

The Rock Slab News

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The Purpose of the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

By-Laws, Article 1, Sec. 2

This society was formed for the purpose of banding together a group of congenial persons for the purpose of studying mineralogy and the earth sciences by means of association with other mineralogical societies and with their members; presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, and similar programs; field trips for exploration, study and collecting of specimens; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of interest in mineralogy and the lapidary arts; the procurement and maintenance of collections of minerals, mineral products and related pictures, writings and other information thereof; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives above set forth.

This organization is not formed for profit and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Clarke Benich

Hello again Fellow Searchers!

Well, Happy 4th of July all. Hope you've all had a safe and sa...well, let's not get carried away here, lets just stick with "safe holiday".

This has been a bad month for the Searchers and some of our members. In June we lost 2 members, Yery Camacho's wife Nora, and Marie Lander's husband Ken. I would like to express my sincere condolences to Yery and the rest of the Camacho family, and to Marie Landers, I will keep you all in my prayers with hopes that the Lord will watch over and comfort you all. Both Ken and Nora will be missed. I'd like to ask all you other believers in the club to please pray for the families as well.

Well, we had a great time last month at the field trip, as usual. Many thanks to Virgil for putting the trip together, and to Brian of the Route 66 49ers, who made sure everyone interested learned how to pan for gold no matter how many times he had to explain and demonstrate how it's done. I was however exhausted that day, so I watched everyone else working away while I relaxed in the shade. Then I watched Brian's demonstration, relaxed some more, watched a while longer, then took a nap. Once I awoke from my slumber, I watched a little longer until I realized it was making me too tired to continue such strenuous exercise. That's when I picked up my shovel, pail, classifier, and gold pan, and proceeded to sniff out what seemed to be the best hiding place for the elusive "mother-lode". By the position of the sun, I figured there to be plenty of time to become rich beyond my wildest dreams, but it seems as if I may have made a slight miscalculation along the way. Oh, well...I'd only spend it on all the wrong things anyway.

There will be no planned field trip this month due to the heat. However, please mark your calendars for our yearly Searcher Picnic on August 27th at Pearson Park that will begin at 11A.M.

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It will be a Potluck, so eating will commence when the best entrée shows up.

I would like to thank Skip Cone, Chuck and Karen Edmonds, Herb Beckman, Bob Gilland, Jeri Frank, Betty Nelson, and Jimmy Peterson for putting together enough combined pieces of jewelry, etc. and rough material to put together 2 cases at the O.C. Fair. Also, thanks to Kathy Clark for helping me with the format, and to Curt Clark for allowing me to take up his wife's time on his **56th BIRTHDAY!**

Well, hope to see you all meeting night, July 11th. Oh, one more thing...there will be grit for sale at the meeting, thanks to Jimmy Peterson for doing most of the bagging as well as providing the area to keep it out of the weather while we weighed it out.

See you all soon, until then, be safe!
Clarke

CONDOLENCES

By Kathy Clark

Our hearts go out to the family and special friends of Ken Landers who passed away on June 12. For years Ken took on the responsibility of tumbling rocks and filling the grab bags, and he and his wife Marie manned the grab bag table for both days at the annual Searchers Show.

And also to the family and special friends of Nora Camacho who passed away on June 25 following a long and courageous fight with cancer. She leaves behind her husband Yery (also a Searcher) and three children. She was also sister-in-law to Marcia and Steve Duncan.

The Searchers have lost two wonderful friends, but Heaven became a more heavenly address with their arrivals. We will miss Ken and Nora.

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:** 6 PM, 4th Wednesday 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).
- No workshops:** Nov 23 & 25.
- 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
- Membership Dues:** Individual \$20
Couple \$25
Junior (17 & under) \$2
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Rock 'n' Kids	OPEN	

JULY EVENTS

7 – 30 Orange County Fair
11 7-9 pm General Meeting
26 6-7 pm Board Meeting

August

27 11 am Searchers Picnic Potluck at
 Pearson Park

JULY FIELD TRIP

There are no scheduled field trips for July and August. It's just way too hot!

JULY PROGRAM

By Virgil Talbott

So you want to learn how to facet. Our very own Clare Gagnon will be our April speaker. He will be discussing theory and diagrams on faceting and explaining the machinery and the stones used for faceting.

After retiring as a civil engineer with the Metropolitan Water District, Clare took up faceting, silversmithing and gem carving. He and his wife spent a year in Australia touring and rockhounding. He is a member of the Faceter's Guild of Southern California where he has held the office of president and is currently the newsletter editor. Clare also participates in a mentoring program offered by the Guild. He teaches silversmithing at the Searchers workshop on Saturdays and at the Brookhurst Community Center on Tuesdays. He has also been volunteering and teaching in the lapidary shop at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital once a week for the past eighteen years. Clare recently accepted The President's Call To Service Award which is presented by The Council of Service and City Participation. This award is **ONLY** presented to someone who has served over 4,000 HOURS of community service.

Please come to the meeting and enjoy and learn something from this wonderful source of knowledge we have in Clare Gagnon.

SUNSHINE REPORT

By Beth Pelfrey

Cary Chang has had successful major surgery and is home for a pretty long recuperation. Cary, longtime Searcher member, has joined us on many field trips and also has been invaluable as a volunteer in many areas at the annual show, not the least has been the kitchen (especially this past show!). I am sure cards and get well wishes would be appreciated. Cary, get well soon and get back to trippin'!

PICTURES FROM THE SHOW





More pictures will be
in the next issues

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

by Kathy Clark

The June Program was an awesome slide show and narrative about Mount St. Helens before and after its 1980 eruption presented by Tony and Sandie Fender.

We saw gorgeous pictures of Mount St. Helens prior to its eruption when it looked very similar to Japan's Mt. Fuji. Then on May 18, 1980, about a third of the mountain blew off and spewed ash 35 to 40,000 feet into the atmosphere. One hundred eighty miles away in Yakima, Washington, ash had to be bulldozed off the streets.

The eruption was considered an asymmetric blast because a bulge formed on the side of the mountain. Then an earthquake caused the bulge and the area above it to collapse and begin running down the mountain which created a vent and led to the blast. Photographs taken 35 miles north of the mountain by Gary Rosenquist were stupendous.

New wildlife started with zillions of frogs. The frogs were an abundant food source for rodents and then birds came back. A herd of Roosevelt elk, which is probably the healthiest, strongest herd of elk in the country, is a great example of how resilient nature really is.

JUNE FIELD TRIP

By Kathy Clark

To all you Searchers who missed the June 17 field trip to the east fork of the San Gabriel River to pan gold, you really missed out on a really good time. The driving directions that Virgil and Steve gave us in the newsletter were perfect. The weather was perfect. The water was even better. We had a shade tree to sit under while resting or lunching. Brian and Gary from Route 66 49ers were there to instruct us on the fine art of goldpanning which does take patience and perseverance. And we ALL found GOLD!!!!

Lorri Renck, Karen Martinez, Clarke Benich, Norbert, Ana, Anton and Natalie Bernhardt, Kathy Clark, Gwen Sharp, Virgil Talbott, John and Cathy Grigg, Brian and Gary from Route 66 49ers, Gloria and her parents, Cary and Hui Chang, Don Setto, Chad, Sheri and Julia Palazzo, and Jimmy Peterson were some of the Searchers out there trying to strike it rich. Virgil, Brian and Norbert set up their sluices and the rest of us used buckets, shovels and classifiers before we could get down to goldpanning. Everyone had a great time and most expressed wishes to schedule another field trip to pan for gold.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

By Kathy Clark

Congratulations to Cathy O'Campo who was a participant in Nationals' 2006 Miss Teen Anaheim pageant competition held on June 4, 2006. Her experience gained in interviewing, poise and patience will guide her for a lifetime. What a wonderful opportunity for such a bright and beautiful young woman!

Also, congratulations go to Skip Cone who was awarded at the June general meeting for having entered a showcase five consecutive years in the Searchers Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Good job, Skip!

Happy Birthday to all those Searchers' members who celebrate their birthdays in July!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Kathy Clark

Please welcome the newest members of the Searchers' family and note the following changes:

NEW MEMBERS

John W. Robinson 13941 El Dorado Dr. Seal Beach, CA 90740 714-625-2727 john.w.robinson2@boeing.com	John & Roberta Lane 504 Jasmine Dr. Brea, CA 92821-5223 714-529-5918 Atrebor4@aol.com	Louis (Bud) Henderson 1427 W. Bamon Ave. Anaheim, CA 92802-1736 714-772-1996
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JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 3-7 PM lapidary, silversmithing
2	3	4	5	6 6-10 PM lapidary, wire- wrap class	7 Opening day of O.C. Fair	8 3-7 PM lapidary, silversmithing
9	10	11 7PM General Meeting	12	13 6-10 PM lapidary, wire- wrap class	14	15 3-7 PM lapidary, silversmithing
16	17	18	19	20 6-10 PM lapidary, wire- wrap class	21	22 3-7 PM lapidary, silversmithing
23	24	25	26 6 PM Board Meeting	27	28	29 3-7 PM lapidary, silversmithing
30 Last day of O.C. Fair	31					

SEARCHERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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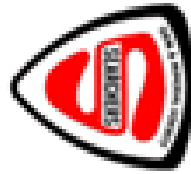
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2006 dues are valid January 1 through January 31.

Individual: \$20
 Couple: \$25
 Junior members (17 and under): \$2

Please indicate the club activities that interest you:
 Minerology () Geology () Lapidary () Fossils () Other _____

Meet other Searchers and volunteer to help a committee(s):
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 Membership () Monthly Drawing () Phone Comm. ()
 RSN Editor () Sunshine () Veteran's Workshop ()
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 Silent Auction ()



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TRADITIONAL JULY BIRTHSTONE -

RUB Y

To Hindus the Ruby is the “King of Gems,” and is said to have sprung from the blood of the Demon God Vala. It is often associated with the red planet Mars and the sun.

Natural healers use the Ruby for headaches and to protect from psychic attack. Burmese soldiers wearing one inside their skin were thought to be invincible in battle. If you dreamed of Rubies it was said to predict unexpected guests, or success in business or money matters. It was once believed to protect the wearer from all kinds of witchcraft, plague, and famine if worn on the left side. Ruby symbolizes love, loyalty and stability.

