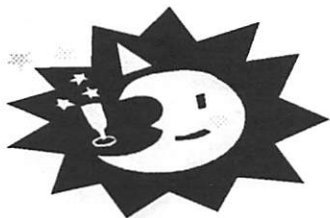
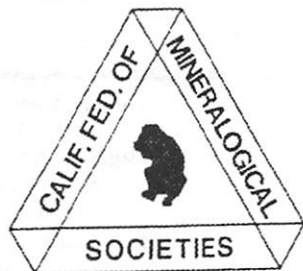




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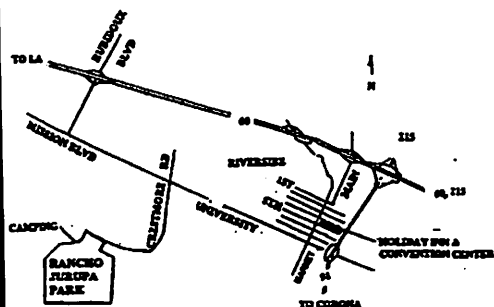
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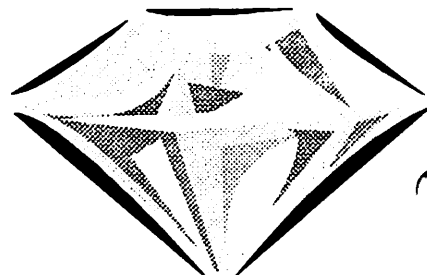
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Regular Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the new Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center St. Anaheim.

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.

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

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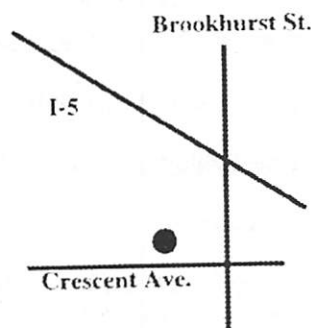
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2000



I hope that all of you had a great holiday season. As we enter 2000 I am looking forward to another exciting year for the Searchers. The new board has been installed, committee chairpersons appointed, and the plans for show 2000 are well under way. Now we need to know what you, the members, want in the coming year.

To begin with we need input about next year's Christmas party. Yes, I know we just had one, but if we are going to have a formal affair, as we have in past years, now is when we need to make reservations. The responses to our 1999 party made me think that it may be time for a change. How about a pot luck on our regular meeting night in December with the club providing the turkey? Of course alcohol would be out, but families would be welcome. The cost to the club and to the members would be minimal. Your board needs to know now how you feel about this. Please fill out the attached ballot and drop it off at the next meeting, at a workshop in January, or mail it in now.

We also need to know what suggestions you have for changes and for activities in the coming year. I am sure that many of you have ideas for improving our club. We need to know about these so that we can consider them. Once again the Suggestion Box will be in the back of the room to make sharing really easy.

Last year I set three goals. To get the meetings started and ended on time. To establish an active and viable youth group. To have the club work on establishing a reputation for friendliness. The record is not perfect, but we have been getting out earlier and with our new starting time of 7P.M., we should be able to be out by 9:30. Thanks to Norberet's hard work, the Rock N Kids enthusiasm, and the cooperation of their parents and sponsors, we have had a fantastically successful youth program this past year. The November youth field trip had 12 kids out and parents and sponsors for a total of 27. As for friendliness, only our new members can say if we are being successful. But our greeter has done her part, and those of you that have taken the time to introduce yourself to visitors and new members are getting the ball rolling. Keep up the good work. Also, please remember to wear your badge to all Searcher functions. That is one way we can get to know each other more quickly.

Our field trip is set up for Quartzite in January and Wiley Well in February, the latter as a part of the CFMS District trip Jan. 31 through Feb. 4. I realize that this will compete with the Tucson Show where many of you will be going. But BLM participation and CFMS scheduled activities plus new collecting areas are just too exciting to miss.

The club is off and going into year 2000. Don't get left out. See you on January 11th.

Betty Nelson

THE SEARCHERS 2000 CHRISTMAS PARTY

1. I would like to have a family pot luck and installation of officers on the 2nd Tuesday night in December at our regular meeting place with the club supplying the turkey. I understand that alcohol will not be permitted.-----
2. I would like our Christmas party and installation of officers to continue to be a formal dinners at a location of the clubs choosing. I understand this could cost more than this year.-----
3. I have the following suggestions-----

It is important that you respond to this by January due to the need for advance reservations and planning

1st Vice President Jim Perlowin



Jim Perlowin was born, bred, and educated in Brooklyn N. Y. At an early age he thought he would be an engineer but in 1930 could not afford to go to Carnegie Tech where he had already been accepted. Instead, he spent the next five years working his way through art school and became a commercial artist. During the defense program he started doing technical illustrations for the technical manuals for the armed services. During the war, he built up a large studio, doing work for some of the largest companies in the county. After the war he switched back to commercial art until 1961 when he decided to come to California. Almost immediately, he met one of the members of the Los Angeles Lapidary Society who took him into the Los Angeles club. He then took classes in Lapidary and Jewelry making and eventually became a professional jeweler. In 1974 he moved to Leisure

World in Laguna Hills. Almost immediately, he was asked to teach the jewelry classes for Saddleback College in Leisure World. He taught until the end of 1999

In 1977 he took the trophy for "Best piece of Jewelry" at the Golden City faceters fair. In 1980 he won Ultra Tec Special Faceting award, first place, Best single faceted stone-Faceters Guild of Southern California.

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SECRETARY

Nancy Norlund



I have been a rockhound for the past twenty years and active in several clubs over the years. This year I have decided to be your club Secretary. I have been the Treasurer, Vice President and President of another rock club in the past and Social Chairman and Treasurer of a women's golf club. In other words, I'm not afraid to jump in and participate in the operations of an organization.

My rock experience began with the introduction to a cabochon at the Orange County Fair by the Santa Ana Rock & Mineral Club. I was hooked on making cabs and later on attending field trips to collect my own material. The best part of all this was meeting some wonderful people who enjoy the same hobby. Over the years I have been collecting old used equipment which I maintain and use to make spheres, lost wax castings and carvings. I also make wire wrap jewelry and jeweled trees.

I will miss not greeting you members and visitors at our meeting door, but will be very happy to take part at the meetings by taking the minutes.

TREASURER

Alicia Ojeda



I have been a member of the Searchers Gem & mineral Society for about two years. I am married to Albert and have one son whom is eight year's old who's name is also Albert. I am employed in Orange County in the Revenue Department.

I have enjoyed taking jewelry classes at Walker Junior High with Dr. Johnson where I have learned so much about different stones and learning how to make jewelry. I have been on several field trips that I have enjoyed extremely. There are so many knowledgeable member's in our club that have so much to pass on to our youth. Thank you all for that.

I hope that I will be the best treasure that you have elected and will do the best job that I possibly can.

FEDERATION DIRECTOR

Beth Pelfrey



I joined the Searchers full time in 1991 after moving back to California from far away climes. Although I had known many members of the club since the 1970's and been able to join several field trips over the years, I had not lived in California for a while. Mainly I am a field trip person who is getting involved slowly in the workshop.

I became interested in the show, serving as Chair in 1991, Co-Chair in 1992, have worked on many committees, in the kitchen and even made a craft item one year. I have served as Secretary and Federation Director. This year I am beginning my second term as Federation Director. Among all the things I do, The Searchers is the most fun, so I try to do my bit to keep the club going.

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DUE

DIRECTOR

Walter Mroch



My name is Walter Mroch and I have served a wide variety of posts as a Searchers member including 2nd VP three years, 1st VP two years, Publicity Chairman for the annual show three years, Showcase Chairman for two years plus a host of other roles. For the 2000 term I will serve as the Director so that Betty Nelson can do a great job for another term as Searchers President. Outside of the Searchers I am the Sales and Engineering Manager for U.S. Chrome Corporation, hold several FAA ratings and travel quite extensively throughout the USA. I also have an Internet business selling rocks, minerals, gemstones and other items of interest to collectors. This is also the home to the Searchers web page which I maintain at <http://www.gemandmineral.com/searchers.html>. I have been active in weekend warrior mining at tourmaline mines in San Diego County through rights and affiliations. I am also active in the Maynard Topaz Mine, Searle Canyon Red Beryl Claims, Solar Wind Claims, and Pelican Point Claims in Utah and also some new claims under development in Nevada for zeolites and other minerals. I am also the publisher/co-author of "A Field Guide to Topaz and Associated Minerals of the Thomas Range, Utah". This true collector's book is available to all rockhounds for the low price of \$20 total and can be ordered by telephone, email or online. My primary rockhounding interests are mineral collecting and exploration which I try to do whenever possible. I am looking forward to the 2000 term and hope that we can invigorate the membership to participate in every way to keep the Searchers true to its charter. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at gameco@gemandmineral.com

CFMS SHOW DATES FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2000

January 8-9 Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Veterans Memorial Building
324 North Kaweah St. (State Hwy. 65)
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Mary Reed (559) 784-6394

February 18-27 Indio, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building
46-350 Arabia
Hours: 10am - 10pm each day
Don Grisham (909) 845-1978

February 19-20 Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Temple
33 W. Alpine Ave.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Jim Dunlap (209) 478-0747

February 26-27 North Hollywood, CA

Del Air Rockhound - Sierra Pelonia Rock Club -
Woodland Hills Rockchippers
Valley Plaza Recreation Center
12240 Archwood Street
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Webpage <http://sites.netscape.net/gemman777>

February 26-27 San Jose, CA


Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10 - 5
Web site [Http://www.slip.net/-ccox/scvgms/](http://www.slip.net/-ccox/scvgms/)

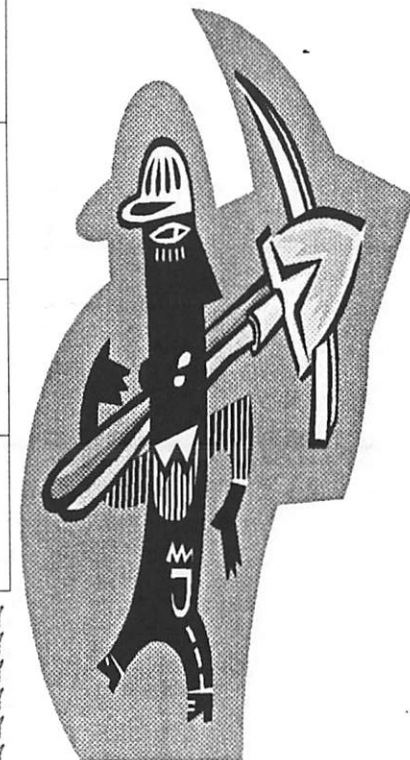


January 2000



Chulam Bari—3rd
Diana Lithgow—6th
Milt Green—7th
Coleen McGreger—7th
Floyd Neeley—9th
Sandy mattews—17th
James Rockhold—22nd
Nicole Stull—27th
David Gough—28th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 New year's Day No workshop
2	3	4 Show Committee 7: P.M.	5	6 Work shop 6:30 P.M.	7 Paper Deadline	8 Workshop 3:30 P.M.
9	10	11 Searchers meet- ing 7: P.M.	12	13 Work shop 6:30 P.M.	14	15 Workshop 3:30 P.M.
16	17	18	19	20 Board meeting 7: P. M.	21	22 Workshop 3:30 P.M.
23	24	25	26	27 Work shop 6:30 P.M.	28	29 Workshop 3:30 P.M.
30	31	<div>20th Workshop 6:30 P. M.</div>				



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