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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult members: \$10.00 each, and Junior members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing - Anaheim Cultural Arts Center
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new President for 1992, the first thing I'm going to say is "HELP."

I've been a member for three years and I'm fully aware that this is not a job you can accomplish alone. I would like to thank all of our Board members who are serving with me and emphasize that myself and the Board will need all of you members to help.

This is not my Club but rather it's OUR Club so lets all pitch in, have a good time and be productive and increase our knowledge of our chosen hobby.

Lola Tapia

SHOW DATES:

- Jan 17 - 19 16th Annual Tailgate
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Exit from I-15
Victorville, CA

- Jan 25 - 26 Orange Coast Mineral and Lapidary Society
Plumbers Union Hall
3904 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA
Hours: Jan 25 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Jan 26 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- Jan 31 thru Feb 2 Southern California Micro Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orangetree Lane
Redlands, CA
Hours: Jan 31st 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Feb 1st 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
 Feb 2nd 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



FIFTH ANNUAL ROCK AND STORY SWAP AND FUND RAISER:

Don't forget to attend the Rock and Story Swap and aluminum can collection on Saturday, January 25th. This will be held in the parking lot of the Cultural Arts Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All Searchers are welcome to bring rock and/or stories to swap and turn in those aluminum cans.

This is a Searcher event for Searchers and their friends. It will not be open to the general public. Remember, you do not have to bring rock to swap to take rock home, there is always an ample supply that many of the members bring down for the event. See you there!

Jim Williamson

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

I have reviewed the CFMS Newsletter and one of the items that I think we as a club can use as a guideline was written by the newly elected CFMS President, Isabella Burns. The following is an excerpt from her message:

"Let's not dwell on the dwindling memberships, the mounting age of members, the closing of collecting areas, the competing for show sites, but do our best to meet these problems and then let's find our way, the best way, to proceed with dignity. We can produce great cases for our shows, present interesting programs for our members and the public, take fun field trips, and provide good times for all. It doesn't matter about the age or how many are in a club, but of the quality of the product that we produce."

There will be a Petrified Wood Seminar to be held at Bakersfield College, Feb 21st and 22nd, in Bakersfield, CA. CFMS is offering this introductory Class. There will be a fee of \$8.00 per person. RV camping will be permitted on the college campus (no hook-ups). Also, there are several motels in Bakersfield available for reasonable rates. This seminar is planned and hosted by Edgar and Martie Isch (805) 589-4954 and assisted by Isabella Burns (818) 288-2896. There will also be a planned field trip on Sunday, Feb 23rd.

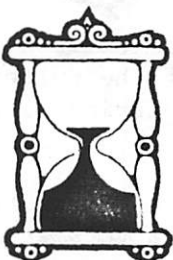
Anyone interested in attending the Earth Science Seminars for '92 they will be held April 5 thru 10th at ZYZX and Sep 6 thru 12th at Camp Minaluta near Grass Valley (Sierra County). The cost of the seminars will be \$140 per person which entitles you to a room or parking space for your RV, three meals a day, craft instruction. Restrooms and showers are provided in a separate building.

There is no electricity during daylight hours (a generator provides electric lights from dusk until 10:00 PM), only crafts that don't require electricity are taught, i.e., bead stringing, carving, silver work, and wire wrap. In addition there will be several field trips offered. If anyone is interested there will be registration and reservation forms available. Give me a call.

The CFMS Show and Convention "August Harvest of Gems" will be held in Hayward, CA, August 21st thru 23rd, 1992. I would also like to mention that the Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society will host the 1993 CFMS show to be held at the Ventura Fairgrounds. The Sacramento Mineral Society will host the 1994 CFMS show to be held at the State Fairgrounds and, Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society will host the 1995 CFMS show at the San Jose Fairgrounds.

George Mitchum

DUES ARE DUE:



I will be accepting dues at the January and February meetings. Remember, dues must be paid by March 1st or your name will not be listed in the new 1992 Membership Roster.

Milly Arvanites



DESERT NEWS

by
Sue Hickman

Before the U.S. House of Representatives adjourned prior to Thanksgiving, HR2929, the Lehman (D-18th) Levine (D-27th), Desert Protection Bill, passed a full house vote. The bill will now go on to the Senate in their 1992 session. The bill was passed on a strictly partisan vote. In the Senate, the key to a true desert compromise now lies with California Senator John Seymour.

PLAC Chairman Jim Strain, at the November Directors' Meeting, urged members to enlighten friends and relatives in other states about the legislation (HR2929 and S-21). Ninety-eight (98) percent of public lands are located in the 11 Western States. Legislation which severely restricts multiple use of public land affects not only rockhounds but all the people and many natural resources of our Nation. Most members of Congress are not aware of all the ramifications of each legislative issue. Your letters, phone calls or fax's, with your concerns, help Congress make informed decisions.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

1. Write Senator John Seymour with your views on Desert Protection. The more mail he receives on this issue, the more "clout" he will have in the Senate.

2. Inform your friends and relatives in the other 39 states about this legislation. Urge them to contact their Senators to support multiple use of the California Desert. Ask them to send a copy of their correspondence to Senator Seymour.

Mailing address for all Senators:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

DON'T GIVE UP! DON'T GIVE UP!

Personally, I feel the majority of urban ("city") dwellers do not understand that all of the products we use every day come from the earth -- NOT the supermarket! If our legislators continue to pass legislation restricting farming, grazing, mineral extraction, etc., our Nation will suffer. There are a multitude of Federal and State Laws in effect which protect the environment while allowing multiple use of public land, so each of us can continue to live in the style we have chosen.

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LATE NEWS: A headline in the Baker Valley News, dated December 20, 1991, reads:

"SEYMOUR SAYS HOUSE DESERT BILL ISN'T TRUE COMPROMISE: SAYS SENATE NEGOTIATIONS NOW AT IMPASSE."

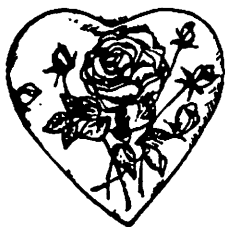
For your information, here is part of what he said:

"My views on this bill today are the same as the day they were introduced. And that is that while the reduction in acreage was a small step in the right direction, it's still a long, long way from what most people would consider to be an acceptable compromise The Bureau of Land Management, not the Park Service, is the appropriate agency to carry out the multiple-use mandate, which I wholeheartedly support.

.....I am committed to providing protection for the national treasures of the desert, but I am also firmly committed to the principle of multiple-use and balanced land management. Our natural resources must not be monopolized for the benefit of a few, but can and should be managed for the benefit of all Californians.

.....the Senate has never held a field hearing on California desert legislation. In an effort to sound out new proposals that could move this issue toward a compromise, I intend to ask the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to hold a public field hearing on the House-passed bill at the earliest possible date. I will also ask the committee to hold it near the desert area, where the different groups that have a stake in the desert debate can offer their views and suggestions." -- John Seymour.

KEEP WRITING TO JOHN SEYMOUR!

SUNSHINE:

Les Klumb has had a second surgery. His surgery was on Dec 21st and Les is still in the hospital (Garden Grove Medical Center). Recovery has been slow but Les has been able to sit in a chair for short periods of time. There are good days and then the not so good days but hopefully within a week or so he will gain more strength and start feeling better. We're all concerned about you Les and wish you well. If you send cards please send to the Klumb's home address.

Hal Pelfrey was hospitalized before Christmas for cardiovascular tests and angioplasty. He is currently at home and doing much better but will return to the hospital this week for more tests. We wish you well Hal, and, please follow the doctor's orders!

Doris Pelfrey is doing well now but had severe bronchitis over the holidays.

Marge

CRAFTS:

Our February craft get together is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 12th at 9:30 AM. We will be meeting at Margaret Neeley's home, 815 N. Harbor Blvd, Anaheim (please park on North Street). We will have a potluck lunch, show and tell and status reports and any new ideas you may come up with. Come join us ladies, it's a good way to get acquainted and a fun get together. If you have any questions please give Jan Gillette a call at 776-9467.

Jan Gillette

PROGRAM REPORT:

No December meeting. December 20th was our Annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers held at the Buena Park Hotel. We had a good showing of members all dressed in their Sunday go meetin' duds. Forrest Miller, the magician, was our entertainment. The food was good, the gifts were nice and it was a nice evening. Thanks to Bill Keyes for all of his coordinating and assistance. Thanks to Joel Swanson and Wes Miller for their parts in arranging this evening. Kudos to Jan Gillette and Bev Erhart for the lovely table decorations. It was a fun evening.

The program this evening will be the Club's newly purchased video "Gemstones of America."

Marge

BULLETIN ITEMS: I will continue to do the bulletin for '92 and Jeanne Howe has agreed to be the Alternate Bulletin Editor. Since I will not be here for the February issue Jeanne would appreciate all items for the bulletin be given to her NOT LATER THAN 12 February. Her address is 1482 Ponderosa Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92635.

Marge

January One-Day Field Trip to Gems of Pala

For those of you who looked out your windows on Saturday morning and saw clouds - it was a mistake to stay home. I had the mine owners call me at 8:00 on Saturday morning to let me know the weather conditions. The weatherman was actually right for once! We arrived at Pala about 10:30 AM and found clear skies and 75°F weather. No sweaters or jackets required. Walter Mroch, Elmer Parsons and Doug Johnson collected a number of mineral specimens with lepidolite and pink tourmaline and indicolite. Only a few stones would be worth faceting - a 3/8" diameter 1.5" long indicolite crystal collected by Elmer and an 80 carat+ clear piece of morganite beryl collected by myself. I found a few small transparent crystals of spodumene. We found all of the minerals available at the Stewart Mine, i.e. tourmaline, morganite, lepidolite, montmorillonite clay, quartz crystals, albite, feldspar, mica and spodumene. Inside the shop they had some beautiful specimens of Stewart Mine minerals including one which they had retrieved from a gem pocket after I visited there in early December. It was spectacular - a classic zoned 1"x2"x5" pink and blue tourmaline in albite perched on a base of lepidolite and quartz with an accompanying morganite on the lepidolite as well. The crystal is a true museum quality piece valued at \$28,000 and it is every bit worth seeing after a short two hour drive. They are currently working on a video showing the mining at the Stewart Mine and it will be available on video in the near future. Apparently there is still some life in the Stewart Mine and although nobody is currently allowed to collect on the dumps there is atleast some hope for the future.

Quartzsite Information

I have contacted Greasewood Greens Golf Course and we again have permission to camp there. If someone is planning to show up early please let me know so that you can help set aside an area for your fellow Searchers that will be arriving later in the week. Lou Rader of the Quartzsite Improvement Association provided information regarding the trips during the Pow Wow. Here they are for your preliminary review. Get more details at the Pow Wow or QIA headquarters:

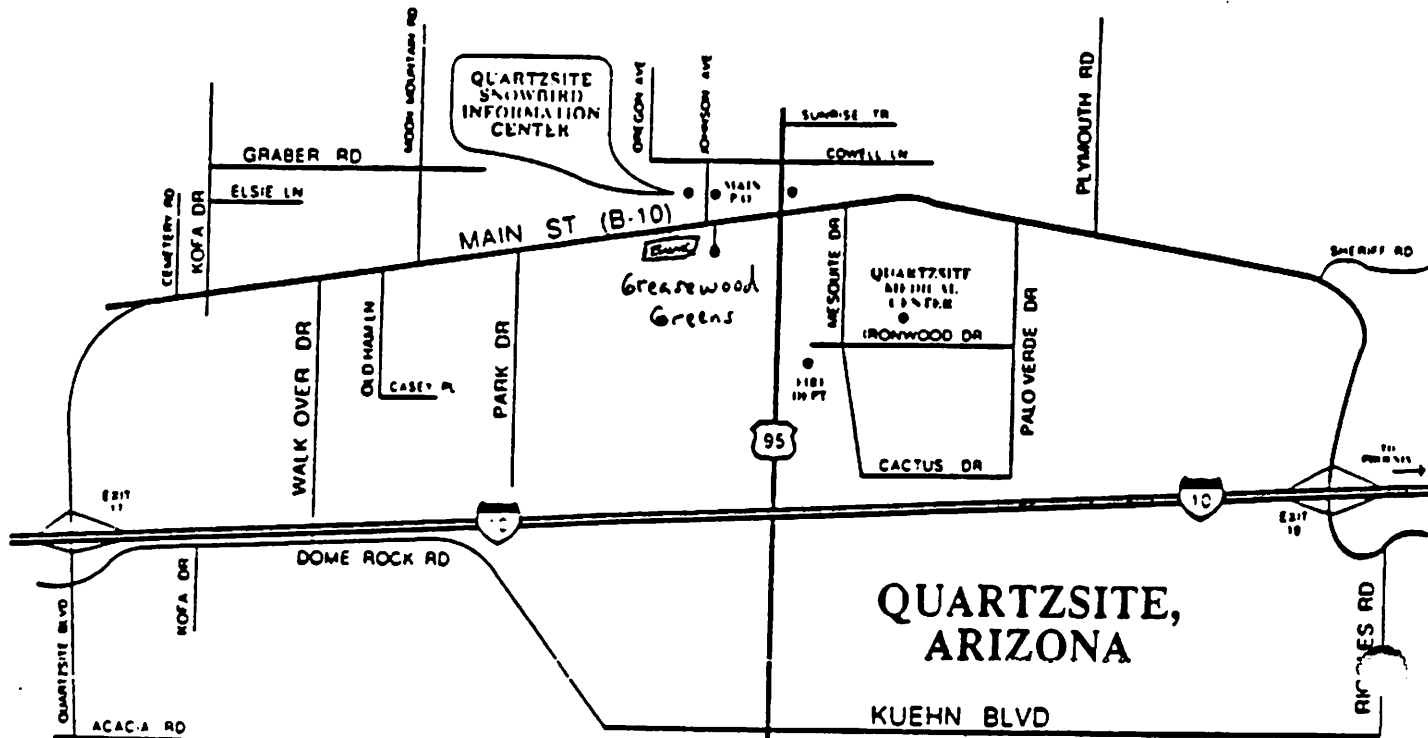
February 5, 1992	Crystal Hill - quartz crystals
February 5, 1992	Twelve miles north towards Parker - agate and fossils
February 6, 1992	Quartzsite - alunite
February 6, 1992	Brenda - jasper
February 7, 1992	Stone Cabin - rhyolite
February 7, 1992	Bouse - hematite
February 8, 1992	Stone Cabin - pastelite
February 8, 1992	King's Claim - desert roses, chalcedony
February 9, 1992	Erinburg - petrified wood
February 9, 1992	Twelve miles north towards Parker - agate and fossils

SHOP HINT: Cleaning Your Saw: Line the bottom of your saw with a double thickness of burlap, when it is time to clean, pick the liner up by the corners and lay it on the carriage to drain overnight. SIMPLE!

Via Orange Coast Gazette, 12/91 & others

QUARTZSITE

February 7-9, 1992 (Short Trip)
February 5-9, 1992 (Long Trip)



Searchers will be camping at Greasewood Greens.
 There will be enough space to accomodate all
 attending members.

Cloud's	1/15/92-2/15/92
Main Event	1/18/92-2/2/92
Pow Wow	2/5/92-2/9/92
Four Corners	1/16/92-2/9/92
Tyson Wells	1/31/92-2/9/92

I have contacted the Golf Course owners and they have given the OK for the Searchers once again. Please let the field trip chairman know if you will be attending so that the owners can reserve enough space for our group. The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for any injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during Club activities.