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## The Rock Slab News

### May Birthstone – Emerald

May's birthstone is the emerald. The name is derived from the Greek word *smaragdus* or green stone. Most prized is pure grass green. A flawless, clear emerald is very rare and is usually found in only small sizes. Small-to-medium-sized stones are often faceted in the "step" or emerald cut.

According to the legend, wearing an emerald cured illnesses such as low IQ, poor eyesight, infertility. It also enabled the wearer to predict the future.

**Chemical Formula:**

$\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$

**Composition:**

Molecular Weight =  
537.50 gm, Beryllium  
5.03%, Aluminum 10.04%  
Silicon 31.35 %  
Oxygen 53.58%

**Empirical Formula:**

$\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$

**Environment:** Mainly  
granitic pegmatites

**Locality:** Pala pegmatite  
district, San Diego County,  
California for morganite.  
Columbia for emeralds.

Russia 1. heliodor

**Synonym:** Aquamarine -  
blue. Emerald-green  
Goshenite-colorless.

Heliodor-yellow.  
Morganite-pnk.

**Dana Class:** 61.1.1.1  
Cyclosilicate 6-membered  
rings with  $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$  rings;  
possible (OH) and Al  
substitution beryl group  
**Strunz Class:** VIII/E.12-  
10 Silicates- cyklosilicates,  
6 rings  $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]^{12-}$  beryl  
series.

**Physical Properties**

**Cleavage:** [0001]

Imperfect. **Color:** green,  
blue, yellow, colorless, or  
pink. **Density:** 2.63 - 2.9  
Average = 2.76

**Diaphaniety:** transparent  
to subtranslucent.

**Habits:** crystalline -  
coarse - occurs as well-  
formed, coarse sized  
crystals. Prismatic -  
crystals shaped like  
slender prisms (e.g.  
tourmaline). Columnar -  
forms columns. **Hardness:**  
7.5-8 **Luminescence:**  
non-fluorescent. **Streak:**  
white. **Luster:** vitreous -  
resinous.





## Club Officers 2002

### ☆☆☆☆ Club Officers ☆☆☆☆

President.....	Connie Van Kampen	714/993-2827
1st Vice-President.....	Betty Nelson.....	714/530-1365
2nd Vice-President.....	Robert Burson.....	562/860-5938
Club Director.....	Nancy Norlund.....	714/960-6957
Co Field Trip Ass't.....	Jim Peterson.....	714/633-7573
Secretary.....	Sharon Burson.....	562/860-5938
Treasurer.....	Beth Pelfrey.....	714/774-2754
Federation Delegate.....	Cal Caliendo.....	949/252-5269

### ☆☆☆ Committee Chairs ☆☆☆

Anaheim Arts Council.....	Margaret Neeley.....	714/535-2030
Badges.....	Marge Jordan.....	714/897-2407
Editor.....	Judi McDuff.....	714/524-5998
Historian.....	Jan Gillette.....	714/776-9467
Hospitality.....	Nora O'Campo.....	714/490-0416
Library.....	Joan Macomber.....	714/821-0129
Membership.....	Milly Arvanites.....	714/838-1924
Monthly Drawing.....	<b>OPEN</b>	
Phone Tree Co-Chair.....	Marge Jordan.....	714/897-2407
Phone Tree Co-Chair.....	Audrey Nichols.....	714/533-4675
Publicity.....	Milt Green.....	714/838-1924
2002 Show Co-Chair.....	Betty Nelson.....	714/530-1365
2002 Show Co-Chair.....	Nancy Norlund.....	714/960-6957
Silent Auction.....	Walter Mroch.....	714/826-2132
Sunshine.....	Dottie Johnson.....	714/535-8579
Veterans Coordinator.....	Larry Richey.....	714/846-3573
Workshop Coordinator.....	Herb Beckman.....	714/778-1496
Youth Chairman.....	Norbert Bernhardt....	714/734-9665

## Welcome, New Searchers!

Our membership now stands at 207 as of this writing.

Please make the following corrections in your 2002 Roster:

**Chris/Cal Caliendo** (address change)  
1615 First Street, Apt. 9, Long Beach, CA 562/436-5107

We welcome two new members who joined at our April 16 meeting:

**Bob and Lea Sandoval**  
16775 Bridgeport, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, 714/963-9816; e-mail: lizzard@socal.rr.com.

One member joined at our Show:

**Laverne Fitzpatrick**  
1716 S. William Miller, Anaheim, CA 92804, 714/772-1678.

A new member joined by mail:

**Alberta (Burt) Fortin**  
16141 Schryer Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2429, 714/840-3486.

Members who recently rejoined:

**Carlos A. Fernandez, and Bruno (Son)** - Jr. Member, 3506 South Woodland Place, Santa Ana, CA 92707, 714/549-1470

**Nadene D. Carnesi**  
604 North Golden Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832, 714/879-0136

**Eva Coan**  
12262 Adelle St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 714/539-8394

**Herb and Elaine Manning**  
Mission Lakes Country Club, 9541 Apawamis Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1110, 760/329-3834

**Victoria (Vicky) Mosqueda,**  
PO Box 106, Fullerton, CA 92832 714/659-6806

**Reuben C. Perez and Vincent Perez, Jr.** Member  
8081 San Miguel Cir., Buena Park, CA 90620, 714/821-3522

**Charles O. Thompson**  
409 S. Philadelphia St., Apt. A Anaheim, CA 92805.

Other changes:

**Joan Macomber,** 562/731-0418; e-mail: stargal@attbi.com

**Gary V. Altie**  
e-mail: gvadesigns@attbi.com

**Marge Jordan**  
e-mail: margeeann@earthlink.net



- Milly



## 2002 Shows

**May 11-12, Reno, NV** 36th annual show, "Jackpot of Gems"; Reno Gem & Mineral Society; Reno Livestock Events Center, Exhibit Hall, 1350 N. Wells Ave.; Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, seniors/ages 12-18 \$3; contact John Peterson, (775) 356-6820.

**May 17-19, Costa Mesa, CA** Show: Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn-Bristol Plaza, 3131 S. Bristol; Fri./Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; free; dealers from France, Brazil, Russia, India & more; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, PO Box 999, Evergreen, CO 80437-0999; e-mail: MZ0955@aol.com. Website: www.mzexpox.com.

**May 17-19, Anderson, CA** Show; Superior California Gem & Mineral Association; Shasta District Fairgrounds, Hwy. 273; Fri./Sat. 9-5, sun. 10-4; exhibits, demonstrations, displays, dealers, tailgater field; contact Steve Puderbaugh, 2164 Hartly Cir., Redding, CA 96003, (530) 221-6542.

**June 1-2, San Francisco, CA** Show, "The Great San Francisco Crystal Fair"; Pacific Crystal Guild; Ft. Mason Center, Laguna & Marina Blvd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; admission \$4, children under 12 free; vendors of crystals, minerals, gems, and jewelry; contact Jerry Tomlinson, PCG, PO Box 1371, Sausalito, CA 94966 (415) 383-7837; e-mail: sfxtl@earthlink.net; website: www.crystalfair.com.

**June 14-16, San Diego, CA** Show; gem faire; Scottish Rite Ctr., 1895 Camino del Rio S; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; wkend pass \$5; contact Allen Van Volkinburgh, (760) 747-9215; website: www.gemfaire.com.

**June 29-30, Culver City, CA** 41st Show, "Fiesta of Gems"; Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Culver City Human Services Dept.; Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Ave.; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5; free admission.; contact Janice Metz, (310) 314-1203.

**July 12-14, Pasadena, CA** Commercial/retail/wholesale show; International Gem & Jewelry Show, Inc.; Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St.; Fri. 12-7; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 11-5; adults \$6, children under 16 free. Contact Charlie Ross, (301) 294-1640; e-mail: Charlie@intergem.net.

**July 12-14, Placerville, CA** CFMS 23rd Show & Convention - "Treasures of the Sierra Nevada"; El Dorado Co. Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive. For more info, call (530) 622-3038.



## General Information

### General Meetings

Held the second Tuesday of each month, January through November; at 7 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

### Board Meetings

Held the third Thursday of each month, January through December, at 7 PM. Members are always welcome.

### Workshop

Lapidary: Thursdays 6:30 to 10 PM, and Saturdays 3:30 to 7 PM (until 10 PM if staffed). Wire-wrap class on Saturdays.

**Note:** Exceptions to usual workshop hours are on the newsletter calendar.

### **Meetings and workshops are held at:**

Anaheim Downtown Community Center  
250 East Center Street  
Anaheim, CA

### **Address inquiries to:**

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Anaheim, CA 92803

### Newsletter

Articles are due at the end of each month. Newsletters are distributed at the following meeting. Submit articles via e-mail to: Searchersnews@hotmail.com, or FAX to 714/526-5337.

## LOST

Men's sunglasses at our Gem and Mineral Show.  
Please call/return to Cliff Warner, or return to  
cAT Van Kampen.



## Calendar of Events

### May, 2002

- 3 2002 Show Setup, 8 AM
- 4-5 2002 Show, 10 AM
- 14 General Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 Board Meeting, 7 PM
- 18 Anaheim Children's Art Festival, 8 AM-3 PM
- 21 Final Show 2002 Meeting/Potluck, 6:30 PM @ the Norlunds (below)
- 25 Crystal Hill Field Trip

### June, 2002

- 2 Heritage Day, 11 AM-4 PM, Oak Canyon Nature Center  
6700 E. Walnut Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA
- 2-15 Utah Extended Field Trip
- 11 General Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 Board Meeting, 7 PM

### July -December, 2002

July 12-14: CFMS Show & Convention, Placerville, CA  
 September 28-29: Clear Creek  
 October 12-13: Searles Dry Lake, Trona  
 November Field Trip (Date to be determined)  
 December 21: Holiday Party, Arbor Manor, Fullerton

### **ATTENTION!**

### **Final Show 2002 Meeting and Potluck Dinner for all Show Committee Chairs**

**Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 PM**

**Nancy & Jerry Norlund**

**21212 Banff Lane, Huntington Beach, CA**

Directions: Nearest cross streets – Newland and Atlanta (south of Atlanta and West of Newland) Enter on Jenny; at dead end make a quick left, then a quick right to Crew; turn left to Banff Ln. (3rd two-story house on left side) Look for RV in driveway. Please bring ideas for the 2003 show, any expenses that need to be paid and revisions to your committee job descriptions. This meeting will help our 2003 show get off to a good start. We'll furnish drinks and dessert; you bring appetizers, main dish or salad. Spouse or significant other welcome! Please contact me if you can't attend. *-Nancy Norlund, Show Co-Chair*

## Treasures



### **New PC Mineral and Fossil Screensavers**

GAMECO and MFGAuctions are proud to introduce a new generation of high-quality mineral and fossil screensavers for PCs. There are a total of five including World Minerals, World Fossils, Thomas Range Minerals, Insects in Amber and World Trilobites. These are made available to Searchers, CFMS and AFMS club members for \$13.95 each,

two for \$20; or buy all five for \$39.95. You get a total of 30-35 high-quality images to use as screensavers. A different image every day or the same one—it's your choice.

For more information on these CD-ROM based products, check out <http://www.gemandmineral.com>.

*- Walter Mroch*

### **FOR SALE**

1993 Ford F250, lt. Blue, V8, A/C, P/S, dual tanks; comes w/1985 Sport King camper, 9-1/2', self-contained, 4-burner stove, 3-way fridge, shower, queen-size bed. Very low mileage. \$10,500 or best offer. (714) 846-2693.



Programs



## America's

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Treasurer, Beth Pelfrey. She was a busy gal during the show. She will be supplying us with a final show financial report very soon. Thank you so much, Beth.

**Congratulations to all committee chairs and Searchers who gave a lot of their time to make this a really GREAT SHOW! You were the greatest this year.**

### Monthly Silent Auctions

At the April meeting, the Gem and Mineral Exploration Company (GAMECO) donated all the mineral and fossil specimens to support this great club fundraising activity. We raised more than \$90; thanks to all the participants! The dollars we raise are desperately needed to support and supplement the fees collected in the workshop to keep our First-Class facilities operating.

GAMECO will continue to provide minerals and fossils for the auctions; but if you have some mineral(s) that you'd like to contribute, don't hesitate to bring them to the meeting, as well. This is, after all, for the good of the club. Our sole goal is to keep the club vibrant and growing.

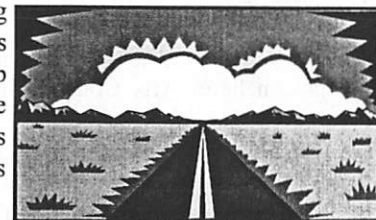
- Walter Mroch

## Searchers Program Schedule 2002

<b>January</b>	Marvin Mog: Recent Trips
<b>February</b>	Dick Reed: Video of 2001 Searchers Show
<b>March</b>	Connie Van Kampen: Slide Show on Kokoweef Cavern, background for April trip to cave
<b>April</b>	Walt Johnson: Gemstone Identification
<b>May</b>	Walter Mroch: Owens Valley Minerals
<b>June</b>	John & Corliss Rose: Doublet and triplet techniques
<b>July</b>	Awards, Potluck, and Silent Auction
<b>August</b>	Rock Bingo
<b>September</b>	Walter Mroch: Pegmatite
<b>October</b>	Silent Auction
<b>November</b>	Betty Nelson: The Changing Desert Slide Show; Election of Officers and Pie Night
<b>December</b>	Holiday Party!

### Searchers on the Go

Our trip to the Bowers Museum Gem and Mineral Exhibit on April 27 was a huge success with 20 participants present. If you missed it but have a ticket, I understand you can use it on a different date. Those of you who weren't there missed a gorgeous display and an interesting and informative experience. Those of us present missed all of you. Some of the group also enjoyed the permanent exhibit at the Bowers on America's ancestors which was included on our tickets. Eighteen Searchers met at Polly's for lunch afterwards.



Herb Beckman hopes to give us information on our proposed trip to Long Beach to see how manmade rubies are formed. In his April program, Walt Johnson gave us information about rubies, both natural and manmade, and information about how precious stones are produced. This should be another interesting trip, especially for those of us who have seen the Bowers exhibit or heard Walt. More about it when more information becomes available.

- Betty Nelson

## President's Message

by Connie Van Kampen



Congratulations, Searchers! We did it! I've received several phone calls from dealers complimenting us on what a wonderful gem and mineral show we provided. Extensive publicity by club members and our publicity chair made for a profitable show for our dealers and our club. With good publicity, we generated two days of record visitors. We also received compliments on our patriotic floral and balloon decorations, our kitchen "fixin's," and (as always) the friendly atmosphere emanated by Searcher members.

Many months of meetings and preparation by our Co-Show Chairs and Committee Chairs and their committee members contributed to the success of our "America's Treasures" show.

It should be noted that we are extremely fortunate to be sponsored by the Anaheim Arts Council. It is because of their sponsorship that we are able to present our gem and mineral show at the Brookhurst Community Center in Anaheim. This outstanding facility has been home to our show for several years, and we truly appreciate their support and hospitality in helping us provide a

quality show for our dealers and the general public.

Our many venues, such as: Kids' Jewelry, Wheel of Fortune, Grab Bags, Hourly Drawings, Buy & Cut Geodes, Demonstrations, the Silent Auctions, and the Discovery Room were fun and educational for the kids as well as parents, relatives, friends, and other visitors. By providing a wide variety of activities, we accomplished sharing the many facets of our hobby. Again, we received compliments for these events from our dealers and guests.

I would like to thank everyone who donated their time to help in any capacity during "show time." And many thanks, too, to all who donated rocks, minerals, and other items for the silent auction.

It was an outstanding weekend. Hopefully, we'll have a video presentation soon so we can share the fun with those who were unable to attend this year's show.

Now, I'm looking for someone to chair the 2003 show. It should be easy; we'll just repeat the formula for next year. Thanks, again, everyone.... *you're all great!*

Your dez buddy,

cAT

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guest display cases. Our ten diversified dealers with wonderful items were busy selling to customers. Floyd Neeley supplied our show with 12 very talented demonstrators. Nancy Reed and her kitchen crew were busy serving her great Bar-B-Q, huge hot dogs and home-baked pies and cakes. Even our new editor, Judi McDuff, who joined Searchers in January, helped serve. Betty Nelson, Carol Beckman, and Margaret Neeley handled our kitchen cashbox. Robert Burson, with his American flag balloon attached to his drawing cage, reminded everyone to look at their hourly drawing tickets and called out the winning numbers for those to claim their prize. Outside on the patio Nora, Kathy and Anastacio O'Campo, John Velazquez and other helpers let the kids pick out a tumbled stone and decide to make a bola, necklace, critter or ring. They handled the gluing to save kids' fingers. The kids got to fill out their drawing ticket to win a sapphire screening kit and gold sample kit. Norbert Bernhardt and his Rock 'n' Kids had to feel and find just the right tumbled stone to keep their hands busy. Cal Caliendo and his relief helpers kept the Wheel of Fortune board loaded with all kinds

of donated rock, geodes, gold spikes and minerals. This was a pretty popular activity. Ear plugs were a must as the geode crew, Mike Casey, Clark Benich and Darren Hansen, made the diamond saw cut those geodes apart. Finally a new blade was brought in to make the cutting faster. Marvin Mog used a sanding polisher to make the cut geodes beautiful. The final donation drawing for the one hundred prizes was held at 4 PM Sunday. Prizes were awarded to winners present, and our show closed at 4:30 p.m.

Throughout all this Larry Richey and his security crew walked a hundred miles making sure our show was secure. Finally, the display cases were removed, the dealers had to hand truck their items out, and then our cleanup crew went to work taking off the skirting, taking down the tables, stacking the chairs; the kitchen crew packed their supplies for storage and cleaned the kitchen, collecting the electrical cables, packing everything and loading the big bus for our storage unit. The floor had to be hand swept while the center crew set up the room for Monday. We were done by 7 PM. Nineteen of us headed to Keno's for a relaxing dinner to unwind.

We wouldn't be able to keep all

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## Board Meeting

Our May Board meeting will be held at the Anaheim Center Thursday, May 16, at 7 PM. Guests are always welcome to attend.



## Copperworld/Kokoweef Caverns Field Trip

by cAT Van Kampen



Larry Butler

a t Denny's restaurant. "Wow, this is going to be a piece of cake," I thought to myself.

I escorted the modest caravan to Cima Road where we rendezvoused with another family. "Hmmm, so far, so good....just one rig joined us," I commented. We continued down Cima Road to the old Rosalie mining road, made our turn, and as we approached the ol' cottonwood tree the rest of the gang was cozily settled in and waiting for our arrival. The day continued and rigs with 4x4s, vans, and a bus steadily flowed into camp. Although I was a bit surprised, what a great turnout we had for this field trip.

First on the agenda was to secure campsites and have a snack. We then proceeded to Copperworld via a rough, but negotiable, road. The terrain was dotted with junipers, and at higher elevations were the pinyon trees. The weather was perfect. It was a moderate hike to the mine site, but well worth it.

Our Yucaipa rockhound buddies joined the Searchers as we checked

This certainly was one enthusiastic group as well as a flock of early birds, too! It was 9 AM as I rolled into Baker and met a small group of rockhounds

out rocks, the ruins, and took pictures of the beautiful scenery. As the day passed, we fizzled out of energy and independently headed back to camp. For a short while, "free-time" was enjoyed, and then it was "potluck time." With a combined group of 27 adults, 18 kids, and seven dogs, we had quite a dinner and fun time around the campfire.

Someone instigated the "Hokey Pokey." The kids were dumbfounded by our performance; actually, I think we sounded pretty good. Our evening was closed by an O'Campo campfire ash ceremony. It was a pleasant evening, and the day came soon.

Sunday was spent at Kokoweef where Larry Butler, a resident miner at Camptown, took us on two mine tours. His presentation was excellent and appreciated by all. Afterwards, we climbed through the tailings of the dumpsite where we collected calcite, onyx, cave popcorn, stalactites, and more. It was a productive and fun day, and a pleasure to share with John Wease's Yucaipa Valley Club members.

Thank you, Norbert, for organizing the kids and watching out for their welfare; and I really appreciate all the folks who attended to their pets appropriately....*thanks everyone.*

Your dez buddy,

cAT

## Cathy's Kids' Corner

by Cathy O'Campo

### A Word from the Editor

It is said that Isis wore a green emerald—all who looked upon it were guaranteed a safe trip through the land of the dead. The emerald's color ranges from grass green to yellow green and blue tinges mixed with deep shades of green. The word "emerald" comes from the Greek word *smaragdus* meaning green mineral.



### Copperworld and Kokoweef Expedition

Last month's field trip was led by President cAT Van Kampen and Norbert Bernhardt, Youth Chair. The trip was well worthwhile.

We left on Friday and stayed at Whiskey Pete's Hotel & Casino in Primm, NV. From the outside it looks like a castle, complete with outdoor pool and water slide, but from the inside it's a wild west theme.

At 9:30 AM Saturday morning we reached the Searchers campsite, where we were greeted by Nancy and Jerry Norlund. While waiting for the others, my brother Brian and I checked out the adobe homes and graveyard ruins. Then the dusty trail began up the mountains with the eager caravan full of rockhounds. We got to Copperworld at 12:30 PM to collect chrysocolla, and some neat specimens were available. That night was the Searchers potluck, and I counted 18 kids present. Afterwards, we had a special closing ceremony to wrap up our trip. On our way back to Primm, the traffic was as long as a snake, and we witnessed a car in fire-agate flames from a recent crash.

Sunday morning at 10 AM we arrived at Kokoweef only to find out that the cavern, sadly, had "caved in." But the zinc cavern was available for viewing, and there were some very nice specimens, stalactites, stalagmites, and cave popcorn, to choose from the dump site. Coming back down the trail, my family and I found common opal. After leaving Kokoweef we headed home.

This field trip was wonderful; and it is nearly impossible for me to choose which site I enjoyed better, they were both so enjoyable.



## Searchers June Program

by Betty Nelson



John and Corliss Rose's program in June will be on making doublets and triplets. This talented couple are professional jewelers with a very individual style. They have been Searcher members since 1993, and in the past have given us excellent presentations.

John and Corliss began their jewelry careers in the early 1980s as prospectors and lapidaries. Since then, 2 Roses Studio has earned a

reputation for thinking way outside the box and pushing the boundaries of lapidary art and jewelry. They are known for their use of unorthodox materials and techniques and have been on the cutting edge of a growing movement that is blurring the line between art and adornment.

Be at the June Searchers meeting when 2 Roses share their wild and unconventional approach to doublet-making with us. Caution: If you are a staunch traditional lapidary, this presentation may cause apoplexy!

## Searchers Extended Field Trip June 2-15

by Robert Burson

**Sun., June 2.** Meet at the Kanab RV Corral campground. Some suggested motels are Brandon Motel, (435) 644-2631; Super 8 Motel, (435) 644-5500; Trail West Motel/TJs, (435) 644-3150.

**Mon., June 3.** Field trip to Joe Caruso's mine near Orderville. We'll be digging septarian nodules.

**Tues., June 4.** Tentative Old Paria for petrified wood. Other possibilities are Zion National Park or Coral Sand Dunes.

**Wed., June 5.** Travel to Escalante. RV camping at Broken Bow RV and Camp. Motels available in Escalante are Prospector Inn, (435) 826-4653; Circle D Motel, (435) 826-4297; Moqui Motel, (435) 826-4210.

**Thurs., June 6.** Trip to Escalante State Park Petrified Forest. **No Collecting.**

**Fri., June 7.** Destination Capitol Reef. As we travel across Hell's Backbone we will do some collecting along the way for jasper and jasp-agate. Suggested motels in Torrey are Austin's Chuck Wagon Lodge, (435) 425-3344; Wonderland Inn & Restaurant, (435) 425-3775; Rim Rock Inn, (435) 425-3398.

**Sat., June 8.** Field trip to Sand Creek Petrified Wood in Torrey area.

**Sun., June 9.** Field trip to Notom for agate, coprolite, and dinosaur bone.

**Mon., June 10.** Drive to Hanksville; camp at Red Rock Campground. Motels: Whispering Sands Motel, (435) 542-3238; Best Value Inn, (435) 542-3471.

**Tues., June 11.** Field trip south to the Henry Mountains. Material includes jasper, agate, and dinosaur bone.

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## Get Ready for the Orange County Fair!

by Betty Nelson

For several years the Searchers have put a club case in the Orange County Fair as well as participating in demonstrating our hobby. It has been a great way to get word out about our club as well as a way to recruit new members. Last year we talked about putting in an educational case, as well. The signup deadline is May 22. If you are interested in participating, please let Connie or me know as soon as possible. We will be deciding at the May meeting about the Fair.

## Thanks, Searchers, for a Great Show!

by Larry Richey, Show Security Chair

Our annual Show is now over, and I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who worked with me in security on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

You all did a great job – first ones in and last ones out. You walked a lot of miles and stood and guarded all the doors for many hours. The sweeping of the show building was done under difficult conditions, but with your help we made it work. Thanks for helping and making our Show 2002 a great one.

### CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

July 12-14, 2002

El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
Placerville, CA

Hosted by  
El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society

### Member Recognition: CFMS

NOTE to All Searchers: Any CFMS member club can nominate a member of their club (single or couple) as "Rockhound of the Year." The CFMS form is available online at the CFMS website ([www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)) or from your Federation Director.

Mail your nomination to:

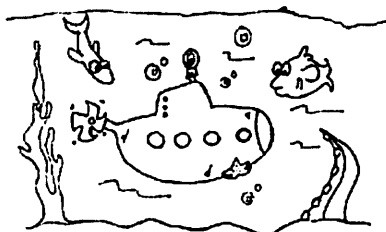
Barbara Matz

PO Box 7086, Petaluma, CA 94955-7086



## Annual Anaheim Children's Art Festival

by Nancy Norlund



This will be our second year to participate in this Anaheim Arts Council sponsored Annual Children's Art Festival.

We need volunteers to give two-to-three hours of their time helping kids make necklaces with tumbled stones. The kids select the finding,

chain and small tumbled stone and we help with the glue work. It's lots of fun, and this helps promote our club in the Anaheim area. Our junior club members are encouraged to help on this project.

**When:** Saturday, May 18, from 8 AM to 3 PM

**Where:** The Center Street Promenade in downtown Anaheim

**Cost:** Admission, parking and most activities are FREE.

Please sign up at our May general meeting, or call me at (714) 960-6957.

## Sunshine Report

by Judi McDuff and Friends

Marge Johnson is ill and would enjoy hearing from club members and friends. We missed you at the Show, Marge. Hope you're feeling better!

Please remember these friends and send good vibes



their way. Cards and calls are always welcomed.

If you have news about a Searcher or former Searcher, please let us know.

## Motorhome for Sale

40,000 miles, sleeps six, solar and generator, fully loaded. For details, call Eva Coan at (714) 539-8394. \$28,000 OBO.

## General Meeting Minutes

by Sharon Burson

April 16, 2002

Betty Nelson, First Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM, followed by a warm welcome to our visitors and members. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

**Show Meeting Report:** Betty Nelson stated the Show Phone Committee would be calling member's homes to ask for volunteers to work at the Show. Need volunteers to help out in the areas of hospitality, membership table, Wheel of Fortune, the kitchen, children's jewelry, cashier, and ticket sales. Our show is being advertised in the Orange County *Register* and Channel 50, so we are anticipating a very good show this year. Still need donations for hourly door prize, silent auction and grand prize. Last show meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Milt Green stated there are plenty of flyers left for distribution. He asked members to take a handful and get them out to the public.

### Announcements:

- Three senior tickets left to the Bowers Museum field trip on April 27, 2002. Meet at 10:45 AM in the lobby at Bowers Museum. May go to lunch as a group.
- A special thank you to those who have helped with the planning preparation of the show from Milt Green.

### Kids' Report by Norbert Bernhardt:

The kids' field trip this past weekend to Copperworld and Kokoweef was really great, with a good turnout of kids and adults.

The next kids' field trip will be May 25, 2002, near Big Bear Lake. One day only, 11 AM - 4 PM.

Heritage Days are coming up. Passing a clipboard around this evening for volunteers to help out.

Award (mineral specimen) and special thank you presented to Cathy O'Campo for her participation in Kids' Corner in the *Rock Slab News*. In addition to the award for Cathy, each member of the O'Campo family was recognized for their dedication and support of the club. Thank you, O'Campo's!

### Field Trip Report by Robert Burson:

Samples from Utah are on the back table to get an idea for possibilities of collecting on our extended field trip. In the near future I may plan a field trip to Sperry Wash, but of course after summer. It's just hot out there during the summer months.

### Program Report:

Walter Johnson presented the program tonight on "Identification of Gemstones." Thank you, Walter, for your expertise, your excellent presentation and sharing your knowledge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

## Marble Mountains Field Trip



We drove to the base of the Marble Mountains and set up a primitive campsite at the base. The weather was perfect at 85 degrees. Later, we all joined for a potluck dinner; great food and company.

We witnessed a beautiful sunset, then the planets and stars blinked on, followed later by a dramatic and bright full moon rise over the Marble Mountains.

On April 26, 2002, three of us took a trip to the Mojave Desert to meet Connie Van Kampen's class in the Marble Mountains to dig for trilobites, 550 million-year-old fossils. After spending the night in Barstow, we had breakfast at the Bagdad Cafe on historic Route 66. The breakfast was late and cold, despite the fact that we were almost the only ones there. While waiting, a local desert rat tried to hussle us into taking a desert excursion with him. We just barely made it on time to the class meeting on Hector Road off Hwy 40 at 10 AM.

We stopped at Pisgah Crater to collect Aa and Pahoechoe basalt rock samples. We stopped at the Dairy Queen in Ludlow for lunch and noticed a lot of police activity. Connie found out there was a biker shooting the night before in Laughlin, NV, and they were flushing the bikers out of town. Next stop, Amboy Crater.

The next day, we trekked over the hill in search of trilobites. We found out we were searching in the wrong spot, way too high on the food chain. We caught up with the rest of the class who were at the right spot, a particular rock layer called the Latham Shale.

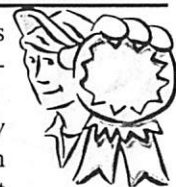
On the way home, we stopped at Roy's Motel in Amboy, a film location for the movie "Kalifornia." Bikers were everywhere, roused out of Laughlin after the shooting. We stopped for a cool one after a long, hot and dry ride home.

*Note: This article was submitted by Bob Gibson, member of the Yucaipa Valley Club. Thanks, Bob!*

## 2002 Show Trophies and Awards

by Nancy Norlund

At the May general meeting we will be honoring Ken Landers with a 25-consecutive years clock and Milt Green/Milly Arvanites with a five-consecutive years clock.



Twenty-eight club members participated with a display case. Walter Mroch entered three cases and Allen Silverstein had two cases. We received lots of compliments on our great displays. After revising the trophy master control list, I thought you'd like to know how many years of case entries we've had to date. Each name is followed with a "C" for consecutive years and an "X" for nonconsecutive years.

Miller, Grant - 33 C; Miller, Wes - 32 C; Nelson, Betty & Harry - 24 C; Neeley, Floyd & Margaret - 26 C; Landers, Ken/family - 25 C; Lux, Alice & George - 16 X; Jordan, Marge - 17 X; Van Kampen, cAT - 21 C; Cone, Conrad - 18 C; Williamson, Jim - 17 C; Richey, Larry - 14 C; Mroch, Walter - 12 C; Disney, Lowell - 10 X; Silverstein, Allen - 12 C; Beckman, Herb - 8 C; Talip, Tom - 3 X; Knox, Steve - 3 X; Mog, Marvin - 14 X; Reed, Dick & Nancy - 6 X; Henderson, Bud - 2 X; Lorenzo, Ana - 6 X; Warner, Cliff - 2 X; Nichols, Audrey - 16 X; Norlund, Nancy - 8 X; Johnson, Walt - 4 X; Green, Milt & Arvanites, Milly - 5 C; Pelfrey, Beth - 4 X; Gabourel, Bob - 4 X; Norlund, Jerry - 4 C; Bernhardt, Norbert - 4 C; Velasquez, John - 3X; Ciampa, Bob - 2 C; Cone and Shailer (Skip) - 2 C.; Martinez, Karen - 1 X; Burson, Robert - 2 C; Macomber, Joan - 1 X; Hanson, Darren - 1 X; Parkerson, Jeri - 1 X; Lithgow, Diana - 1 X. McDuff, Judi; Benich, Clark; O'Campo, Cathy; Lark, Brad; Burson, Sharon - all 1 year.

Please contact me if you have questions about this list. All entries receive a ribbon for actively participating in our show. Don't forget to enter a display for next year's show.

## Editor's Notes

by Judi McDuff

Hello, fellow Searchers!

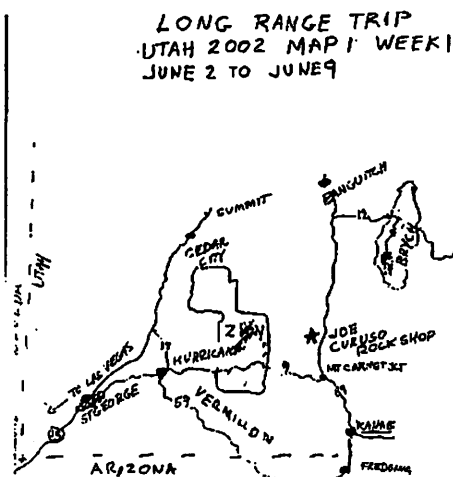
I survived "America's Treasures" 2002 Show! It was truly remarkable - so many people attended both days. I was proud to be part of a hard-working, fun-loving group of professionals. I even had my own display!



Remember, please submit your items for publication, especially photos, by the end of the month; either e-me at searchersnews@hotmail.com or sebringal@aol.com; or fax to (714) 526-5337. And remember to pick up your *Rock Slab News* at the meetings; this will help keep our postage expenses down. Thanks and enjoy!



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other field trips. For those who prefer, there are hotels close to all campgrounds.

Note: Hanksville is the most crucial for motels because there are only two choices in town. You'll need to call early for reservations. Kanab has many motels to choose from but is a popular destination so it might be wise to book here, as well. For more choices, go online to Yahoo/city, state/yellowpages/

Wed., June 12. Travel to Green River/Moab area. Camping at United Campground. Some motels: Budget Inn, (435) 564-3441; Green River Inn, (435) 564-8237; Motel 6, (435) 564-3436. Field trip if time allows.

Thurs., June 13 and Fri., June 14. Field trips to San Rafael Swells/Moab areas. This area has a tremendous amount of choices; San Rafael area has one of the most unspoiled areas. It has rhyolite, dinosaur bone, coprolite, and all types of jasper and agate.

The areas that we will travel on this trip have some of the most outstanding areas this country has to offer. We will travel through three National Parks. Time may be taken to see some of the natural wonders. We encourage participants to lead or offer

motels.

There is a \$20 fee to enter the National Parks for a week's pass to each park. If you plan to visit more than one park, you might want to buy a combined National Park pass, which will save you at least \$8. Note that Hwy. 9 travels through Zion National Park and is a shorter distance than Hwy. 59. Traveling Hwy. 9 will cost at least \$20. The road that travels through Capitol Reef is a non-fee road and allows you access to most of the park. Only if you travel off Hwy. 24 do you pay a fee; I believe it's only \$8.

Sat., June 15. End extended trip.

Field trips will start at camp areas at 9 AM each day. To reach me while in Utah, call (562) 706-2054.

## Searchers Show Report

by Betty Nelson and Nancy Norlund

### 2002 Searchers Show Review

After a busy three days at our show, it's all over so fast. Our attendance was up this year and we received such great reviews from our dealers and attendees.

Our Friday setup started out fast and furious, setting up all the tables and skirting to be ready by noon so our show dealers could set up their displays. Brad Lark with his big bus, Earl Winstanley and their committee helpers made sure that our storage items were at the Brookhurst Community Center at 8 AM. The extra rented tables were unloaded and also set up. That was a big job. The electrical cords were laid out by Herb Beckman, Dick Reed and his helpers. Connie Van Kampen, with Earl Winstanley and Milt Green's help, set up the Discovery Room with her display of American animals, rock and mineral displays and silent auction. Nancy Reed and the kitchen helpers unloaded all the kitchen supplies and food items. Marv Mog's daughter filled red, white and blue helium balloons to be displayed in the lobby and main showroom. They gave the show a great patriotic feeling. Audrey Nichols decorated vases with flowers and flags. She hung up her 1940's all sewn 48 States flag. Maria and Tom Bross came in the afternoon to set up our Friday night dinner, while Nancy Norlund sold tickets for two hand-

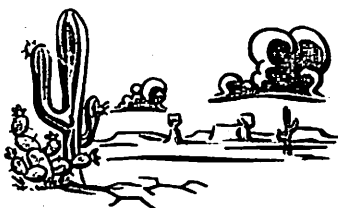
made 9-11-01 quilted flags and several other crafts to be drawn after dinner. Nancy Reed supplied two delicious show opening cakes for dessert. Thank you to all the helpers at our dinner. Just before 9 PM, we left the center for home; a few camped Friday and Saturday behind the center. Our outside security stayed in the building overnight to keep everything safe.

At 10 AM Saturday and Sunday we opened our "America's Treasures" Show doors. Dottie Johnson and her helpers greeted patrons in the lobby with a free hourly drawing ticket, show program with Discovery Room activities, dealers, demonstrations and kids-make-jewelry-free ticket. Connie's Discovery Room offered two Boy Scout merit badge programs, a public rock and mineral program and video programs. Walter and Mark helped Connie conduct silent auctions. Jerry Norlund and his committee displayed 100 donated prizes and sold donation tickets. The top prize was \$200 cash, \$100 cash, \$680 opal man's ring, a kid's metal John Deere tractor, two mountain bikes, one girl's bike, Disneyland passes, Aquarium tickets and more. A special thank you goes to the club members who donated and acquired donations for this drawing. After entering the drawing you could view all the wonderful club and

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## Campin' with Van Kampen

by cAT Van Kampen



### Buffington's Pocket

Orientation: Mon., May 20, 7-10 PM  
Field Trip: May 25-27

Located near Nevada's state park, Valley of Fire, Buffington's Pocket offers a spectacular assortment of geology, specimen collecting for the rockhound, and 26 miles of backcountry 4x4 exploring. Hikes along Echo Wash, visits to Lake Mead and Rogers Spring with photo

ops. Primitive camping; no fee area. High-clearance vehicles or 4x4s recommended. Tuition: \$30

### Owens Valley Hot Springs

Orientation: Mon., June 3, 7-10 PM  
Field Trip: June 7-9

Visit Lone Pine's historic Alabama Hills, Whitney Portal, Keough and other hot springs in the valley. BLM campground is located along Tuttle Creek. Fee area with pit toilets, tables and fire rings. Conventional vehicles okay. Tuition: \$30

**Orientation:** NOCCCD,  
Yorba Linda Campus, Room 303.  
**NO PETS, PLEASE**

## Veterans Win Local Arts Contest

by Larry Richey, Veterans Coordinator

Each year the Veterans Administration holds a National Veterans arts contest for inpatients and outpatients at all the VA hospitals worldwide. It starts with the local contest, then the winners, first, second, and third place, go on to the Regional for judging; then the first three places in each category go on to the nationals sometime in October/November.

This year's local contest is over for our group at Long Beach Veterans Medical Center. We had 15 entries this year. We placed first in nine different categories, including sculpture, fine arts mixed media, jewelry, metalwork, beadwork, applied arts, leather, plastic models, and fabric art.

Searchers who won were: John Velazquez, 1st place, Jewelry; Jing Yao, 1st Place, Metalwork; Charlie Paxton, 1st place, Beadwork.

We wish all the winners the best at the Regionals. Let's keep our fingers crossed for all nine winners.

## Searchers and Rock 'n' Kids Event

by Norbert Bernhardt

Our one-day field trip for May will be Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25, 2002. The trip will be to the Big Bear area in the San Bernardino Mountains.

We will be going to **Crystal Hill** where clear crystals, some double terminated, can be found in abundance. They vary from very small to approx. 1/4 diameter x 1" long. Bring a small army shovel, rock pick, goggles, and if you can bring a sieve, that would be great! Driving time from Orange County is 2-1/2 hours.

The trail is level and an easy one-mile hike. Bring drinks, a picnic lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and small Zip-Loc plastic bags for your treasures. From Orange County take the 91 freeway and head toward Big Bear. Take 330 and 18 through Running Springs.

When you get to the dam, stay to the left of the lake and head for the small village of Fawnskin. ZERO your odometer at FAWNSKIN and drive 2.8 miles to the Forest Service Discovery Center and buy your Adventure pass. You will need it in order to park at the trail head. I think the charge is \$5 per vehicle. The Discovery Center opens at 9 AM.

Continue east on Hwy. 18. You will pass a sign at 10.2 miles that says "to Victorville, Lucerne Valley" and pass the Holcomb Valley turnoff and dump. This is on the north side of the dry Baldwin Lake.

At 10.5 miles turn right on Baldwin Lake Road. This is a paved road and it will take you south along the east side of the dry lake.

At 11.7 miles turn left on Vale Road. Turn left again on the next road with Forestry Road Marker #2N02. At the indicated mileage of 12.3 miles total from Fawnskin, there is a parking area to the left and up the hill.

We will meet at this area at **9:30 AM**. You will see the Pacific Crest Trail leading north. We will walk along this trail. At about a half mile there will be a hill on your right covered with white quartz. Sorry, that is not the correct place. Keep walking and you will pass through a canopy of pinyon pines.

About 75 feet into the trees you will enter a Joshua tree area; after passing the first Joshua tree, take the small trail heading to the right. You will see the white quartz area in front of you.



### Rockhound Information E-Groups

LA-Rocks field trips, send a blank e-mail to: LA-Rocks-subscribe@egroups.com or join on the CFMS website under the Field Trips page. **Petrified Wood**, send a blank e-mail to: PetrifiedWood-subscribe@egroups.com.