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The Rock Slab News

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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Hello from the editor

This newsletter is coming out early as we are traveling to Oregon to; wait for it, look for more rocks. We will not be back until after the 1st. It is mostly a repeat of last month's newsletter. The April field trip has not happened yet so no trip report. Any new information or planned trips will be sent out as e-mails blasts as they come up. Show needs and sign ups on page 6. Help is always needed.





Searchers 57th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave, Anaheim, CA

Saturday, May 7th, 2016 / hours 10am - 5pm
Sunday, May 8th, 2016 / hours 10am - 4:30pm
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2271 W. Crescent Ave, Anaheim, CA

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Subasta Silenciosa

Demostraciones

Exposiciones

Lavado de Oro

Vendedores

Actividades para Niños





Silent Auction Needs

Searchers-we are again approaching our show, and again I need your help with material for the silent auction. This year we have been lucky to get the estates of 2 Searchers, and as a result I actually have quite a lot of good quality slabs. So what I need most this year is:

Quality rough , Windowed or one end cut is better, Fossils and Minerals

Please start thinking about what you could spare to help support your club. As usual you can bring donations to the monthly meeting, if you have a lot you can get in touch with me and I will pick it up, or you can bring it to the show. As usual we need high quality material, if you wouldn't want to bid on it in an auction we don't need it. And even though I have a lot of slabs this year if slabs are what you want to donate I'll take them. We are easy. Steve Duncan

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
4-23-2016	Multi-club	Santa Monica Mountains	planned

Field Trip: Santa Monica Mountains Multi-Club Trip

April 23rd – Multi-Club Field Trip to the Santa Monica Mountains, for agates and fossils
 Meeting Place: 9 AM at the SW corner of Kanan and Agoura Roads, Agoura (HWY 101, Kanan exit)
 Car-pooling is strongly encouraged due to limited parking at some sites.
 Trip leaders: Jason Badgley, jbadgeman@aol.com, 818-388-3220, & Andrew Hoekstra, ajhoekstra@yahoo.com, 562-584-3190.



For field trip
 information
 contact: Robert
 Burson V.P. Field
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 Society,
bursonrocks@verizon.net

If there is sufficient interest, Andrew Hoekstra may lead a fossil collecting trip to Woodland Hills Sunday April 17th so that participants can continue that day to the Conejo show to attend a 2 PM fossil program for juniors:

Juniors can earn a AFMS fossil patch by attending the talk “Fun with fossils” presented by Mike Havstad - the hands-on session is open to the public with no advance registration required. If a participating kid is a member of a CFMS-affiliated club, they will earn the AFMS/FRA Fossils Badge upon completing the session. For further details, contact Mike at MRMIKERH@gmail.com.

If interested in collecting fossils on April 17th instead of on April 23rd, please contact Andrew Hoekstra



In the Field: Quartz Cleaning

Quartz & Agate Cleaning by Ron Whealdon

Thoroughly scrub specimens with hot, soapy water until you can no longer remove any material and stains. Then rinse in clean water and dry.

Oxalic Acid Bath: This process can be used to remove rust-staining from your specimens.

Supplies:

Old crock pot (can find at garage sales or the Goodwill store)

Oxalic acid 1-gallon jug (clean)

1 gallon hot water

Funnel

Slotted plastic long-handled spoon

Chemical-resistant gloves Safety glasses or goggles

Baking soda 5-gallon bucket of clean water

This process should be done outdoors and while wearing the safety gear (gloves and glasses). **DO NOT do this indoors!**

Measure out 4 oz. of oxalic acid onto a piece of paper, and using a funnel, carefully pour into the 1-gal. jug that's been filled half-way with hot water. Using the same funnel, slowly pour in the remaining hot water (careful not to allow the jug to overflow).

Replace the cap tightly and then gently rock the jug back and forth to mix thoroughly. Feel free to hum a soft lullaby if you're inclined to do so. Carefully pour acid from the bottle into the crock pot, filling it no more than 2/3 full. One at a time, place a specimen in the slotted spoon and carefully lower into the crock pot. DO NOT allow specimens to just plop into the crock pot! Allow the specimens to bathe at low setting for about 12 hours. Turn the crock pot off and unplug. Let the specimens continue to soak in the crock pot for another 12 hours.

After the 24-hour bath, use the slotted spoon to carefully transfer the specimens from the crock pot to a bucket of clean water. Soak the specimens in clean water for 72 hours (changing the water at least once every 24 hours). Thoroughly scrub specimens with hot, soapy water until you can remove no more of the material or staining. If a specimen still exhibits staining, you can re-peat this process as necessary. I'd think that after a week of cooking and soaking in oxalic acid though, either the stains are there for good, or they require a more drastic approach.

Disposing of Oxalic Acid:

When oxalic acid yellows, it has outlived its usefulness and it is time to dispose of it, safely. Again, this process should be done outdoors while wearing gloves and glasses. Carefully pour the contents of the crock pot into a bucket of clean water. Carefully pour in baking soda, a little at a time, stopping in between pours to allow the fizzing to stop. Once you reach the point when fizzing no longer occurs, then the acid has been neutralized enough for disposal. Carefully pour the contents of the bucket onto the driveway and rinse very well with the hose.

Excerpts from the article printed in the Rock Rustler's News, 11/2012, Editor Note: These methods are the viewpoint of the author.



May Speaker Description: Overview: Elements of Field Trips

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
5-10-2016	Robert Burson	Elements of Field Trips

Upcoming 2016 CFMS Gem Shows

2016

MAY

May 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 597-7033 Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 7 - 8: JACKSON, CA Amador County Gem & Mineral Society Kennedy Mine 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88) Hours: 10 - 4 daily Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388 Email: mouna-ingirl@volcano.net Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

May 13 - 15: YUCAIPA, CA Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival Adams St. & Yucaipa Blvd Hours: Fri 6 - 9; Sat 11 - 10, Sun. 12 - 6 Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731 Email: res09ayd@verizon.net Website: www.yvgms.org

JUNE

June 3 - 5: LA HABRA, CA North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Hours: Fri 5 - 8; Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Don Warthen, 626-330-8974 Email: odwarthen@verizon.net Website: www.nocgms.com

June 4 - 5: GLENDORA, CA Glendora Gems & Mineral Society 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 25 - 26: CULVER CITY, CA Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Veterans Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Blvd (@Culver Blvd, Near the 405 & 10 Freeways) Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 850-4398 Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

AUGUST

August 13 - 14: SAN FRANCISCO, CA San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society San Francisco County Fair Building 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Contact: Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230 Email: ellen_nott@yahoo.com Website: www.sfgemshow.org

SEPTEMBER

September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA 77th CFMS Show & Convention Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily Contact: Barbara Terrill, 530 676-2375 Email Website: www.cfms2016show.com

September 17 - 18: CHICO, CA Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair Street Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5; Sun 9:30 - 4 John Scott, (530) 321-6331 Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 24 - 25: LODI, CA Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club Lodi Grape & Harvest Festival Grounds 413 East Lockford Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411 Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 24 - 25: MONTEREY, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311 Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net Website: www.cvgms.org

September 24 - 25: SANTA ROSA, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Wells Fargo Center for the Arts 50 Mark West Springs Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Jolene Coon Website: www.srmgs.org



May Birthstone - Emerald



Club News

Dues Information: If you have paid your 2016 Membership Dues and did not get your new 2016 Membership Card (because we were out of stock) please email me debra.tanner@rockwellcollins.com with your names and I will have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting (they are back in stock).

If you have not yet had the opportunity to pay your 2016 Membership Dues, please stop by the table next meeting or mail it in if you wish. I will bring your receipt and 2016 Membership Card to the next meeting, or I will mail them back to you if you are unable to get to the meetings and include your address.

Annual Dues: Jan. 1 2016 through Dec. 31 2016

Individual \$25, Couple \$35, Junior (17 and under) \$10. (not prorated)

Make your check payable to:

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

You can mail it to :

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Thank You ! for your support of your club, Debbie, Membership

An update on Walt Lombardo and a request for your Support

On January 29, 2016, Walt received a life-saving **Kidney Transplant** from Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla. **The surgery was successful and the kidney is performing very well.** Unfortunately, there were complications, while not totally unexpected, it did delay his recovery. The doctors continue to refine his medications. He was finally discharged in early February, although he had to stay locally for daily checks. Walt continues to improve but his activities are limited. He will not be cleared by his doctors to return to work for at least another 6 to 8 weeks. And he still is required to return to Scripps for blood tests and meeting with his doctors twice a week for the next six months. Eight years ago when he went into renal failure (and started dialysis), Walt opened **Nevada Mineral & Book Company** (natural history gallery/bookstore) in Orange, CA. During these eight years of waiting for a kidney, he had numerous health issues due to complications of the renal failure and surgeries... Medicare only pays a portion his medical and drug costs, including some very expensive top-tier drugs (that have no generic alternatives), so his medical costs have been & continue to be very high! Walt has always been very generous with his time; sharing his expertise; and working with the community. Walt is a proud and independent man and does not like to ask for help! Walt's medical, as well as personal & business, bills are piling up with virtually no income. Walt does not qualify for Medicaid or Social Security Disability because he owns a business. And at 60 he is too young to collect a pension or apply for Social Security.

The **good news** is that he has had some help from the **501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization "MINDS Network"** (<http://www.mindsnetwork.org/>). MINDS Network's president, Dr. Taif Kaissi, is personally overseeing Walt's cause! But they can only help so much.

Walt still needs more help! Friends of Walt's are requesting your help. If you can donate to the MINDS Network that would help a lot plus it is tax deductible. You can go directly to the website (<http://www.mindsnetwork.org/>) to donate. Or you can send a check to MINDS Network, referencing Walt Lombardo, 2895 N. Towne Ave, Pomona, CA 91767. Walt's email: minbooks@aol.com

If you want to send get-well cards and/or give money directly to Walt, please send them to **Walt Lombardo, Nevada Minerals & Book Company, 342 S. Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92866. 714-633-1549**

Friends of Walt are trying to keep open **Nevada Minerals & Book Company** while Walt is recovering. ***So please stop and shop if you are in the neighborhood!***

Searchers Show Information

Our 2016 Searchers show is just around the corner, and the Show Committee has been preparing all year. We encourage all Searchers to help at the show; we have jobs for every ability! Be sure to come to our monthly meetings and sign up on our various sign-up sheets for show help. In case you miss the meeting, please see the contacts below. My strategy is to come to the entire show, help with security, the Searchers sale table, the kitchen, the hospitality table, and check in on the busy silent auction room. If you want to appreciate over 50 years of show experience, come and help load/unload the trailer or set up or take down. We have benefited from many years of expert planning and preparation that makes a task like setting up our electrical system very straightforward. It is so much fun to help, the people are friendly and also love rocks! Who could ask for more?



Searchers, be sure to sign up to help with the show at our next meeting! We have jobs for every ability, so don't fret if walking is a challenge. As you sign up, please include your cell phone and email address so we can remind you for the show. We will not distribute any information. If you can't come to the meeting, here are the contacts below:

Would you like to:	Contact	Phone	Email
Be a demonstrator	Bob Gilland	657-201-3737	rgilland@sbcglobal.net
Set-Up/Tear Down	Rick Webber	714.585.5606	richwebb3245@att.net
Load/Unload the trailer	Rick Webber	714.585.5606	richwebb3245@att.net
Help with the Friday Night Dinner	Adrian Callard	714-368-9575	adricyn@hotmail.com
Help with Hospitality	Karen Kremer	714-639-8082	karenandkay@aol.com
Help with Hospitality	Teri Lynn Wheeler	714-425-0983	We34god@yahoo.com
Hourly Door Prizes	Teri Lynn Wheeler	714-425-0983	We34god@yahoo.com
Kitchen	Adrian Callard	714-368-9575	adricyn@hotmail.com
Security	Virgil Talbott	714.871.7900	virgiltalbott@roadrunner.com
Donate to the silent auction	Steve Duncan	714-724-7102	wsd@iteris.com
Sell at the Searchers' table	Margaret Hogarth	909-597-7033	hogarth.m@gmail.com
Have a display case	Veronica Purpura	714-974-3982 (C) 714-501-9959	angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com

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.

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Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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

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