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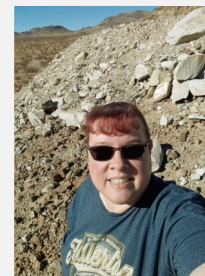
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The President's Message

Dear Searchers,

Spring is almost here and with it comes warmer weather and more opportunities to get out and discover the treasures buried all around us. Please be safe while enjoying your rockhounding adventures.

As an organization we are continuing to meet our goals of education and philanthropic support of our community. I'm excited for all the new ideas our members have and the collective direction we are taking.



Our annual show is fast approaching and I encourage all members to get involved either through donating and/or volunteering. Let's all come together to make it a huge success.

A shout out to our 1st VP Heather for the incredible presentation of the VA Hospital of Long Beach at our last member meeting. It was awesome to meet some of the vets and see the wonderful work they do. I look forward to continuing our partnership between our workshop and the lapidary workshop at the VA.

Thanks again to everyone who continue to work hard to make our organization a success. Happy Spring!

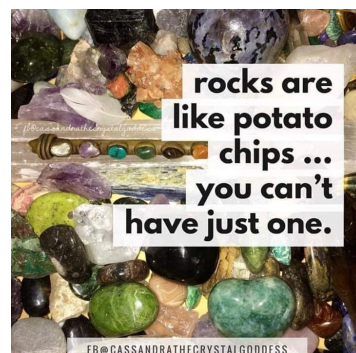
Sincerely,

Monica Dekany-Beeker President, Searchers of Anaheim

See Page 2 for pictures

*Please bring any slabs you would like to donate to the Veterans to the member meeting.

Thank You!



NOTE:

It is that time again. The show is just a few months away, and we need to begin collecting material for the Silent Auction. I know the old adage of 3 for me and 1 for the VA when cutting slabs. For the next few months please make it 2 for me, 1 for the VA, and 1 for the show. Also rough rocks from your collection, please pick a few nice pieces you can donate to the silent auction. One point: We do not want the piece you brought home from the field trip and when you got home you said to yourself "man, why did I pick this up?". If it is something you would not consider bidding on yourself in an auction we don't need it. We need nice material, that causes a bidding frenzy in the auction. So better 2 or 3 nice pieces than a bucket of yard rocks. The auction is one of the main fundraisers for the club that has enriched your life, please find a way to support the auction.

Donations can be brought to the show, or given to Jimmy at the meetings or the workshop, or you can contact me and I will find a way to pick them up.

Thanks, Steve Duncan

Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- Tues. March. 5th at 6pm, Anaheim Community Center

Member Meeting- Tues March 12th at 7pm, Anaheim Community Center

****Don't forget we still need donations for the Campfire families, see Nancy at the member meeting for more information.**

“CSI Mineralogy”

Fakes, Frauds and Fantasies

Investigate. Detect clues. Observe. Puzzle out the truth.

Learn the forensics to be a Mineralogy SCI.

We are not able to collect every stone in our collections personally. When we do purchase, we need to make educated decisions. Getting fooled or spending too much purchasing gems & minerals is a crime. Learn some of the common misnamed gems & minerals. Learn common “enhancements” that should always be disclosed, and learn to identify possible deception. Some misnomers are innocent errors handed down through history, handy nicknames or tools of tricksters. Let's sort out the facts together.

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies has provided a presentation by Anthony Kampf, from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Local gemologist, John Eyre will speak on the topic and be on hand for discussion and questions. After the formal portion of the evening there will be time for discussion. Please feel free to bring any specimens of your own that you have questions about or want to share with the group.



Club Activities: Pictures from the Feb. 12th Member Meeting - the Veterans



Field Trips

March Field Trip: Afton Canyon

Date: 3/16/19 and 3/17/19

Leader John OConnor (714) 924-2226

Saturday: Afton Canyon; Jasper, Agate, Rocks

Sunday: TBD

Camp: Afton Canyon Campground (BLM) has Toilet and Water and

some shade shelters. Camping fee \$6.00 per night. Take 1-15 North, 30 miles north of Barstow get off at the Afton Road, go right (East), follow road 3.6 miles to Campground.

Saturday meet at entrance sign at 9:30. I will also be at the freeway exit I-15 & Afton Road until 9:00, if anyone wants to follow me in. Road should be passable for all type of vehicles. Afton Canyon is noted as the "Little Grand Canyon" It was the bottom of a prehistoric Lake Manx that was uplifted and then eroded over time to form a canyon. This is also a wildlife viewing area (big horn sheep, frogs, birds, etc.)



For field trip
information

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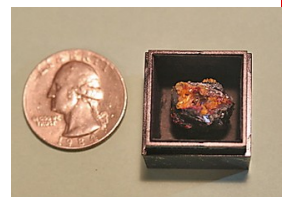
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A-ROCKS AND MICROMOUNTS

There's a Yahoo Group that's been active since 1999. LA-ROCKS is not just a clothing site, it's a group of rockhounds generally based around Los Angeles who enjoy talking about rocks and going out on field trips and local shows. Discussions involve gems and minerals, collecting sites, rock and gem shows and coordination of field trips in southern California. The group is non-affiliated to any club or other group, posting items from all over SoCal. At the site you can sign up to receive the new notices sent to your mailbox so you don't have to remember to visit. You can find their group at <https://beta.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/LA-Rocks/info>.



Margaret saw a post recently announcing a talk about the McDermitt Mercury Mine in northern Nevada, a site we visited several years ago as part of a Searchers Extended trip. The talk was hosted by a Micromount arm of the Mineral Society of Southern California (MSCC) and it was the first time we were exposed to that side of rock-hounding.

Micromounts are very small specimens of geologic material that can only be appreciated under magnification. They are mounted in small open boxes about 1" square and are the exact opposite of a yard rock! These little gems (sic) must be seen under a stereo microscope at 10-40x power. As you can see from the picture, the room was filled with these microscopes. The 'hound holds the specimen under the microscope and moves it around to see all the colors and structure of the mineral. Some scopes have camera attachments or special lighting in different wavelengths. It's very cool and geeky.

These collectors are more aligned with the geology and "serious" side of rock-appreciation, but they were generous with their time and knowledge while Margaret and I were there. They have field trips around the area, but it's not about finding rocks for making slabs and jewelry, it's about understanding the geology and formation of minerals and finding specimens of material that show off its formation and beauty under magnification. It's a subset of this wonderful science/hobby/career/calling and they had no problem calling themselves Rockhounds. If you ever get a chance to attend or see what they do, take it. You won't be disappointed.

Bill Hogarth



Searcher Show News

Grab Bag Stuffing Party

Saturday, March 16, 2019 (rain date: March 23, 2019), 9 a.m. to noon, at Karen Kremer's house, 2933 E Ruth Pl, Orange, CA 92869. Her email is karenandkay@aol.com and her number is 714-639-8082.

We will be having a taco potluck. Meat will be provided; please bring accompanying food and drinks. Please bring a canopy if you have one, for rain or sun. Bring a camp chair for lunch. Join us, it is a lot of fun! Questions? Please call Margaret at 909-815-3045.



Show Needs

Curt, our long-time hauling champion, has moved out of the area. We are in need off a truck and trailer to haul show materials from the storage unit (near Brookhurst Center) to Brookhurst Center. Normally, we load the enclosed trailer Thursday evening around 4 p.m., then bring it to Broookhurst Center on Friday morning and unload the materials. We also need the trailer on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. We load the trailer and then usually meet to unload on Monday. Since our asset managers have done such a terrific job organizing our supplies, many can be rolled up a ramp into the trailer. A ramp is essential in terms of saving labor, backs, etc. If you have an open trailer we could probably work something out. We do need to keep the materials safe overnight. If you can help, please let me know.

As you know, the Searchers show is the main source of income for our non-profit club. Show proceeds go to support the workshop, the Long Beach VA hospital lapidary program, scholarships, and other activities. Please continue to make prizes for the show. We need both children's and adult prizes. We will channel larger prizes to the hourly door prizes. Raffle items are always welcome. We can provide a tax letter.

We need good quality materials for the silent auction.

We will have sign-up sheets at the general meetings, including display case sign-ups, so be sure to sign up for as many stations as you can. We have something for everyone! Areas that always need help are Security and the kitchen.

Searchers have the opportunity to sell at the Searchers table. We ask that sellers give 15% of sales to the club and volunteer time at the sales table. If we have a large turnout, we may have to limit the number of items per person on the table so that there is room for everyone. Please sign up if you are interested.

Cal State Fullerton Geology Club can't participate this year. The club usually does our ring making activity, and, this year, Minor Miner. I'm putting out feelers, but if you have a Scout or club contact who might be able to help, please let me know.

We are well on our way to a successful show! We have booked security, we have lined up demonstrators, and are working on new, low-cost avenues to promote the show. Thanks to our dedicated and talented (not to mention fun) Show Committee, everything is falling into place.

Thank you for your support, Margaret Hogarth
hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045

Upcoming 2019 CFMS Gem Shows

MARCH 2019

March 1 - 3: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Beth Farmer, (510)-731-8664
Email: bethfarmer@aol.com
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 2 - 3: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Diane Cook, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.vgms.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!

March 8, 9 & 10, 2019

80th CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION POMONA, CA

Hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society
[Show Page](#)

For Vendor Forms: showdealers@pasadenalapidary.org
Or call: (626) 260-7239
Details will be posted as they develop.

March 9 - 10: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494
Email: bud.mcmillin.B7YJ@statefarm.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
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March 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sonia Dyer, (408) 629-5735
Email: sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 23- 24: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: James Hutchings, (916) 995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com [Show Page](#)

March 30 - 31: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave)
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Kathy Polliard, (310) 533-4931
Email: kjpolliard@yahoo.com
Website: southbaylapidaryandmineralalso-ciety.com [Show Page](#)

APRIL 2019

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Road (South of Mariposa off Hwy 49)
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Meredith Meehan
Email: mgmc@sti.net
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org> [Show Page](#)

April 13 - 14: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Contact: Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603
Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com
Website: srockhounds.org [Show Page](#)

April 27 & 28: LANCASTER

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Avenue H (Hwy. 14 & Ave. H)
Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walblom, (661) 406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 27 - 28: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center
1350 North Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Daniel Ellis, (775) 229-4420
Email: sailondan55@aol.com
Website: renorockhounds.com

April 27 - 28: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
307 Church Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Sarah Hawklyn
Email: shawklyn@yahoo.com
Website: srockngem.org [Show Page](#)

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May 3, 4, 5 & 6: YUCAIPA, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival
Yucaipa Blvd and Adams Street
Hours: Fri 6 pm-10 pm; Sat 12 noon-10 pm; Sun 12 noon-6 pm
Contact: Chuck Barlick, (813) 767-6718
Email: res09ayd@verizon.net
Website: yvgms.org

May 4 - 5: 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) 815-3045
Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com
Website: searchersrocks.org

March Birthstone: Aquamarine



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

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 5:30 to 9:30 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 6:30 PM

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	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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It is Here – This Month is the CFMS SHOW

CFMS Federation Show & Convention-Pomona

Happy New Year Everyone. 2018 slid past so quickly, just imagine how the next 60 or so days will go. Yup, only about 60 days till the CFMS Show and Convention in Pomona!

Deadline for reserving a room at the DoubleTree in Claremont is February 6: We have reserved a block of 50 rooms for members and directors of other societies for Thursday (10), Friday (20), and Saturday (20). If you are want to stay at the DoubleTree you can go to our web site and under the Show tab and then choose lodging or call 800-222-TREE or 909-626-2411 (Ext. 1) and mention code CFM. Cost per night is \$159 plus taxes.



I understand that there are not a lot of competitive entries turned in yet, so if your society has anyone who wants to compete they should get the form turned in by February 6th. Non-competition deadline is February 25. Forms for the non-competitive and competitive cases can be found at the Pasadena Lapidary web site pasadenalapidary.org at the Show tab then choose Display Cases.

Deadline for the Award's Banquet is February 25. It will be held at the DoubleTree Saturday, March 9. Happy hour is at 6, dinner is at 7. The form for that is at the PasadenaLapidary.org web site listed under the Show tab and choose Registrations/Tickets. Banquet is \$52.50 per person and you have a choice of beef, chicken and vegetarian.

Deadline for the Editor's Lunch is February 25. If you want to go to the Editor's Lunch it is also held at the DoubleTree, Saturday, March 9 at 1:00pm. It is on the same form as the one above.

If you feel like representing your Society at Club Central, download the application for your society at the link or call Joe Goetz.

If any in you society would like to volunteer contact Ellen Ferrell at 727 512-0381.



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