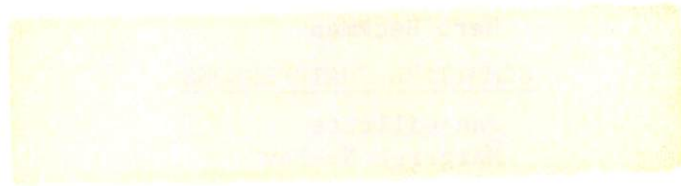


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
Established June 20, 1958

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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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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 (under age 17) \$2.00.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held in the basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

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.

WORKSHOPS: 651 South State College Blvd, Unit # 9, Fullerton. Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Phone Number: (714) 870-7625.

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 92845-1525

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Searcher's 39th Annual Gem and Mineral Show is over. Everyone involved in the show put in a great deal of effort to make this show happen. Events like this cannot happen without the hard work of many individuals. I want to make sure everyone involved in the slightest way gets the recognition they deserve. However, my experience working with many non-profit organizations tells me that, no matter what we do, there will be someone who will be inadvertently overlooked or perhaps feel they did not get recognition for their hard work. I know I have found myself in this position, feeling like I did all the work only to have a Chairman who had little involvement receive credit for all my efforts.

My message to all members is one of heart felt thanks and congratulations to all those hard working members who provided their time and help to make this event a success.

I would like to challenge all members to help make sure that every volunteer is thanked many times over for their efforts and that no one involved in the show is left with the feeling that their help and efforts was not appreciated.

Without all of you volunteers we would not have a club, we would have nothing. So, I ask that every Board member publicly thank these volunteers and that every Committee Chairman thank them over again for their hard work and efforts. Again, thank you all for time and hard work in making our Show a success.

Cliff Warner

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:

- May 23rd Begin Extended Field Trip
- May 26th Board Meeting
- Jun 3rd Bulletin Items Due
- Jun 9th General Meeting
- Jun 23rd Board Meeting



SHOW DATES:

- May 16 - 17 Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road
Newbury Park, CA
Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday
- May 16 - 17 Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Community Center
First Street and Avenue "B"
Yucaipa, CA
Hours: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

Memorial Day

SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

May 30 - 31 Glendora Gems
 Goddard Middle School
 859 E. Sierra Madre
 Glendora, CA
 Hours: 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM Saturday
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday

June 6 - 7 San Diego Lapidary Society
 Al Bahr Shrine Center
 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd
 San Diego, CA
 Hours: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

Jul 3, 4 & 5th

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CLUBS WILL HOST

The 59th Annual California Federation of
Mineralogical Societies

MINERAL & GEM SHOW

at the Monterey, CA Fairgrounds

July 4, 5, and 6, 1998

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Guests were introduced.

Cliff announced that we are still looking for a 2nd Vice President/Field Trip Leader. He also reported that Searchers had a good turnout at the recent Stoddard Wells campout and thanked Max Johnson for selling \$50 of the donated rough material for the shop.

We had a "show and tell" table set up to display items made in our workshop from donated material. Items displayed by Nancy and Dick Reed, Jose and Cliff Warner, Faye McDowell, Louise Oleson. Marvin Mog had specimens from the Borax Mine of colemanite, kernite, ulexite and satin spar.

Show Chairman, Milt Green reported that the final show meeting before our show will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00PM. He also reminded everyone to be sure and sign up to help during the show. The clipboards are being circulated again this evening and we still need lots of help in the kitchen, serving, cutting pies and cakes etc., and, we will need servers to help with our Friday night dinner.

We still need items for Donation Awards, Hourly Door Prizes, Wheel of Fortune.

Beth Pelfrey said there are more flyers available this evening. Please pick some up and pass them to friends, at your workplace etc.

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL GENERAL MEETING (Cont'd):

Larry Richey, Show Security, reminded members to wear their badge during the show and to have any guests members may have to help them to get identification from Larry.

Jim Williamson will need members to help with the loading of show materials to be transported to the Community Center and unloaded. Please be at our workshop at 7:30 AM on Friday morning, May 1st. We will also need members to help load this material when the show closes Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Neeley, our Arts Council representative announced that she, Elsie Reed and Beth Pelfrey have been nominated as members of the Arts Council. The Arts Council 25th Annual Soiree will be held on Friday, May 8th at the Anaheim Marriott Honoring Soiree Founder, Elsie Reed. Larry Richey made a motion that we purchase a table for 8 at \$600. Motion seconded by Max Johnson. Approved by membership. The theme for the Soiree "Persian Paradise." David Gough has crafted a gold chain with an aquamarine spinel (10 x 12 mm) for the Soiree Silent Auction.

George Mitchum has been in touch with the Parks and Recreation representative who is in charge of the new Senior building. He has all the previous plans that George submitted in 1995 and they are being implemented. We will have the electrical we requested and the floor will be treated in our shop area. Due to El Nino rains completion date has been delayed at least 90 days.

Herb invited all members to visit the workshop every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Bob Dixon has catalogued the books Carl Pitzler donated and they are ready to be checked out of the Searchers library.

Marvin Mog will be leading the extended field trip from May 23rd to June 1st and asked for a show of hands for those planning to attend. He is expecting ten to twelve rigs. See the April and May bulletins for more details.

Max Johnson, Public Lands chairman, thanked members for attending the El Segundo demonstration of "The Public Lands for the People." Max introduced our speaker for the evening, Tom Carufel who told of his experiences while gold mining in the San Bernardino mountains.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Louise Oleson
Secretary

REFRESHMENTS:

Thanks to Margaret Neeley and Charlotte Bluell for the goodies they served at our April Meeting.

We still need volunteers for July and August. June will be our Annual Potluck and Awards feast. Please bring a dish to share. The club furnishes plates, eating utensils and beverage. I will need help setting this up.

Nancy Norlund

NOTICE: I WOULD LIKE ALL ITEMS FOR THE JUNE BULLETIN NOT LATER THAN JUNE 3RD. THANKS.

Marge

FEDERATION REPORT:

"U OTTER C" the CFMS 59th Annual Show in Monterey, CA, July 3 thru 5, 1998. There will be exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, museum displays, plus the usual and unusual gems, minerals, jewelry, rocks, equipment, etc. The four clubs who are hosting this 59th annual show have been more than generous in providing Raffle gifts for the drawing.

The raffle ticket drawing will be handled differently this year. You select the prize you most want and enter your ticket(s) in the container for that one - a better chance of getting what you want!

Here's an idea of what some of the items to be raffled will be: a beautiful benitoite stone set in a gold cross pendant worth \$800. A lovely large opal set in a silver pendant. A labradorite granite clock; a zebra stone gavel with a walnut handle; a 14 x 10 mm oval faceted golden citrine set in a gold pendant; a hand-made "Buffalo Bowe" knife with a Carnelian Buffalo Fetish set into the handle and in a hand-tooled leather sheath; a set of torch-fired enamelware beads and earrings; an intarsia-framed Biggs Jasper rock picture; a watermelon tourmaline emerald-cut faceted stone. All these and many other lovely prizes including a mother-of-pearl stone set in heavy sterling silver surrounded by four garnets; a large amethyst cathedral; a beautiful, valuable, rare book that is out of print; a sphere made out of Chinese Writing Rock; and a matching his-and-her pair of silver Eagle-head rings, hand-cast, lost wax carved. The tickets are \$1.00 each of 6 for \$5.00 and will be on sale at the Hospitality Tent at the Fairgrounds in Monterey on show days or if there is enough interest let me know and I can order some and have them available at our June meeting.

If any of you are planning to attend the CFMS show it is important that you get your hotel/motel or camping reservations in as soon as possible. There will be RV Parking on the Fairgrounds where the show is being held. Hookups are \$20 per night and dry camping spaces are \$16. There are bathrooms and showers convenient for RVers. If you plan to attend get your reservations in early. I have some forms for camping reservations if you need them.

Admission to the Show is \$4.50 per day or 3 days for \$10.00. Children under 12, free.

George Mitchum
Federation Director



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES:

The CFMS Earth Science Studies Seminar held at Soda Springs (ZZYZX Road), March 15 thru 22nd is now history and we can now look forward to these seminars to be held at Camp Paradise, 42 miles out of Marysville, CA. The dates are September 13-20, 1998.

The Seminar will include classes in Lapidary Arts instruction, faceting, capping, wire wrap, mining trees and more. There will be field trips to collect, gold panning and sightseeing.

Meals are home cooked, well balanced, and food and beverage is sent out on field trips.

Facilities include ample parking for RVs, dormitory style rooms and a limited number of double rooms. Bathrooms and showers are inside the buildings. You bring your own bedding, and an extra sheet is required to cover the mattress before placing your bedding.

The fee of \$190 for the week includes facilities, instructions, meals, and field trips. There will be a small charge for material you use at class. Applications must be in by August 1, 1998. I have forms if you are interested.

George Mitchum

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 28 APRIL 1998:

Meeting called to order by Cliff Warner at 7:54 PM. Six Board members attended. George Mitchum absent.

March minutes read, typos corrected and approved.

Audrey Nichols reported on programs. The May program would be presented by Manny Sandico, discussing gold and silversmithing. The June meeting will feature Conrad Grundke who will do a presentation on "Intarsia." Audrey and Co VP, Betty Nelson discussed arrangements for Walt Johnson to do a program during the summer months when his class is not in session. Audrey reported that Milly Arvanites had given her a letter from Attard's Minerals of San Diego indicating that they would like to present a program for the Searchers on "Minerals of the British Museum." There may be a charge for this and Audrey and Betty will check on this.

Faye McDowell gave the Treasurers Report.

Herb Beckman handed out a workshop income and expnses report to all Board Members present and this is included as part of the minutes for file.

Cliff announced that another wirewrap class is planned for Saturday, May 9th. The new time to be 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Ben Byland will conduct the class at the Searcher's Workshop. Cliff asked Herb to review the Saturday and Sunday dates with the Opal Society and formulate a new schedule. Herb is to call Wes Roth of the Opal Society.

Cliff noted that the announcement as seen on TV concerning the fact that the Orange County Museum wanted volunteers to do fossil digging with the children was incorrect. A TV station ran a film clip made 5 years ago! The Museum, for insurance reasons can no longer take children from the general public on fossil digging trips.

OLD BUSINESS: Herb said he has received from Jim Williamson a copy of the Standing Rules adopted, October 1996; the Job Duties adopted November 1996, a reprint of By-Laws revised November 1993. He will present his original to the Secretary and a copy to our President, one to Membership (Milly Arvanites) and keep one for his own use. A copy of the Job Duties is being made for 1st Vice President (Audrey). Herb suggested that our outgoing officers at the conclusion of their term, pass these three items on to the new in-coming officers. A discussion followed on various procedures. Cliff made suggestions on various procedures relevant to the continuing project of updating the Job Duties.

Cliff asked Herb to publish names of all who have donated equipment, supplies and rocks to the workshop. Cliff would like to be certain that each person who has donated items knows how much we appreciate their donations. Herb said that he has been doing this and will continue his efforts on this matter.

The Workshop Insurance policy is now in effect and is covered by the CFMS carrier.

Herb Beckman and Betty Nelson suggested that it may be better for members to attend a Board Meeting to find out what is going on rather than having the Board Meeting minutes published in the bulletin. Marge Jordan who was representing the Federation Director, George Mitchum, did not agree. Marge favors publishing the Board Meeting minutes in the bulletin. There was no further discussion or decision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Louise Oleson
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Please add the following members to your new 1998 Membership Roster:

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Garden Grove, CA 92644
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Irvine, CA 92604
(949) 654-4714

McCLUNEY, Carol L. (Renewal)
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MADSEN, Lawrence C., MD (Renewal)
MADSEN, Roberta G. "
MADSEN, Elizabeth Anne "
MADSEN, Kristen Elise "
MADSEN, Lawrence C. "
MADSEN, Robin Marie (Junior Member)
1135 North Columbine Street
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ROSENBAUM, Sallie (New Member)
3044 Grant Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 434-7249

VELAZQUEZ, John (New Member)
1840 South Gaffey
San Pedro, CA 90731
(310) 834-9142

Membership total at the end of April 1998 is 158.

Milly Arvanites

SHARING AND CARING:

Many long time members of our club and members from other lapidary organizations in and around Orange County know and have gleaned much knowledge about our rockhound hobby from Jessie Hardman. We've had word that Jessie has suffered a stroke a few weeks ago but that she is recovering quite well. Jessie is currently a member of the Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society. We wish her all the best and hopefully a complete recovery. If any one of you would like to send cards or notes, the address is: Jessie Hardman
4659 Blackthorne Ave
Long Beach, CA 90804

Doris Pelfrey

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our April program speaker was Tom Carufel aka "Mountain Man." Introduced by Max Johnson, Tom spoke on his gold mining experiences in the San Bernardino mountains, and his volunteer work on behalf of Public Lands. It's noteworthy from his long experience volunteering on behalf of "The Public Lands for the People" that the best way to gain the attention of your Congressional representatives is to send a video and another attention getter, a FAX. Tom is the founder of the Big Bear Mining Council and active with the Western Mining Council. Dottie Johnson wore a necklace of gold nuggets which were dry panned that day by Tom and fashioned into jewelry by Tom. He invited all Searchers to call him and come up for coffee at the mine site. This was a very interesting program.

This evening our program will be presented by Manny Sandico who will discuss gold and silversmithing.

Audrey Nichols
Betty Nelson

WE'RE INVITED:

The Santa Ana Rock Club invites Searcher Club members to their May 21st meeting. Their main speaker for the evening will be Mr Walter Wright who will be speaking on Petrified Wood I.D. and will have a generous display of his collection.

Their meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and is held at: Lake Park Santa Ana North, 1510 Fairhaven, Santa Ana, CA.

Marge

WORKSHOP REPORT:

April workshop attendance and income were good. It was our most active month to date with Searchers using the workshop, our lending library and the storage area preparing for our annual gem show. It was a very busy month full of much enthusiasm and high spirits by all - a happy time.

The Lortone drop saw was modified to use in cutting geodes for kids at the Searchers gem show, and it performed very well. This was, I understand, a very popular and successful new attraction at the show. Special thanks are due to Nancy Norlund who loaned her geode polishing unit to the club for this activity, and to those who operated the equipment, especially Jim Williamson who spent the entire show cutting and/or polishing geodes for the kids.

The wirewrap workshop classes were very productive, and are continuing. Class meeting locations and schedules will be announced at the May general meeting.

The lapidary equipment donated by Carl Pitzler has been auctioned. Winning bidders were: Cliff Warner - 16" drop saw; and Louise Oleson - capping unit and accessories. Bid documentation is on file.

We have sorted through many of the rocks donated by Raven, but are still grading and sorting them for use by workshop attendees, silent auction/drawing, and VA hospital. This process will be ongoing for some time.

The workshop will be operated on schedule in May/June during the Searchers extended field trip.

Herb Beckman

SHOP TIP:

Since it burns with an almost invisible flame, extreme caution should be used when working with denatured alcohol. If it is spilled on the hands or clothing and accidentally ignited, the flames may not be noticed until the damage has been done. A burning alcohol lamp is not very obvious. Two teaspoonsful of boric acid powder thoroughly dissolved in 1 pint of denatured alcohol will cause it to burn a pale green flame.

via The Rockhounder 5/98 and The Pseudomorph
4/98

SLABS FOR VETS:

The box marked "Slabs for Vets" is located at the back of our meeting room - near the coffee pot. I will also have a box at our workshop and if you are down to the shop slabbing rocks and you have extras that you will be using put them in the VET'S box. Believe me they are used by the Vets and appreciated.

Larry Richey

The following itinerary and additional information is provided to help those who will be joining us on the extended trip.

- Start - Beaver United Campground, Exit 109 on I-15, Beaver, Utah. Arrive May 23rd for 3 nights. Earlier if you desire. Field trips on May 24th and 25th.
- May 26 - Move to Capitol Reef National Monument Campground, Highway 24, or nearby Torrey-Thousand Lakes RV Park if Capitol Reef is full. Stay 2 nights, May 26th and 27th. Field trip on 27th.
- May 28 - Move to Hanksville, Highway 24. Red Rock Campground, 3 nights. Field trips on May 29th and 30th.
- May 31 - Move to dry camp on Highway 24 toward Green River, one night. Field trip, afternoon of May 31st.
- June 1 - Move to Green River, Utah, I-70. Green River United Campground. Field trips, June 2, 3, 4 and 5. Stay as long as you like. End of extended field trip, June 6th.



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We'll begin the trip by meeting at Beaver United Campground on May 23rd. Use Exit 109 on I-15 at Beaver. Turn Right and you'll see the campground on the right.

On May 24th the Campground has invited us to share in a Campground potluck. They will furnish hot dogs, buns, chili, ice tea and coffee. You bring your favorite dish. Happy Hour is at 5:30 PM; bring your own drink. The potluck is at 6:00 PM. Utah is on Mountain Daylight Time.

On May 26th at Capitol Reef Campground, Ken and Mary Nelson will host a Rocktail party to celebrate their new vehicle. We will meet at 4:00 PM.

The weather is variable. Prepare for hot or cold. The elevation 6,000 feet at Beaver, down to 4,000 at Green River. There may be occasional wind.

Supplies should be obtained in Beaver as we head for Capitol Reef. There are no large towns along the way. Green River has limited grocery stores. There is no problem with fuel availability.

Rock equipment should be a hammer, rock pick, small shovel and squirt bottle and containers to put your findings in. I don't anticipate any hard rock mining.

I'll make the calls to the Campground for spaces when I have an accurate count.

Come join us for a great trip! Any questions, call Marvin Mog at (714)774-6374.

Marvin Mog

