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March

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries must be in by the end of the first week of the month for publication in the next month's paper.



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Regular Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the new Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center St. Anaheim.

#### Visitors are always welcome.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month January through December. The meetings are held at the new Downtown Community Center at 250 E. Center St. Downtown Anaheim.

## Members are always welcome.

**Membership Dues:** 

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

Field Trips:

Held on the published dates of each month. The trip maps, added activities, time changes and other perti-

nent information will be published in *The Rock Slab News*.

Workshop:

The workshop time and dates can be found on the monthly calendar.

Deadline for Articles: Must be in the hands of the editor by the Friday following each regular monthly meeting to insure publication for the next month.

Mail to

Richard Butler, 205 N. Western Ave. #118, Anaheim, CA, 92801-7005 or Fax to (714) 484-1949 (E-mail) Slabnews@aol.com

# THE SHOW COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ITS NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON

MARCH 3rd 2000 7:PM TILL 9:30 PM. FHE ANAHEIM DOWNTOWN COMMUNI

THE ANAHEIM DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER. 205 E. CENTER ST ANAHEIM, CA

THIS IS A MUST MEETING FOR ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
GEORGE LUX - SHOW CHAIRMAN (714) 992-2757
OR
HARRY NELSON.- SHOW CO-CHAIRMAN (714) 530-1365

# SEACHERS 41st ANNUAL GEM, JEWELRY & MINERAL SHOW

BOOKS, CRAFTS, DINING, FINDINGS, GEMSTONES,

GEMSTONES, GRAB BAGS, JEWELRY, MINERALS,

HOBBY SUPPLIES
AND MORE!

Brookhurst
Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92801

# RAFFLE TICKETS!

FIRST PRIZE:

Artwork by: Dale Ter Bush (Value - approx. \$500.00)

SECOND PRIZE: 2 Tickets to Disneyland

HIRD PRIZE:
2 Tickets to Knotts Berry Farm

# FREE! FREE!

- PARKING ADMISSION
- HOURLY DOOR PRIZES
- JEWELRY MAKING FOR CHILDREN
- EXHIBITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
  - LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS





SATURDAY
May 6th
10 AM - 7:00 PM
SUNDAY
May 7th
10 AM - 4:30 PM

Please check out our web site for additional dealer, program and club information.

http://www.gemandmineral.com/searchers.html
Sponsored by the Anaheim Arts Council



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Nelson

The trip to Quartzite was a good one. Lots of great buys and Beth got to go on the CFMS field trip to Wiley's Well. The area is going to continue to be open to rock hounds. There is still a lot of good "stuff" there where were the rest of you Searcher field trippers? A brand new Searcher, Joan Macomber has volunteered to coordinate our field trips this year but she needs trip leaders for March, April, September, and October as well as someone to lead a few one-day field trips throughout the year. Please call Joan at 714

821-0129 Joan will, have an updated field trip book if you need any ideas. Plans for the May show is well underway. Sign up boards will be circulating at the March and April meetings. Call George Lux at 714-992-2757 to sign up if you are unable to get to either meeting, Remember this is our BIG fund raiser and we need all Searchers to be involved. Also, it's a lot of fun. Lana Brown is our new Refreshment Chairperson. She may be calling on you to help out at one of our meetings. Thank you Lana. See you at the next meeting.



# 1st Vice President

James Perlowin

## PROGRAM for March

Mr. Vince Jarrell

Born 1937 West Virginia

Came to California 1959

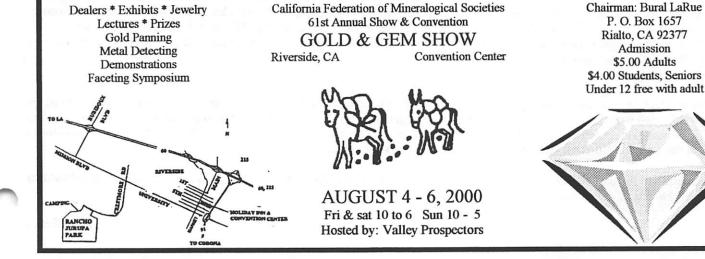
I have been carving for about 25 years now. I joined Gem Carvers 20 years ago and have been teaching and helping others with their carving ever since.

I won the Gem Carvers trophy, The California Federation best Single carving and The American Federation best single carving. Quit competing about 10 years ago because none of my students wanted to compete against me. I want to see more competition at the shows

From Jim Perlowin: This will be a fascinating, fun learning experience for all of us. Everyone come out to share this special program.

#### **Sunshine Report**

Faye McDowell came back from Quartzite so ill she could hardly drive. We hope she is better soon



# **HELP WANTED**

I Now have an opening for a Co-Editor for the Rock Slab News.

Must know Computers and soft wear please call or E-mail Rock Slab News Editor Richard Butler at

(714) 484-1947 E-mail Slabnews@aol.com.



# VETS SSHOP TALK

From John Velazquez



Please remember to bring slabs to each meeting for the VA Rehab Center. They should be uniform in thickness and fracture-free.

The box will be in its usual place at the table by the back door.

#### REMEMBERING

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It is with deep sadness that I must report the death of another Searcher. Max Johnson died of the complications of Leukemia on January 18,2000 one week after learning that he had the disease He and Dotty had been married for 27 years



Max was born on September 17,1917 on a farm in Schneider, Indiana. His interest in rocks and Indian artifacts began when he was a child. Over the years his interest continued and he acquired an impressive collection of Indian artifacts, mostly found on his farm that eventually went to The Three Rivers museum. in Michigan. Max's interest in rocks led to him meeting his wife Dotty. They both attended the same church where she overheard him say he needed a place to put his rock and artifact collection temporarily. She volunteered her back yard. Neither Max nor the rocks ever left. Instead Dotty also became interested

in the rock and jewelry-making hobby along with the hobbyist and they were married in May of 1973. Max especially enjoyed making and wearing Indian type jewelry, and some of his rocks and minerals have been featured in the Rock and Gem magazine over the years. The April Rock and Gem magazine is expected to carry a story on Max and his life long involvement with his hobby.

Over his lifetime Max became interested and involved in many different occupations including farming, dairy farming, property management, and one brief episode as captain of a boat delivering supplies to oil rigs This ended abruptly after he temporarily became lost one night during a storm. His interest in farming, however continued and his back yard featured bushels of fruit and vegetables rather than flowers right up to the present

Max and Dotty joined the Searchers in 1997. He was our Public Lands Chairman, attended meetings regularly, enjoyed going on field trips, and especially liked to work with kids, speaking before Scout Troops and often inviting youngsters to rock hound in his back yard. He participated actively in all of the Searcher's community activities and last year had a display case of his minerals in the Anaheim City Hall lobby representing the Searchers and our hobby

In addition to his wife, Dotty, Max leaves a daughter, Marcia, grandchildren Jeffrey, Megan and Kai, and great grandchildren Joshua, Brenda, and Kristina. Max will be greatly missed by all of us.

Betty Nelson

# SHOW SECURITY CASES

Please remember that we do not allow any display cases or exhibit to be

opened or removed during show hours.

curity personnel have cleared the building. This should take 5 to 10 minutes with your Sunday at the close of the show everyone will leave the exhibit hall until se-

help, after which you will be allowed back into the hall to remove your case and the items inside it.

we can do to help. This is for your safety and protection. If you need help or have a problem, or want to volunteer to help, please let me Larry Richey or George Lux know what

# NAME BADGES

temporary authorization badge. is in need of help with their display from someone who is not a club member, please see me on Friday, Saturday or Sunday for a Remember to wear your club name badge to the show this year, especially on Sunday when the show closes. If anyone

rocks and mineral, and information about the Searchers. Wearing the badge makes sense and makes it easy for visitors to spot club members to ask for help, identification of

Security Laray Richey

Walter Mroch **CHAIRMAN** SHOW CASE



**VBOOLT 30 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP AT THIS TIME.** 

SO PLEASE SIGNUP ASAP **ME ONLY HAVE ROOM FOR ABOUT 55 CASES** 

CYFF WE YL (114) 876-2132

**ILS ONLY \$20.00** OMN CYTT BELH BETEKEK (114) 114-5124 IE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A CASE OF YOUR

# The Rock 'n' Kids Corner Hello Kids and Parents!

# March 17,18 &19, 2000 Rock 'n' Kids Event

# Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club Presents: Stoddard Wells Tailgate & Field Trip

# This is a trip for all club members

Come join us on a trip to Apple Valley, CA on Saturday and Sunday. This area is off Stoddard Wells Road near Victorville. The tailgate is a place where people can buy or sell just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals, findings and equipment. Great deals!

Field trips start at 9:00 am on Saturday. If you get there later then 9 am, anyone there can show you where to collect. Verde Antique Marble, Tri-Colored Marble and Black Jade with Magnetite. Bring gloves, large chisels, a small sledge and safety glasses.

Driving distance is 100 miles from Anaheim; plan two hours driving time. Accommodations can be made at Victorville which is very close to the tailgate or you can camp right there at the tailgate. Please remember, this is a dry camp. There is no water in camp, but toilet facilities are available. On the dirt road green and yellow signs will mark the route to the camping area.

If you need to reach me, my cell phone number is (714-801-2181).

\*\*\* If rain is in the forecast, we will cancel the trip and meet at the Searchers workshop on Saturday, March 18, 2000, at 3:00 PM. Bring a rock to cut or grind.

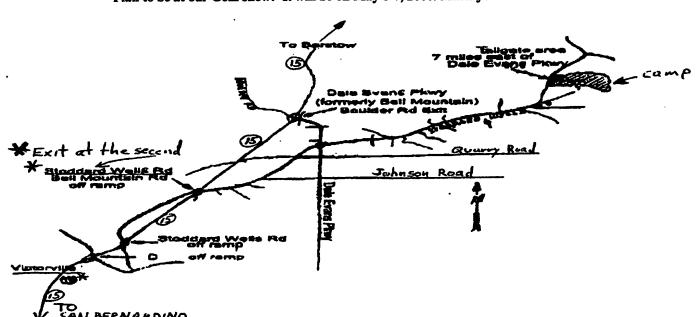
You must RSVP to Norbert Bernhardt by MARCH 12, 2000. Call 714-801-2181 or leave a message at 949-552-1775.

See you there!!! This should be a fun trip.

KIDS !!!!!! Please remember the club shop is open on Saturdays from 3-7 PM.

I encourage you to come. I don't need to be there for you to be able to do lapidary work. You know enough to polish stones with a little help from you parents and the Searchers. This is a great hobby for you now and in the future. Keep up the good work!

Plan to be at our Gem show! It will be on May 6-7, 2000. Mark your calendars!!!



# HAUSER GEODE BEDS ROCKHOUND EDUCATION AND RECREATION AREA

# By Beth Pelfrey, CFMS Director

On Sunday, January 30, I left the excitement, noise and confusion of Quartzsite behind to test the suspension system of my old land yacht one more time on one of the most challenging washboard roads in California's Mojave Desert: the Wiley's Well anti terrorist trail. I say that because if that road were publicized as the only sneaky way to get into Southern California undetected, terrorists and ne'er do well sorts would turn around and ply their nefarious trades in Arizona. One more time, however, my faithful old boat made it in one piece, although I did have and extra load of dust on both rig and tracker as usual. Arriving at the CFMS camp, 13 miles into the desert from I-10 and well marked for anyone to find, I was pleased to see a huge encampment from all over the state, north and south, Arizona, Nevada and a couple of places East of the Rockies. I happened to camp near the tent trailer of a friend I had made in Visalia at the CFMS meeting in November.

I easily found Dick Pankey's rig, Field Trip Chairman North for the Federation, to sign in and get instructions and schedule details for the week-long event. We were instructed to read the Rockhound Code of Ethics, the camp rules, and to sign in as present. After we settled in, made new acquaintances, renewed old, had supper, Dick got us all around a huge campfire and explained the general schedule. I was only able to stay for the next day, Monday, but the collecting trips he planned sounded super: three day for geodes in various places, pastillite, psilomelane, and more. One of the members from a Northern California club had brought a saw and offered to cut geodes to see the "treasure." One junior member, found on filled with purple crystal with black crystal inclusions, lovely! Another rockhound for life is made.

Monday morning the weather was perfect and a convoy of at least 60 vehicles went to the Hauser Beds for geodes. Everyone seemed to be pleased with their take. I learned later that I was not the only Searcher there: Lana Brown and Joan Macomber had come but I didn't see them. Later these folks went on the to Cornfield for some amigdules.

At 4:45 all 150 of us enjoyed a giant pot luck. Afterward, Jim Strain, the CFMS PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee) Chair, introduced Dan Lingelbach, the Pres.-Elect of the AFMS, from Stillwater, Oklahoma, and his wife and Bill and Izzy Burns, from our Federation. Jim and Izzy have been working for a few years now to keep public land open and available for multiple use. Izzy gave a cogent history of the Hauser beds and Jim Strain discussed the geologic history of the area, after which, another rockhound, Glen Miller, from the El Centro BLM District explained how pleased he was to be able to participate in this historic event in the California Desert. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by officials of the CFMS and witnessed by all of us as the first of its kind here. The area is huge, not just the Hauser Beds, and maps will be available soon for each club to have.

There are few changes in the rules, basically common sense: stay on existing roads, travel 20 MPH, haul it in, haul it out and then some, and instead of filling in digging holes, leave a 30 degree slope into the hole so the Desert Tortoise can get out if one falls in. It's a start. The ceremony was good, the BLM representative was a very congenial guy, and we all felt encouraged by this action.

There is a Road Travel Memorandum of Understanding for Afton Canyon, off Field Road: it is no longer closed to vehicular travel, so we can go collect again. The next project the CFMS will take on is the area called Pebble Terrace, the ancient Colorado River drainage.

This may not be the ultimate answer to keeping public land open for multiple use, but it is a start. The trip was successful for me and I rattled my way out of the desert to I-10 and home to Anaheim.

Remember the CFMS Earth Sciences Studies week, at Zzyzx Road, Soda Springs, will be April 9-16, 2000, \$220 per person by March 10. Call me for more information.

## **SHOW DONATIONS**

The donations are coming in and we are looking go, but we still can use donations from club members for the hourly door prize drawing so if you can help please let me know as soon as possible.

members for the hourly door
e. I will have tickets at our next

Donation and Award Committee This year for the person that sell the most tickets will get a Dale Ter Bush lithograph form me. I will have tickets at our next meeting or before if you need them.

# LAVIC SIDING FIELD TRIP April 21, 22, 23, 2000

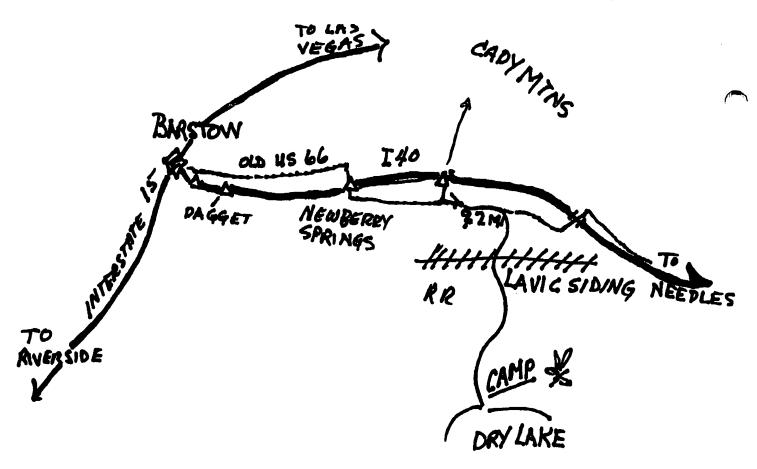
## Directions:

Follow Interstate 40 East from Barstow, past Newberry Springs to the Hector Mine Road Exit. It will be around 42 miles from Barstow. Exit South and go left, (EAST) on old Highway 66 (National Trails Highway) for 9.2 miles. Turn right, cross the railroad tracks and go about 1 to 1.5 miles to camp. There will be more specific direction to camp next month.

This will be a dry camp, bring plenty of water, firewood if possible. No facilities unless you bring 'em, but tenters, car campers, day trippers, all are welcomed. Bring a friend who wants to be a rockhound.

What to collect: This is from an old Searcher Bulletin, so there may be changes or additions next month. There should be plenty of agate, jaspagate, jasper and chalcedony in float. Any extra material you collect can be donated to the club for the show or shop use. Searcher Karen Martinez had been out here recently, day collecting, not camping, and reports plenty of material.

For additional info, call: Beth Pelfrey at 714-774-2754



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# Monthly Auctions, Minerals, Rockhound Information and Much More

Do you have a mineral collection or estate for sale? Please call Walter Mroch at 714-826-2132 or by email at gameco@gemandmineral.com for evaluations, consignment or disposal of your collection or estate.

If you want to hone your collecting skills during the winter months so you are primed for the spring. By reading this book and viewing the 70+ color pictures of minerals you can maximize your harvest of clear and sherry topaz crystals, bixbyite and berylfrom the world famous Thomas Range of Utah. The Topaz Mountain Field Collectors Guide is available for \$20 total (all taxes for CA residents and USPS shipping included) to any member of the CFMS or AFMS that mentions the ad in their order or orders online at https://web1.kcyb.com/gameco

#### Walter Mroch

Gem and Mineral Exploration Company PMB 373 4141 Ball Road Cypress, CA 90630

#### March 3-12; Imperial, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Gem & Mineral Building

CA Midwinter Fair & Fiesta Grounds

200 East 2nd

Hours: Fri 12-10, Sat& Sun 10-10, Mon-Thurs 4-10

Jim Strain (760)356-2361

#### March 3-5 Phoenix, AZ

Maricopa Lapidary Society

White Horse Domes Event Center

White Pass Horse Road & 48th St,

Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Doug Duffy (602) 973-4291

#### March 4-5 Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rock hounds, Inc.

Arboretum of LA County at Ayers Hall

301 N. Baldwin Ave.

Hours: 9 to 4:30 both days

Mark Carney (626) 303-6355

#### March 4-5 Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Seaside Park (Ventura Co. Fairgrounds)

10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4

Jay Baumler (805) 644-3962

#### March 11-12 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

San Marino Masonic Temple

3130 Huntington Dr.

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Alex Sergienko (323) 258-1394

## March 18-19 Hawthorne, CA

Northrop Grumman Gem and Mineral Club

**NGRC Clubhouse** 

12329 Crenshaw Blvd., Gate 16

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Show Chairman: Jimmy Lapham (310) 530-4827 Publicity Chairman: Beverly Moreau (714) 577-8038

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## March 18-19 Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Solano County Building

Solano County Fairgrounds

900 Fairgrounds Drive

Hours: 10-5 both days

Dolores (Laylie) Mack (707) 644-3035

## March 25-26 La Habra, CA

North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society

La Habra Clubhouse

200 W. Greenwood

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

Don Ogden (909) 598-2456

e-mail donogden@aol.com

## March 25-26 San Diego, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

Al Bahr Shrine

Village, Balboa Park, San Diego

5440 Kearny Mesa

Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5

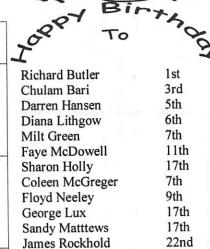
C. Everly, P.O. Box 208; Sun City, CA 92586

www.san.rr.com/SDMG



# March 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
-00				Workshop 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. Anaheim Arts Council 5:30 to 7	Show Committee 7 P.M. to 9:30 Downtown Center	Workshop 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.
5	6	7	8	Workshop 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.	10	Workshop 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.
12	13	Searchers Meeting 7 P.M. Downtown Center	15	Board meeting 7 P. M. to? Workshop 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.	St. Patrick's Day	Workshop 3 P.M. t
19	20	21	22	23 Workshop 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.	24	25 Workshop 3 P.M. 7 P.M.
26	27	28	29	30 Workshop 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.	31	



24th

27th

28th



Charlee C. Paxton

Nicole Stull David Gough

I wish that I could give you all me POT OF GOLD, but I just have a little POT so I will keep it for another year or so



Regular meeting, Board meeting and the Workshop are in the DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER 250 E. CENTER ST.

ANAHEIM, CA