURESCENT MINERALS. He is Secretary of the world wide Flourescent Mineral Society. At our last meeting, he was given a trophy for exhibiting in our shows for 10 consecutive years. This year, his exhibit won 1st prize at the Orange County Fair. In 1996, he won the trophy in Tucson, for the best Flourescent Mineral of the show. The mineral displayed was "Calcite". Allan is an U.V.P. authourized Lamp distributor as well as a dealer in Flourescent minerals, fossils, jewelry, and decorative mineral fossils.

**Joan Macom 2nd Vice President Calendar for Sept. to Dec. 2000**

**Rock'n Trips Y2K**

**September**

2-4 Cedarville (Labor Day)  
(Petrified wood, etc.) COOP/CFMS, Debbie Bunn  
916/929-6665 or fossilsff@aol.com

4-6 Kokoweef Cavern Culver City, brad@bigdiff.com

10-16 Camp Paradise, Marysville, CA (450 miles) CFMS, Ray Meisenheimer 805/642-3155

15-17 Jade Cove, CA (300 miles) Searchers/Joan Macomber, joanmacom@aol.com

18 Orientation Opal Mountain/Rainbow Canyon Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

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23-24 Opal Mountain/Rainbow Canyon Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

**October**

9-10 Searies Lake Trona Culver City, brad@bigdiff.com

9-16 AFMS Show Moab Field Trips (720 miles) COOP/CFMS, Debbie Bunn (Gastroliths, coprolite, agates, etc.)  
916/929-6665 or fossilsff@aol.com or Keith Lindholm and Carole Lockhart 916/638-2314

14-15 Trona Trona Club/Jon Gladwell at myrddin@imagina.com

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21-22 Afton Canyon Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

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**November**

6 Death Valley Orientation Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

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10-13 Death Valley National Park Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

23-26 Calico Thanksgiving Cancelled as a Searchers Outing

23-26 Burro Creek, AZ (400 miles) DelAirocks@aol.com

25-28 Wiley Well Culver City, brad@bigdiff.com

27 Green Ash/Calico Hills Orientation Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com

**December**

2,3 Green Ash/Calico Hills Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, Cconniecat@aol.com  
2 Holiday Party Searchers

## Jade Cove Field Trip September 15 - 17, 2000

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Tenters, RVers and car campers will enjoy staying at San Simeon State Park, 3 miles North of Cambria on SR1, in the San Simeon Creek Loop. We will have water, showers, campfire rings, tables, flush toilets, 40 ft. RV sites and tent sites, a dump station and nearby fishing, swimming, shopping, dining and propane—but no hookups. Each camper should make their own reservations by calling Reserve America at 800/444-7275 or you can reserve online at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Then call the campground to reserve your actual site at 805/927-2035. Tell them you are with the Searchers staying in the San Simeon Creek Loop, sites #88 to #115. Sites are \$14.00 per night, or \$12.00 per night with a Senior discount. You are allowed 8 people and 2 vehicles per site so you can share with a fellow Searcher at half the cost! Bring a friend and introduce them to rockhounding and the cool central coast. Dogs cost a big buck per night. There are many hotels in the San Simeon/Cambria area, and South towards Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. Many are pricey, but lower cost rooms can be reserved at:

Motel 6	\$52 to \$72 per night for 2 persons	805/927-8691
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Saturday morning we'll drop by easily accessible Moonstone Beach in Cambria to collect moonstones off the beach. We'll head back to the campground for lunch. A few miles North along scenic Coast Highway

One (and 6 miles North of the campground, immediately after the sand dunes, and just before the light house), brings us to the Piedras Blancas elephant seal rookery. If the young juveniles and subadults too young to take part in the breeding season have begun their fall haul-out to rest after 5-months at sea and are on the shore, I've scheduled a Friends of the Elephant Seal docent to provide a short tour and lecture. We should also be able to observe sea otters as their preserve is along the coastline.

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Conventional vehicles are OK. One-way is approximately 300 miles, and 5 to 7 hours depending on how you drive and if you're towing. Please feel free to contact me via phone at 714/821-0129, or e-mail at [joanmacom@aol.com](mailto:joanmacom@aol.com) if you have any questions or suggestions. I have a large packet of maps available if you didn't pick them up at the August Monthly Meeting. Feel free to come earlier and stay later. **Hope to see you at the beach!**

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### Camping With Van Kampen

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Opal Mountain and Rainbow Canyon Visit the beautiful back country of Barstow region. Collect common opal minerals in the Scout Cove area; check out petroglyphs along Inscription Canyon and Black Canyon; explore Rainbow Canyon's unique geology. Include a tour through Diamond Pacific Company (lapidary equipment specialist). Primitive camping (no fee). High-clearance vehicles OK. Tuition \$28, Lab fee \$5.

Orientation Monday, September 18 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Yorba Linda, Room 303 Field Trip: Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24.

Afton Canyon Unique back country exploration of scenic canyons and washes. Hike to a volcanic plug and collect multi-colored jaspers, explore mud caves along the Mojave River. Includes a BLM program by Chief Ranger, Barry Nelson. Restroom, tables, and fire rings available at the campground. Conventional vehicles OK. Tuition \$28, Lab fee \$5.

Orientation Monday, October 16 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Yorba Linda, Room 303 Field Trip: Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22.

Death Valley National Park Visit great points of interest in the park: Marble Canyon, Golden Canyon, Death Valley sand dunes, and Salt Creek. Visit Ubehebe Crater and Scotty's Castle and enjoy Dante's View. Camping area with fee. Convention vehicles O.K.

Orientation Monday, November 6 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Yorba Linda, Room 303 Field Trip: Friday and Monday, November 10 to 13.

Green Ash/Calico Hills Explore back country of Calico Hills; dig petrified palm wood and collect multi-colored jaspagates. Scenic canyons and new sites to explore east of the Early Man Site area. Primitive camping; no facilities (no fee). High-clearance or 4x4 vehicle. Tuition \$28, Lab fee \$5.

Orientation Monday, November 27 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Yorba Linda, Room 303 Field Trip: Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.

## **Calico Thanksgiving Trip Canceled**

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The Calico Thanksgiving Holiday Trip has been canceled as a Searchers club function. There are no vacant sites available as the campground is sold out.

If you have reserved a site and want to cancel, please call 800/862-25426, then press zero. Give your site number to cancel.

If you have a site reserved and would still like to attend, just show up. A few of the members still plan to rockhound the Calico area as a small group and attend the Calico holiday celebration as day trip activities.

Questions may be directed to Joan Macomber at 714/821-0129 or via e-mail at joanmacom@aol.com.

## **Betty Nelson President**

I want to thank Herb Beckmen and his phone committee for calling to remind members, especially those who do not usually get to meetings, that the July meeting was a potluck. Somehow that information did not make it into the Rock Slab News creating much confusion. I apologize to the membership for this. Without those phone calls we would not have had a potluck that was its usual success. Betty Nelson.

## **Remembering an old time Searchers**

### **Hello Searchers,**

My name is Steve Kramer, grandson of David E. Ferguson a long time member of your Searchers group. My grandfather passed away this weekend and while taking care to look over his vast collection of gems and minerals I had come across the fact that he was President of your club for at least the years of 1970 and 1975. I assume he held the office between those years and possibly further on, so I felt compelled to look you up this evening as I hold his name badge before me.

### **Walter Mroch**

We received word this week from Steve Kramer, Grandson of David Ferguson, (known to the Searchers as "Fergie" ) that our former member, and friend Fergie Ferguson passed on August 5, 2000. Fergie and wife Lulu were members of the Searchers for many years and he was President several times, they really enjoyed the rock trips, very active, loyal members. He still lived in Blythe, where he and Lulu moved when they left Anaheim years ago. Lulu passed on some years ago.

Steve writes "He was doing really well actually, and pretty much had his time and moved on - he was 88 years of age"

The service was August 11th in San Diego, his ashes were laid next to his beloved wife Lulu's.

He leaves many happy memories to family and friends.

### **Audrey Nichols**

## **Welcome new members**

### **Milly Arvanites**

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E-mail phartsock@earthlink.net





## ***HALLOWEEN PARTY***

**No party poopers allowed! You need to wear a costume. If you try to crash the party without a costume, our entertainment committee will be prepared to help you select attire from our "Goodwill Throw Away Collection" or our "Raunchy Rags Recyclables." Should you require help in dressing up for the occasion, our crew will be glad to assist you. If you're lucky, we might even give you a "make-over."**

**If you plan to wine and dine, bring your own brew to drink and a potluck dish to share. If you'd like to cook an entree, we'll have a couple of barbecues fired up and ready to go. Some drinks will be provided as well as hors d'oeuvres to compliment the festivities.**

**WHAT TO BRING: Potluck dish, BYOB, a good joke to share, a good story to share, your lawn chair, and a good sense of humor.**

**WHERE: Connie Van Kampen's home at 16932 Cumberland Circle, Yorba Linda**

**DATE: October 28, 2000 (Saturday)**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE: RSVP via e-mail at: [CconnieCat@aol.com](mailto:CconnieCat@aol.com) or call 714-993-2827**

Still looking for Birthday's Anniversary and E-mail address as you can see by the list below I don't have them all. Please help me to up date my list and do remember that Jr. Members have birthdays too. 9

### January

#### Birthday

3rd Ghulam Bari  
6th Diana Lithgow  
11th John Valazquez  
23rd Clark N. Benich  
28th David Gough

#### Anniversary

20th John and Mae Burton

### February

#### Birthday

2nd Wease Marjorie  
2nd Ed Quo

6th Lynn Selden  
9th Lowell Disney  
10th Mae Burton  
12th Henriette Perlowin  
19th Charles Edmonds  
20th Nancy Grogan  
27th Bradley Disney

#### Anniversary

2nd Jim and Henriette Perlowin  
17th Jerry and Nancy Norlund  
14th Lowell and Mary Disney  
27th Dennis and Jeanie Ming

### March

#### Birthday

1st Richard Butler  
5th Darren Hansen  
8th Allison Rigger  
11th Faye McDowell  
17th Sharon Holly  
21st Bob Dixon  
24th Charles Paxton

#### Anniversary

None

### April

#### Birthday

2nd Karen Martinez  
11th Thelma L. Clinard  
13th Peter D. Callahan  
13th Richard A. Farquer  
17th Vicki Marks  
19th Dale Parkerson  
19th Jim Perlowin  
29th Connie Miesel  
30th Audrey Nichols

#### Anniversary

13th Peter and Ruth Callahan

### May

#### Birthday

7th Brian Turner  
10th Tommy Grogan  
10th Trudie Reed  
13th Douglas Lithgow  
14th Karen Boggess  
20th Barbara Braley  
20th Carney D. Nichols  
20th David Rigger  
22nd Tom Black  
25th Ross Miesel  
27th Stephanie Rondini  
28th Jerry Norlund

#### Anniversary

5th Dick and Nancy Reed

### June

#### Birthday

1st Nancy Norlund  
8th Ken marks  
21st Milly Arvanites  
21st Allen Silverstein  
22nd Charlotte Bluell  
22nd Karen Henson  
24th Alexandria Kane  
29th Chris Caliendo

#### Anniversary

11th John W. and Thelma L. Clinard  
8th Ken and Vicki Marks

### July

#### Birthday

4th Nancy Bright  
4th John Wayne Clinard  
11th Albert Selden  
13th Don Setto  
15th Martin Rigby  
17th Thomas A. Bross  
17th Bob Gabourel  
26th Thomas Talip  
28th Victor Cook

#### Anniversary

21st Michael and Grace McGee  
25th Tommy and Nancy Grogan

### August

#### Birthday

2nd John Burton  
15th Karyn Cummings  
16th Donald Eyer  
19th Lee Gomez  
26th Connie Van Kampen  
28th Nancy Red  
29th Jake Rondini  
30th Bob Burson

#### Anniversary

1st Wes and Betty Miller  
5th Ross and Connie Miesel  
18th Thomas and Maria

### September

#### Birthday

7th Pat Sherrick  
11th Tara Kane  
11th Gene Rigger  
25th Thomas Casey  
23rd Craig Bluell  
22nd Mary Lee Turner  
28th Cecilia Rondini  
29th Matt Selden

#### Anniversary

25th Donald Eyer

### October

#### Birthday

6th Dick Reed  
11th Terry Bailey  
17th Mary Disney  
17th Maria Bross  
25th Allen Imelda  
26th Ana M. Lorenzo  
30th Paul Ellis  
31st Robert Newton

#### Anniversary

3rd Douglas and Diana Lithgow

### November

#### Birthday

8th Steven Knox  
13th Joan Macomer  
14th Connie Crawford  
15th Chien Chang  
15th Karen Fox  
17th Michael McGee  
19th Reuben Perez  
28th Jacob Disney  
29th Ruth A. Callahan

#### Anniversary

6th Carney Dale Nichols  
20th Paul Ellis

### December

#### Birthday

3rd Dennis Ming  
7th Jeanie Ming  
15th Robert Ciampa  
23rd Jeri Parkerson  
25th Brian Zwick  
28th Donna Sidlin

#### Anniversary

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**Thank you all again your Editor.**

**Richard Butler**

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## WORKSHOP REPORT

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**From: Herb Beckman**

The Searchers lapidary workshop meets every Thursday from 6:30PM to 10:00PM in the "visual Arts" room in the Downtown Community Center at 250 East Center Street, Anaheim, Ca. Any schedule exceptions are posted in the Rock Slab News monthly calendar.

Use of the Searchers workshop is limited to Searchers members only.

Workshop fees are \$3.00 per session (\$1.00 per hour with a \$3.00 minimum), and are used to defer equipment costs. Fees (if any) for other workshop activities, such as classes in wire wrap, casting, jewelry fabrication, etc. will be established separately.

Visitors are always welcome. There is no charge for visitors, however they are required to comply with workshop rules for safety's sake.

For those new to lapidary activities, we offer instruction in making cabochons in standard / calibrated millimeter sizes because settings for these stones are readily available. To get started, all you need to do is show up at the workshop. The workshop has available, considerable gem cutting material (some from the latest extended Searchers field trip) at no charge, for workshop attendees to use. We also have all the equipment and supplies you will need, except settings, to make nice jewelry. I encourage you to attend. We always have a good time while making beautiful gemstones and jewelry.

As announced at club meetings, we have expert wire wrap jewelry instruction in the workshop on Thursdays, and some Saturdays, to help you learn to make wire wrapped settings for your gemstones. There is currently no shop charge for this activity. Of course, you will need to get your own set of wire wrapping tools for this activity. Most of these tools are available at very reasonable cost these days, and you probably already have some, if not most of them on hand. Lists of these wire wrap tools are available at the workshop.

Come on out to the Searchers workshop and learn to craft fine jewelry using gemstone materials you have collected on Searchers field trips, at gem shows, or at Searchers meetings.. It's easy, and you will learn a lot, and have a good time in the process.

**Come on down to the shop and see what you can do too.**

