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The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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The President's Message

Hello fellow Searchers

I want to thank all the volunteers who contributed to the Searcher Show in May. We again had a successful show due to all your hard work. Special thanks goes out to Margaret Hogarth our show chairperson whose direction and dedication made the show possible. Margaret along with the rest of the Show Committee work throughout the year to plan and organize the show which is the main money raising activity for the Searchers.

I also had the pleasure of leading a field trip in May. This was my first experience leading a field trip, and the main lesson I learned was that it is not hard to lead a field trip. Field trips are fun anyway, but it is more fun to show your friends where to find the good stuff. With that in mind, I encourage anyone who has a favorite rockhounding destination to volunteer to lead a field trip this coming season. Just contact our Field Trip Coordinator (and 2nd VP) Matt Buchanan or myself and we will give you the support you need to be a successful field trip leader.

Doug Flaugh

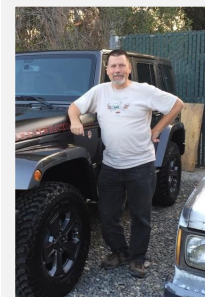
President



Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Veterans!

Note: We just discovered that the VA lapidary shop has a faceting machine and now has someone available to teach them. Any faceting rough you could donate would be a great treat for them.

Dates to Save: Searcher Annual Picnic Aug. 11



For field trip
information

contact: Matt
Buchanan V.P.

Field Trips,
Searchers Gem and
Mineral Society,
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Field Trips

| DATE | LEADER | LOCATION | STATUS |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------|
| 7/26-29 /018 | Dick Pankey | CFMS Davis Creek | planned |
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CFMS Field Trip: Davis Creek/Lassen Creek

July 26 – 29, 2018

Hosted by Contra Costa M&GS

Davis Creek is the premier obsidian collecting area in California with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful obsidian. This area is located on Buck Mt. in the heart of the Modoc National Forest. The altitude ranges from 5000 to 7000 feet. A free permit is required for collecting which will be available at camp.

Directions: Take your favorite route to Alturas, CA in the far northeast corner of California (I-5/US299 or US395). From Alturas, go north on US Route 395. Approximately 22 miles from Alturas is the small town of Davis Creek (stop here to visit the Davis Creek Mercantile, a very interesting little store). Continue another 11 miles to South Willow Ranch Rd/County Rd. 47 where you should see the first orange paper plate with arrows that direct you to camp. Turn right and follow this road and the orange paper plates 5.5 miles. Turn right and cross the small bridge. After you cross the bridge turn left; you will see the Lassen Creek Campgrounds on your left, turn left into the campground.

Facilities: The campground is a large meadow with some large pine trees and two small streams. This is a "dry camping" area with one very nice pit toilet. It can accommodate all sizes of motor homes and trailers and is also very good for tenters. At Davis Creek there is gas and some groceries, and a great place to get ice cream on a hot afternoon. At Alturas and Lakeview, OR there is gas, food, motels, RV parks and medical facilities.

Collecting Trips: The organized collecting trips will start on Friday morning. All trips will leave at 8:30 AM, **SHARP**, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day's trip. We will be collecting at 5 major sites: Rainbow, Electric Blue, Pink Lady, Needles, and Mahogany Gold Sheen. You have to dig for the biggest and the best, but there is a lot of good obsidian to be found as float and in the discards from previous diggers. Because of the expected size of the group and limited parking at the collecting sites, we will divide up into small groups, each going to a different site. Everyone will get to go to every site.

Thursday, July 26 Arrive at camp

Friday, July 27 Daily collecting trips

Saturday, July 28 Daily collecting trips and Potluck Dinner

Sunday, July 29 Daily collecting trips

Monday, July 30 Depart to home or to other adventures

Plan on a potluck dinner and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some great obsidian. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Safety Note: Obsidian is Mother Nature's glass and like glass it shatters and is extremely sharp. Goggles or safety glasses, long sleeve shirts and gloves are strongly recommended.

Please notify me by 7/23/18 if you plan to attend, call if you have questions or need more information:

Dick Pankey

Email: dickpankey@juno.com (preferred)

Ph. 925-439-7509

Searchers Field Trip May 19-20 2018 Report

Kramer Hills near Kramer Junction

Twelve Searchers showed up for the field trip to Kramer Hills including two new members who signed up on site. After waivers and briefings, our first stop on Saturday morning was to dig orange and red plume agate and green opalite from seams four feet down from the surface. Several members freed large pieces from the seams including a 90 pound chunk of agate that Greg McGinnis worked very hard for. Those not digging in the pits found ample material surface collecting in the area.

After a break for lunch, the group caravanned to a surface collecting site dubbed "Palm Wash" where petrified palm was abundant. Buckets were filled with pink palm as well as an uncommon blue-gray variety, plus some chalcedony and jasper.

In spite of high winds, Saturday nights potluck was well attended, with tasty food and conversation shared.

Sunday morning the group headed to a location with plentiful amounts of onyx, chalcedony and jasper. The onyx included a variety showing purple/blue banding, and some even had red streaks. A nice seam of pastel green banded jasper was also discovered while a desert tortoise kept watch from a safe distance.

As the last car departed for home we gave thanks for a fun easy trip without injury or incident



The Site

See page 6 for more pictures.

Club Meeting Presentation: The guy who gave us ancient tools and meteorites returns to talk about a new topic, Wacky Ways to Rock hound. Find out unique and unusual ways to search and find gems and minerals. Part artist and part historian, and a rock-hound all the way, be prepared for a new realm of fun

Club Meeting Activity

| DATE | PRESENTER | SUBJECT |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 6-12-1018 | Jim Bowden | "Wacky Ways to Rock hound" |
| 7-10-2018 | Justin Zzyzx | "Fun Facts about Gold" |
| 8-8-2018 | Lothar Vallot | "The Jeweler's Bench Explained" |

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2018 CFMS Gem Shows

JUNE

June 8 - 10: LA HABRA, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat & Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Armando Perdoza, (909) 455-6800
Email: forestandsun@yahoo.com
Website: www.nocgms.com

June 9 - 10: ESCONDIDO, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts, Escondido
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Michele Shephard
Email: pgmshow@palomargem.org
Website: www.palomargem.org [Show Page](#)

June 9 - 10, 2017: GLENDORA, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Bonnie Bidwell, (626) 963-4638
Email: ybidwell2@aol.com

June 23 - 24: CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398
Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org [Show Page](#)

AUGUST

August 3 - 5: NIPOMO, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri-Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Sylvia Nasholm, (805) 481-0923
Email: sylvianasholm@cs.com
Website: www.omsinc.org

August 4 - 5: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
Contact: Ellen Nott
Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com
Website: www.sfgemshow.org [Show Page](#)

SEPTEMBER

September 15 - 16: MONTEREY, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

September 15 - 16: REDWOOD CITY, CA
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: William Spence, (408) 398-7502
Email: bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org
[Show Page](#)

September 22 - 23: LODI, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mike Mathis, (510) 301-3612
Email: mmathis@nwp.org
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com
[Show Page](#)

OCTOBER

October 6 - 7: GRASS VALLEY, CA
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Mitchell Frank Van Hecke, (530) 274-2425
Email: 4vancian5@att.net
Website: www.ncgms.org [Show Page](#)

October 13 - 14: LOS ALTOS, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One North San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384
Email: steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org [Show Page](#)

October 13 - 14: TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street (corner of Main & Trona Rd)
Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5; Sun 7:30 - 4
Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub [Show Page](#)

October 14: FALLBROOK, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 9 - 4
Contact: Janice Bricker, (760) 728-1130
Email: info@fgms.org
Website: www.fgms.org

October 20: WEST HILLS, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 - 5
Contact: Virginia Rotramel, (951) 403-2634
Email: ginigem1@gmail.com
Website: www.rockchippers.org [Show Page](#)

October 20 - 21: PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jean Klotz
Email: info@eldoradomineralandgem.org
Website: www.eldoradorocks.org

June Birthstone: Moonstone & Pearl



Searcher After Show Report

First of all, I want to send a huge thank you to the Show Committee and all of our volunteers for your dedicated and thoughtful work for the show. Thanks to you, it was a huge success! Thank you to our wonderful vendors and demonstrators! We're still working on the numbers, but you know we are a non-profit organization and we're hoping that the proceeds from the show will go a long way in terms of funding club efforts such as supporting the workshop and helping the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital workshop.

Thanks to Lydia's (plus her helpers') organizational efforts, every year it is a little simpler to set up the show. We are working to support and continue these efforts in order to reduce energy and injuries. We will probably consolidate the Searcher activities, membership and t-shirt sales into the middle of the display cases next year, so that we can concentrate Searcher volunteers into just 4 areas: the kitchen, silent auction, hospitality, and then membership+. Attendance felt a little down this year; we will work to boost that for next year. Thanks to our lighting on the patio, we had a safe and secure show. Our menu felt just about right this year. I think everyone was excited about the silent auction offerings. We raised the prices for children's activities, and then lowered them back to \$1 due to feedback. That's okay. We want to make this a fun, family-friendly, low cost activity. Please be sure to give additional feedback about the show. You can send it to me and we'll review it. We will continue to fine tune and improve the show. Thank you again for your hard work and support!

Thank you, and have a rocking summer!

Margaret Hogarth

hogarth.m@gmail.com

909-815-3045

Coming Soon

Searcher's Picnic/ Potluck

Saturday, August 11th from 11am to 3pm

Yorba Regional Park in Anaheim Hills; Site #6; Parking in Lot #2.

Sign up sheet will arrive in the near future to start signing up people to bring all of the food and supplies for the event.



American Opal Society's Annual Auction

This is Veronica Purpura of the American Opal Society, and we want to invite more people to our annual June meeting auction. While you do need to be a member to sell items at the auction (where part of the proceeds go to the AOS), but you don't have to be a member to attend or bid on the items. Our auctions tend to have gemstones, opals, rough, cabochons, jewelry, books and equipment.

Come to our June 27th meeting (Wednesday at 7pm) to the Garden Grove Masonic Lodge. Bring your wallets and sign up for a bidding paddle.

Veronica Purpura AOS Show Chairman



Non-Members welcomed!
Lots of items up for auction
Bring your wallet



American Opal Society's Annual Auction
June 27th at 7pm



Masonic Lodge of Garden Grove
11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove, CA

www.opalsociety.org

www.facebook.com/AmericanOpalSociety

www.instagram.com/opalsociety



The People



The Rocks



The Locals



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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| Membership Dues: | Individual | \$25 |
| | Couple | \$35 |
| | Junior (17 & under) | \$10 |

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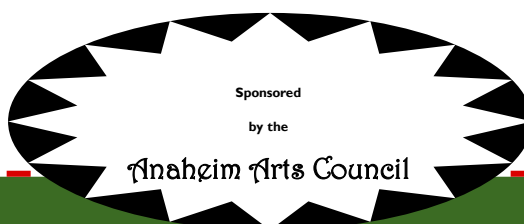
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