

# 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, Searchers!

Well, believe it or not the time is here for our annual show once again. It sure doesn't seem like a whole year has passed since our last show. Anyway, I am looking forward to meeting some of our new members next weekend as well as seeing some of our members who have not been able to make the meetings lately.

In the event there are any new members out there who have not been filled in on exactly what is happening or what is expected of you, I'd like to take the time to explain just a few things to you that may come in handy. First off, our annual shows are our bread & butter, the income is basically what keeps us above water throughout the year. There is a tremendous amount of work involved, and we need as many bodies as we can muster both for setup on Friday and working the show throughout the weekend. The work during the show, although mostly simple tasks, requires a fair body count to run smoothly. We need relief people to take over here and there to give the workers a break as well, so please don't be shy, we need all the help we can get!

Setup begins Friday morning at 8 am. You must be wearing your Searcher Badge to enter the building so if you don't have one, see Kathy Clark. She will have badges with her to make for those who do not have them. There is a Friday Night Dinner for our dealers and all those who participate in the setup, which will include a chance to win any one of a number of prizes by purchasing donation tickets at the dinner. It's a fun time and a great way to get to know one another. Hope to see you there!

Taking down the show Sunday evening is also a crucial time where we need all the able bodies available working together. We have a very limited span of time to get everything tore down and loaded up, get the hall cleaned up, and be out at a specific time and not a minute later.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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So let's all work together and have a good time this year, leave your attitudes elsewhere (along with any stress you may be harboring), but feel free to bring a smile and enough encouragement and laughter to share with anyone who forgets to bring their own! In the words of a fellow Searcher, who is no longer with us except in spirit and was a dear and true friend to many of us, "This is supposed to be fun, guys!"

Before I bid you adue, I need to remind you all that the "Children's Art Festival" is coming up May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm, followed by "Heritage Day" on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am to 4pm. I need volunteers on both of these obligations and I need them now!

These are 2 of the 3 main obligations which the Anaheim Arts Council requires us to attend in exchange for use of the Meeting Hall once a month where we hold our General Meetings, use of the smaller Boardrooms where we hold our Board Meetings once a month, as well as our Show Meetings, the room where we hold shop 2 days a week, and of course, use of the Brookhurst Community Center for 3 days a year to hold our Annual Show. I'd venture to guess that we are getting quite a little return on our investment, wouldn't you agree?

**SO CALL ME AND COMMIT A SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR PRECIOUS TIME TO GIVE A LITTLE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND KEEP OUR SPONSOR HAPPY!!!**

Thank you,  
Clarke

## HERITAGE DAY

By Norbert Bernhardt

As most of you know, I have been organizing Heritage Day for the Searchers for the past 4-5 years. Heritage Day celebrates the Western Culture. They have many hands-on things for kids to make and observe. This year it will be on Sunday, June 3, from 11 am to 4 pm at Oak Canyon Nature Center, Anaheim Hills. This event usually gets up to 1,000 visitors every year. It is a great place to promote our club and get some kids and adults interested in our hobby.

They set up all the tables and chairs for us. We only need to bring supplies to make gemstone rings. On top of that, they donate \$100.00 to the Searchers every year.

I am looking for someone to take this event over this year. We will be on vacation all of June and thus cannot be there. Whoever is in charge would need about 5-6 volunteers or 10 volunteers with 2-3 hour shifts.

Please call (714-734-9665) or email me (nbern@cox.net) by May 1, 2007, because I will need to respond to let them know if the Searchers will be doing this event again. It is one of the most fun things to do and the setting is great in the canyon shaded by old oak trees.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule! [www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

- General Meetings:** 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
- Board Meetings:** 6 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, Jan - Nov
- Workshop:** Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.  
Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)
- Membership Dues:** Individual \$20  
Couple \$25  
Junior (17 & under) \$2  
Valid Jan 1 – Dec 31, not prorated.
- Bulletin:** Submissions due 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month via e-mail to: [editor@searchersrocks.org](mailto:editor@searchersrocks.org).  
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- Charter Date:** June 20, 1958
- Affiliations:**
- California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
  - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

## SEARCHERS BOARD

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Website	Steve Duncan	714/532-4703
Workshop	Herb Beckman +?	714/778-1496

## MAY EVENTS

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<b>4</b>	8am to 6pm	Show Setup at Brookhurst Community Center
<b>4</b>	6pm	Friday Night Dinner & Raffle

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<b>5 &amp; 6</b>		The Searchers 48 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Gem Roundup" Show Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801
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<b>6</b>	4:30-7:30pm	Show Dismantle
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<b>8</b>	7pm	General Meeting
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<b>16</b>	7:30pm	<p>Silent Auction sponsored by the Capistrano Valley Rock &amp; Mineral Club in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center located at: 100 N. Calle Seville (Ave. Del Mar at Seville), San Clemente, CA.</p> <p>There will be rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gems, plants, lapidary items and equipment, and even items for the young persons. Refreshments will be served. For more info call (949) 361-7707. Bring a friend.</p>
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<b>23</b>	7pm	Board Meeting
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## MAY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Leader	Details	Status
MAY 12,13	Lavic Siding and Ludlow Thulite	Steve Duncan	Lavic Siding and Thulite	Planned

## MAY PROGRAM

By Walter Mroch & Kathy Clark

Our May program called "Treasure in Your Backyard" and presented to us by James Klein will be about finding gems, minerals, gold, etc. in Southern California. Basically the Mojave Desert is one of the most prolific mineralized areas in the world and he will cover a broad variety of things that can be found in the region as well as have a display of equipment.

Coincidentally, James Klein was our May speaker last year telling us **Where to Find Gold** and **How to Find it Today**. He is an actor and writer who caught gold fever thirty years ago and has never been cured. He is the author of numerous prospecting guides, including **How to Find Gold** and **Where to Find Gold in Southern California**. Most recently he has written **Gold Rush! The Young Prospector's Guide to Striking it Rich**, which combines hands-on treasure hunting methods and history in a fun and informative way, describing prospecting in sometimes surprising localities in the United States and Canada. Mr. Klein resides in Anaheim, California.

Please join us for an enjoyable and relaxing evening just 2 days following our Show.

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## JS GEMS

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## MAY FIELD TRIP

### Lavic Siding and Ludlow Thulite

May 12 & 13, 2007

By Steve Duncan

The May field trip will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to Lavic Siding and the Thulite area off of I-40 past Ludlow area. We will be camping on Lavic Siding road just off of National Trails Hwy. (old Route 66). This is between the Hector exit and the Ludlow exit off of I-40. Many of you are familiar with this campsite; it is easily accessible by RVs. There are no hookups or facilities.

We will be collecting at Lavic Siding all day Saturday. Trips in the past yielded a lot of beautiful material, as usual the pickin's were better the farther we walked from the road. A lot of walking will improve your collecting, but it is easy walking without any steep hills. Most of the material is found in float.

Sunday we will collect Thulite at a location off of I-40 past Ludlow. This location is easy to access, with one short steep hill that we will drive up. Once at the top of the hill there is a flat space to park, and most of the Thulite collecting is within a couple of hundred yards. The Thulite can be dug (expanding existing holes), as well as found in float.

Trips will leave from the campsite at 0900 sharp both days.

We will have our usual potluck dinner and fire on Saturday evening.

#### **Directions to the campsite from Orange County:**

Take I-15 to Barstow, then I-40 towards Needles. Exit at the Hector exit, turn right at the end of the exit, and then left (east) on National Trails Hwy. National Trails Hwy. parallels the freeway for a while, and then makes a sharp left and crosses the freeway. Just at that left turn where the National Trails Hwy. crosses the freeway (about 10 miles?) Lavic Siding dirt road goes off to the right (south). We will be camped just inside Lavic Siding dirt road. Motels are available in Barstow, as well as one rustic motel in Ludlow (about 5 miles east of the campsite). Last time I checked you needed to check into this motel with the people running the gas station across the street.

## SHOW SECURITY

By Larry Richy

### CASES

#### For your Safety and Protection

Please remember that we do not allow any display case or exhibit to be opened or removed during Show hours.

Sunday at the close of the Show everyone will leave the exhibit hall until Security has cleared the building. This should take 5 to 10 minutes with your help. Then you will be allowed back into the exhibit hall to remove your case, or open it to remove your things.

If you need help or have a problem, please let myself, Larry Richey, or Show Chairwoman, Betty Nelson, know. This is for your safety and protection.

### NAME BADGES

Remember to wear your club name badge to the Show this year. Sunday when the Show closes everyone will be required to leave the show exhibit room to insure only those involved in the Show breakdown activities will be allowed back into the exhibit room, this should take 5 to 10 minutes with your help. After the room has been cleared of all unauthorized people or leftover guests from the Show, you will be allowed back in if you are wearing your Searcher name badge.

If anyone is in need of help with your display and you will need help from someone other than a club member or any non-club members picking up exhibits at the close the Show Sunday **will need a special badge**. Please see me Friday during set up, Saturday during the Show or early Sunday, so I may see that they have a badge or proper pass before the close of the Show.

## NAME BADGES

By Kathy Clark

If you have lost, misplaced, or never had a Searchers' name badge, you will need to get one if you are planning to help set up the Show on Friday, May 4. (Please see "Show Security" by Larry Richey). Ready-to-wear name badges will be available for purchase (\$5 each) at the membership table at the Brookhurst Community Center all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 4, 5 & 6, 2007). So now you have no excuses not to volunteer your help at the Show.

**FREE ! The Searchers 48th Annual FREE !**



**“GEM ROUNDUP”**

Saturday, May 5th  
10am-5pm  
Sunday, May 6th  
10am-4:30pm

Anaheim, California  
May 5-6, 2007

Live Demonstrations / Exhibits / Educational Activities

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Fun for the whole family !

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society  
48th Annual Show

Kids Program  
Gold Panning

TOOLS  
MINERALS  
GEMSTONES  
JEWELRY  
HOBBY SUPPLIES  
BOOKS



JEWELRYMAKING for KIDS  
SILENT AUCTIONS  
MINERAL GRAB BAGS  
WHEEL OF FORTUNE  
HOURLY DOOR PRIZES

May 5th

Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801  
Venue sponsored by the Anaheim Arts Council  
and the City of Anaheim

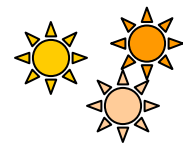
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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

By Kathy Clark

*Please welcome the newest members of the Searchers' family:*

<p>Karl Norton P.O. Box 1495 South Gate, CA 90280 714-394-6713</p>	<p>Sarah Harris 9172 Margate Circle Westminster, CA 92683</p>	<p>Bruno Ruiz 14293 Sayan Pl. Moreno Valley, CA 92553</p>
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*Happy Birthday  
to all those Searchers' members who celebrate their  
birthdays in MAY!*



## MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 8 am-6pm Show Setup 6pm -Dinner	5 SHOW
6 SHOW 4:30-7:30 pm Show Dismantle	7	8 7-9 pm General Meeting	9	10 6-10pm lapidary, wire- wrap class	11	12 3-7 pm silversmith FIELD TRIP.
13 FIELD TRIP	14	15	16 7:30 pm Silent Auction	17 6-10 pm lapidary, wire- wrap class	18	19 3-7 pm lapidary, silversmithing
20	21	22	23 7 pm Board Meeting	24	25	26 3-7 pm lapidary, silversmithing
27	28	29	30	31		

## SEARCHERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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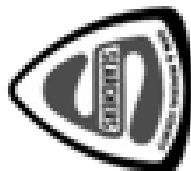
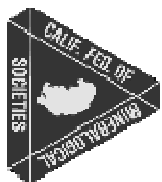
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jr. Member 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday: Month \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_

2007 dues are valid January 1 through December 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):  
 Anaheim Arts Council ( ) Historian ( ) Library ( )  
 Website ( ) Membership ( ) Monthly Drawing ( )  
 Phone Comm. ( ) RSN Editor ( ) Sunshine ( )  
 Veteran's Workshop ( ) Hospitality ( ) Workshop ( )  
 Rock'n'Kids ( ) Annual Show ( ) Silent Auction ( )



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## MAY BIRTHSTONE

EMERALD

The Gemstone Emerald is the green variety of the mineral Beryl. The wonderful green color of emerald is unparalleled in the gem kingdom. Emerald's precious green color is caused by small amounts of chromium and enhanced by traces of iron. Unlike other beryl, emeralds usually contain inclusions and other flaws. These flaws are not looked on as negative aspects for emerald like they would be for other gemstones. These flaws are considered part of the character of the stone and are used to assure the purchaser of a natural stone. Even artificial emeralds often contain flaws, however, as the process of growing artificial emeralds mimics the way nature does it (slow crystal growth from a molten mix). Nearly all emeralds, even many "natural" stones, have been treated to improve clarity, generally by immersing them in oil. For gemstones, a green-colored oil is often used, "improving" the color as well. Unfortunately, this oil may evaporate over the years, making flaws appear where none were visible at the time of purchase. A high-grade mineral oil may be used to improve the appearance again.