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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

REQUIREMENT: Items for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 1995 Searchers. I would very much like to thank you all for your confidence, and state that although I am still not sure what I have got myself into, with your continued patience and assistance, I am greatly looking forward to this year. With the assistance and guidance of an excellent board of directors, my job should be more pleasure than work. I would like to thank those committee chairpersons who have accepted appointments for another term--one of the great things about this club is the wealth of talent available to keep our work running smoothly from year to year.

This year, we already have some great field trips planned, but I know there are some of you who know of other great places to go. Please lend us a hand and contact Connie VanKampen with your suggestions and, if possible, your willingness to assist on the trip. Likewise, if you have any ideas for program topics or speakers, please contact Herb Beckman or myself.

I would like to offer the Club's condolences to Marge and George Mitchum whose home suffered major flood damage last week. I am heartened to hear of several Searchers who have donated their time and energy to help them restore order out of chaos. Special thanks goes to Jeanne Howe who cheerfully accepted the task of putting together this bulletin on trivially short notice. The spirit shown in crisis tests the nature of an organization. I can say I am very proud to be a Searcher in 1995.

(Dr.) Chris Madsen

NOTES

*Betty and Harry Nelson were honored by their children on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. All their children, with spouses, and most of their grandchildren were in attendance. The Club would like to add their congratulations to the many already received by Betty and Harry.

*No illnesses have been reported, which we hope means everyone is doing fine.

*The chairperson for the table decorations for our Christmas Party reports that Doris Pelfrey enthusiastically volunteered her services, but the committee did not want to be permanently glued to the floor, so they regretfully declined her help. The final committee consisted of Nancy Reed, Pat Lynch, Betty Nelson and Beth Pelfrey.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, MILLY ARVANITES

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DUES ARE DUE!!

Dues are due on January 1, and delinquent after March 1 '95

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If you are unable to attend either the January or February Meeting, please mail your dues to:

Milly Arvanites
5200 Irvine Blvd.
Space 388
Irvine, CA 92720

Ed. Note

This time frame allows Milly only a week to prepare the Membership Roster before the March meeting. Please be as considerate as possible. Thanks, Jeanne

IOLITE--ANTIDOTE FOR POST HOLIDAY BLUES

Iolite, named for the Greek word for violet, is a beautiful affordable blue gemstone. Jewelry designers consider Iolite a good choice as an alternative to blue sapphire for many fine jewelry designs.

Iolite is found in Sri Lanka, India, Brazil, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Iolite can appear colorless, light blue and dark violet-blue depending on the angle from which it is viewed.

Because Iolite is a fairly tough gem and measures high on the Mohs scale of hardness, it's well suited to a variety of settings. Beautiful as earrings, in necklaces, and a good choice for both men's and ladies' rings, Iolite is a gemstone that does not require special care.

Iolite first gained popularity as a gemstone because it was often chosen to be the "blue" gem in rainbow jewelry. Its rich, dark blue made it an excellent choice.

If the holidays or New Year have left your singing the blues, Iolite may be the perfect cure.

from Carats & Karats

FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Herb Beckman reports that our speaker tonight will be Mr. Rob Waiwood, District Geologist for the BLM. He will speak on the California Desert Protection Act, and how it will affect the desert areas we collect in. It is information every one of us is concerned about. Mr. Waiwood will have handouts and literature that will be good reference material to complement what he tells us tonight.

For our February meeting, Marvin Mog, who attends our meetings with real diligence (when he isn't traveling) will share slides of his 1994 excursions within the United States and South America.

In March we look forward to a program on Cliff Coan's Australian adventures. We understand Cliff has lots to tell us about the opal areas of that continent.

REGARDING OUR FIELD TRIPS

Connie VanKampen says the January 7 trip to the Lithium Queen Mine was cancelled on the advice of Harold Butler, the owner. The December bulletin warned that rain would cancel our trip, and indeed we had RAIN. Mr. Butler says there are ruts in the road to the mine that make passage impossible.

This trip will be rescheduled for March 25. We will meet at the Banner Store at 9:00 A. M. and caravan to the mine. There will be no camping as originally shown on the map, due to erosion by rains. Connie will explain alternatives at the meeting.

Mr. Butler, the owner will talk on Tourmaline and Lepidolite during the tour.

The trip map will be printed again in a later bulletin.

As has been usual for a number of years, our February field trip will be Quartzsite. George Arvanites is in charge of coordinating this event. The Pow-wow Dates are February 1-5 and George will call for a show of hands tonight to determine how many spaces to reserve at our usual camping area on the golf course.

If you hope to come earlier, or spend more time in Quartzsite, you will need to make additional arrangements on your own.

Caring for Scrimshaw: With reasonable care, scrimshaw will last indefinitely. Do not expose to chemicals or cleaners. Avoid immersion in water. A light coat of paste wax will provide extra protection.

From Snoopy Gems via Petrograph

EYE DEW PROOF READ! I try tu find asa menny mistakes as i can when i am duing the newsletter bu ocasionallly wun or twu pass buy my watchfl i. I have never clammed two bee a literaery genius and a whiz at thetyperitter. Although i can tipe, with as many as 3 fingers at wun time. If i makes a mistake please forgive mee, I am onlee human. Tu those who critisize my typos, i may pertend to listen to u coments but thea dont meen much to mee. Sincerly,

Ed. Note: I found this in an old Nugget News, and it seems very appropriate this time, cause the rush of putting this bulletin together is the perfect excuse for my poor proof reading ability.

FROM THE CFMS BULLETIN:

SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

Elmer Parsons, Chairman of the 1994 CFMS Scholarship Committee, aided by two of his Committee members, Beverly Moreau and Beverly Berg, announced the Honorees for the five \$2,000. Scholarships granted this year.

The Honorees are Jim Strain, Richard Knox, Jerry Haar, Myron Zents and Joe and Bev Hafell. In addition, two Robert Diedrich scholarships will be conferred, one each at the University of California at Berkeley and at Stanford University.

NEW DISCOVERIES

New Volcanoes Found Off Oregon

Portland, Ore. - A 10-mile string of about 10 new volcanoes has been discovered on the ocean floor about 300 miles off the Oregon coast, scientists said. The Volcanoes, some more than 100 feet high and a half-mile wide, were spotted by scientists studying maps and photographs of the sea floor along the Juan de Fuca Ridge. They were formed within the past decade, said Robert Embley, a marine geologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Lab in Newport.

--from Record-Eagle, via Pegmatite 2/94



Palmwood found in Alaska

The Exxon Company, while drilling an oil well about 70 miles east of Prudhoe Bay, brought up out of the frozen mud from a 1000-foot depth, specimens of frozen palmwood. In this area the permafrost extends to about 2000 feet. The wood has been positively identified by a company geologist and is from 30,000 to 50,000 years old. -- Roadrunner, via Pegmatite 2/94