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POINTS OF INTEREST

FIELD TRIPS

- February 22nd.
Whiley Wells

FEBRUARY GENE- RAL MEETING SPEAKER

- Jim Pisani

Topic: Fluorescent
Rocks!

The Rock Slab News

The Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Anaheim CA

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The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

We are only 3 months from our annual show, and there's LOTS to do! Please consider signing up and volunteering for one of the many areas in the show. Help is needed on Friday for set up, on Saturday all day and Sunday all day during the show and then on Sunday evening to help pack up, and clean up. The show is only successful if we pull together as a club and present the community with a top notch Gem & Mineral Show. There are going to be some wonderful additions this year with a full outside venue on the patio with 19 vendors being added. The silent auction is gearing up to be another stellar event, but we need more donations. Please consider donating a few rocks and/or slabs for the silent auction. All donations should go to Steve Duncan. The kitchen also always needs a good number of volunteers. If you'd like to sign up to work with the kitchen crew, please speak to Adrian Callard. I will be running the Hospitality Table and the Searchers Table this year. Please let me know if you're interesting in volunteering to help greet our guests at the Hospitality Table. A new aspect this year will be the Searchers Table. Each searchers member that does not have a

booth, or currently sell at a booth is invited to display for sale up to 5 items. This is a great opportunity for our members that may not want a booth, or that would like to try their hand at selling some of their work, but do not have anyone to share a booth with. If you are interested in participating in The Searchers Table, please contact me for specifics. Again, it's important to remember that our show can only be a success if we as a club pull together, step up and get involved. WE NEED YOU! Please show support and volunteer at the show. We also have a great field trip on Feb 23-24 to collect geodes at Wiley Wells, and some fun (and new) field trips planned for upcoming months. Please be sure to check our website often, as the information is being posted as dates are set. This brings me to the last item I want to share with all our members - A NEW WEBSITE is just around the corner! We have been honored to have a young man, Keith Davis, join our club. He brings to the club an amazing knowledge of website set up and maintenance. Keith had graciously offered to not only update but completely revamp our website. We will start rolling it out in phases in the upcoming months. The new website is going to be much more user friendly with a great deal more information than before. We will keep you posted through the slab for updates on this exciting undertaking.

Searchers remember... this is your club!



If you want to see something in the Slab, let us know. If you want to hear a specific speaker, please let us know, and if you have an idea of a field trip, again, let us know! The board wants to hear from its members what it would like to see in our club. But please remember, this is not an invitation to complain, it's an invitation to participate in making our club be the best it can be, continue to grow, expand and meet the needs of our members as well as the community. Your board members are available via email or at the general meetings, and you are always welcome to attend a board meeting if you would like.

Teri-Lynn



Field Trips

| DATE | LEADER | LOCATION | STATUS |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 3/22-24/13 | Jimmy Peterson | State Line off Hwy 15 | Scheduled |
| 4/20-21/13 | Steve Duncan | Cadiz/Siam Siding (Route 66) | Scheduled |
| 5/11-12/13 | Norbert Bernhardt | El Paseo Mountains, CA | Scheduled |



For a more complete listing of shows go to website:

www.cfmsinc.org, www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html

www.firemountaingems.com, www.southsunproducts.com

www.route66goldminers.org, www.auctionmasters.com

For field trip

information contact:

David Nelson, V.P.

Field Trips, Searchers

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Field Trip: State Line Gold, California March 22nd. thru 24th, 2013

There gold in them hills, along with other minerals, and we aim to find them.

Take 91 freeway to the Freeway 15 to Yates Wells Road, which is five miles from the California/Nevada state line, where there are three fine hotels to stay in.

Field trip leader – Jimmy Peterson will provide more information shortly, but what else do you need to know – gold, hotel /casinos, I'm there.

Jimmy Peterson

Sunshine Report

Ingrid Loustau has passed away after a long illness. Paul and Ingrid worked our shows together for many years as booksellers and dealers. She will be missed. The family asks for privacy, but I am sure a sympathy card would be appreciated.

Paul Loustau & Family
P.O. Box 8007
Calabasas, CA 91302

March's Birthstones: Aquamarine & Bloodstone

The two birthstones for March are aquamarine and bloodstone.

The name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.



The second birthstone for March is bloodstone, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the martyr's stone as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

Club Meeting Activity

| DATE | PRESENTER | SUBJECT |
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| 3/12/13 | Justin Zzyzx (yes, it's his real name) | California Rock-Hounding Locations – Part 2! |
| 4/16/13 (third week due to maintenance of building) | Brandon Browne, Associate Professor | Back by instantly popular demand- Mammoth Volcano eruption |

HEAR YE ALL! HEAR YE ALL! LISTEN UP!

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, 2013. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN OR PAID FOR YOUR RENEWAL, PLEASE COME TO THE MARCH MEETING PREPARED TO DO SO! Membership is the way to get FULL benefits of the Searchers: field trips, Rock Slab News, workshop and other activities.

HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES TO KNOW AND FOLLOW:

Individuals are \$25 2. Juniors (17 years and under) are \$10 each 3. Couples are \$35 4. Please be clear when you give me your Name spelling!, street address, zip code, phone number, EMAIL ADDRESS

Remember the old saying about computers: GARBAGE IN-GARBAGE OUT GIGO! If I can't read it, you probably won't get club information.

At the March meeting I and at least one of my closest helpers will be in the back at the membership table to take your renewals. Be patient so we can be accurate. We take checks or cash.

Beth Pelfrey, Membership Chairman

Upcoming 2013 CFMS Gem Shows



March 16 - 17: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 745-1816, cell (707) 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net

March 16 - 17: VISTA, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
Contact: Mike Nelson (760) 580-5902
Email: manelson1@cox.net
Website: www.palomargem.org

March 23 - 24: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277
Email: amy95247@yahoo.com
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 23 - 24: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gloria Marie, (530) 367-2262
Email: gloriarosevilleroollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

March 23 - 24: TORRANCE, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Bill Sudduth, (310) 787-7851
Email: Sudduth3@msn.com
Website: www.palosverdes.com/sblap

April 12 - 14: VISTA, CA

San Diego County Council of Gem & Mineral Societies
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570

April 13 - 14: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Hwy 49 South (1.8 miles south of Mariposa)
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Chel, (209) 742-7625
Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 13 - 14: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge
6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324
Email: mmpg@att.net
Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 20 - 21: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.)
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734
Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 20 - 21: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Frank Mullany, (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 27 - 28: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 - 32nd Street West
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092
Email: cj_62@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

April 27 - 28: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Center Street & Church Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Julia Cornblatt, (831) 687-0509
Email: scrzmgms@gmail.com
Website: www.scmgs.org



Come One Come All and Have Fun On a Saturday Night!

"Art Crawl Experience" or simply "ACE" is a visually invigorating, tastefully titillating, and an auditory explosive art walk and arts festival that takes place from 6pm to 10pm on the second Saturday of February, May, August and November in what has been acclaimed by local artisans as the Downtown Anaheim Arts District.

ACE was created by artists and community leaders with the intent of bringing arts and culture downtown by showcasing art in public places, street artisans, pop-up galleries, and the brick-and-mortar galleries.

The crawl stretches from Anaheim Blvd., to Harbor Blvd. and along Center Street Promenade. Art lovers can walk, crawl or climb aboard the Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) for complimentary rides throughout Anaheim's Art Crawl Experience.

Beth Pelfrey

Get Ready for Our Show

Show Grab Bags

The material that has come in for the grab bags so far is outstanding, but we still need your support. Slabs, crystals, fossils, and especially tumbled stones are all things the kids love and are needed for the grab bags. Please donate what you can. Bring donations to the monthly meeting, the lapidary shop, or contact Lydia to arrange pickup (714) 453-8186. In addition, we need help running the Grab Bags booth. Please support your club by donating just a little of your time.

Thanks,

Lydia Pattison, Systems Coordinator, Convenience Division

(714) 998-8984 |

lpattison@acosta.com

2541 E Brookside Ave, Orange, CA 92867

I could use some help getting small polished rocks for the grab bags. If you have a tumbler and can either lend it or help polish rocks, please contact Lydia, the show chairman, or a board member.



Youth Expo (Steve Duncan for Norbert Bernhardt):

We have the opportunity to host a booth at the 2013 Youth Expo.

It's at the Orange County Fairgrounds on April 12 – 14 (Fri-Sun).

This is a great way to get publicity just before our annual show.

Our volunteers should wear Searchers t-shirts.

Norbert is trying to organize our booth. He will contact potential volunteers in the next few days to set up the schedule.

If you work, you get free parking. A few copies of the expo flyers are available in the back.



Federation Delegate (Kim Campbell)

Upcoming meetings include:

DAC (Desert Advisory Council) meeting in Ridgecrest – June 6

CFMS Show – May 31 through June 2

A proposed solar energy project has fenced off a large area of land in the northern part of the Cadys. Other planned projects are close to us, and as designed will affect our access.

We may need a letter writing campaign.

The best results come when letters give specific reasons why we need access to specific areas, and suggest possible alternatives.

Veterans

Searchers members donated more than 1500 slabs to the veterans rehabilitation program last year. That's fantastic; thank you.

The veterans that we support often make it to the top levels.

Whenever you cut slabs, please consider cutting a few extra to donate to the veterans program or to the silent auction.



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.
P.O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92803

Website: www.searchersrocks.org

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| Membership Dues: | Individual | \$25 |
| | Couple | \$35 |
| | Junior (17 & under) | \$10 |

Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

Bulletin: Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: editor@searchersrocks.org.

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The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering three great classes that may be of interest to your club members:

March 16 Volcanoes of Joshua Tree National Park

Kevin Wong

Program Coordinator, Desert Institute

Joshua Tree National Park Association

760-367-5539

<http://www.joshuatree.org/>



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