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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
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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.

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

I hope all of you survived the heat of August and the first few days of September without too many problems.

Thank you so much for the birthday cake, song and cards. I enjoyed them so much. Special thanks to Jan Gillette and Margaret Neeley. In fact the entire refreshment committee has done a wonderful job.

I would like to say thank you and tell you how much I appreciated the cards and calls during my hospital stay. They helped.

Its your turn to hold office! Everyone in the Searchers has the ability to do a good job as an officer. Please call one of the Nominating Committee members, Milly Arvanites, Audrey Nichols and Janet Cole and volunteer.

I would also like to ask any of our new members who have interest and knowledge of any phase of our hobby to volunteer.

Thank you, Harry Nelson, for doing the library drawing for the rest of the year.

Doris Pelfrey

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- Sep 23rd Board Meeting
- Oct 7th Bulletin Items due
- Oct 11th - 12th Field Trip - Trona/Searles Lake
- Oct 14th General Meeting

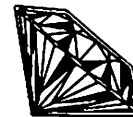
SHOW DATES:

- Sep 13 - 14 Faceters Guild of Southern California
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Anaheim, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Sep 13 - 14 Delvers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc
Downey Woman's Club
9813 Paramount Blvd
Downey, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Oct 1 - 5 Sportsmans Club of Joshua Tree
Sportsmans Club
6225 Sunburst
Joshua Tree, CA
Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day (Wed thru Sun)
John Eden (760) 362-4652



SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

- Oct 11 - 12 Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Trona, CA
Hours: Sat 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Sun 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Oct 11 - 12 Valley Gems Gem and Mineral Club
9050½ West Avenue J
Lancaster, CA
Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Sat and Sun
- Oct 11 - 12 Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
Victorville, CA
Hours: Sat 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Sun 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President at 7:45 PM.

We had three guests present, Irma Taylor, Larry McDavid and Marilyn Logan, and one new member, Jackson Tang.

Larry Richey read a letter from Orange County Fair representative, Judy Kelsey, thanking the Searchers for their participation during the Orange County Fair. On Searcher Day there were 23 Searcher members who worked as volunteers and 8 who worked as demonstrators.

Larry Richey presented Certificates of Appreciation from the Girl Scout Council to Harry and Betty Nelson and Bob and Ana Gabourel who represented the Searchers along with Larry at the two day Girl Scout 85th Birthday Celebration at the Pomona Fairgrounds. They showed cases, demonstrated, and allowed the Scouts to finish cabs and make necklaces which they could keep. About 17,000 Scouts participated.

Bob Gabourel thanked the Searchers on behalf of Orange County Children's Shelter for the tumbled rocks and findings donated for the use by abused children for jewelry making projects. They are getting low in supplies and would appreciate any further contributions.

Motion was made by Larry Richey that the Searchers contribute \$200 to the Shelter for jewelry making supplies to include tumbled stones and findings. Motion seconded by Jim Williamson. Motion unanimously passed.

Donna Moore, representative from the L A County Fair, personally invited Searchers to exhibit either individually or as a Club at the upcoming Fair. They would also welcome volunteers as demonstrators. Demonstrators are allowed to sell, but the Fair receives 15%.

Doris has appointed a Nominating Committee. If you are called please try to say "yes." Better yet, volunteer if you can take an office. Remember, you get out of any Club only what you put in. We would like to see some new and younger members to be on the Board to perhaps contribute their ideas and suggestions.

HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST GENERAL MEETING (Cont'd):

Connie reported that the August field trip is a Country Western BBQ at Harry and Betty Nelson's home in Garden Grove. September is still open; looking for a volunteer. The October field trip will be to Trona. Jim Williamson will lead. The November field trip (Thanksgiving) to KoKoweef and Copperworld has been changed and it will be to Wiley's Well, November 27 - 30th.

We have received information that the 2nd Annual Blythe Rock and Mineral Show will be held January 23rd to February 1st, 1998. Admission free. This is an open air sales event, smaller but similar to the Quartzsite Pow Wow.

Herb reported that the workshop is averaging 6 participants per night. It can handle more. He asked for a show of hands on attending possible workshop classes. Wire Wrapping and fabrication were top choices. Bead stringing, cabling of special kinds of stones, chain making, channel jewelry, casting and coin sawing were also of interest. Herb will work out details and attempt to locate trainers.

Refreshments were served, punch and a delicious cake honoring our President, Doris, on her birthday. We all joined in singing Happy Birthday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Betty Nelson

PUBLIC LANDS:

The following information via "Baker Valley News" article "They're Comin' Tuh Get Yuh, Pilgrim." Continued from August 1997 newsletter.

Dwight Hammond, a rancher in central Oregon, who grazed his cattle on federal lands, but owned the water rights on the federal land.

The feds one day told him he had to keep his cows away from his own water. They threatened to build a fence around his water.

Dwight parked an old bulldozer on the rutted trail to his water. The feds took that as an act of civil insurrection. The feds came back, Dwight kept his cool but was put in chains and leg irons and thrown in jail.

Your tax dollars at work.

Biosphere reserves are areas of terrestrial and coastal/marine ecosystems or a combination thereof, which are internationally recognized. Reserves are nominated by national governments.

Physically, each Biosphere reserve should contain three elements; one or more core areas, which are securely protected sites for conserving biological diversity, monitoring minimally disturbed ecosystems, and undertaking more destructive research and other low-impact uses; a clearly identified buffer zone, which usually surrounds or adjoins the core areas, and is used for cooperative activities compatible with sound ecological practices, including environmental education, recreation, ecotourism and applied and basic research; and a flexible transition area, or area of cooperation, which may contain a variety of agricultural activities, settlements and other uses and in which local communities, management agencies, scientists, non-governmental organizations, cultural groups, economic interests and other stakeholders work together to manage and sustainably develop the area's resources.

Ownership arrangements may vary too. The core areas of Biosphere reserves are mostly public land but can be also privately owned or belong to non-governmental organizations. In many cases, the buffer zone is in private or community ownership, and this is generally the case for the transition area. The Seville Strategy for Biosphere Reserves reflects the wide range of circumstances.

Elmer Parsons
Public Lands

BLM-CALIFORNIA ON-LINE:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) web site www.ca.blm.gov offers the public an easy way to learn more about the agency and the public lands it manages in California and Northwestern Nevada.

The BLM-California homepage and field office pages are divided into four sections: Breaking News, Program Areas, Inside BLM and BLM Offices.

An example of this commitment is the availability on the internet of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines in California and Northwestern Nevada. The public can view this document on-line, including maps and appendices, and submit their comments electronically. The document is accessible via the Breaking News section by either selecting the draft EIS press release or federal register, or by visiting the Public Comments page.

Editor



ROMANOV'S JEWELS:

The San Diego Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit that's entitled "Jewels of the Romanovs: Treasures of the Russian Imperial Court." Dates of the event are August 16 to October 26, 1997.

Tickets to this event are available through Ticketmaster which has outlets inside Robinson-May and Blockbuster, among other places. Order early if you want to assure yourself a peek at the exquisite items. Most days are expected to sell out. Prices range from \$12.50 for adults down to \$5 for children under 5, with discounts available to seniors over 65, fulltime students, youth and active military. Parking is free with shuttle service to extended parking areas.

More information about the museum exhibit is available at (619) 232-7931 and ticket orders may be placed at the museum by calling (619) 220-7497 (that's 220-TIXX). It is suggested that reservations should be made soon as the dates are filling up fast.

Editor

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome another new member who joined at our last meeting. Please add his name to your '97 Roster.

TANG, Jackson
9434 Gardenia
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

This brings our membership total to 163.

Milly Arvanites

REFRESHMENTS:

Thanks to Margaret Neeley and Jan Gillette for the lovely cake and refreshments at our August meeting to honor our President's birthday.

Refreshments this evening will be served by Jan Gillette, Lola Tapia and Cole.

Betty Henderson

PROGRAM REPORT:

Thanks to Larry Richey for his interesting and educational program on the are of coin cutting.

Our program this evening will be "Prospecting for Gold" and the types of equipment used. Mr James Klein will be presenting this program.

Walter Mroch

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

In lieu of a field trip for August we had a Country Western Barbecue on Saturday, August 16th at Harry and Betty Nelson's home. About 28 members attended. It was a fun get together and luckily just before the extreme heat moved into our area. All who attended had a good time.

Betty Nelson

WORKSHOP REPORT:

Our workshop is fully operational. The three slabbing saws, three trim saws, two grinders, polisher, and flat lap are all working and available to Searchers on Thursday nights. I invite you to attend, make something nice out of materials you collected on a Searcher field trip. For new members, we have a supply of attractive cutting material on hand for you to start with. In the coming weeks, we will make available at garage sale prices, choice slabs and pieces of donated gem rough materials for workshop attendees.

The workshop is now open to use by junior Searcher members. Their waiver must be signed by their parent, and they must be under the direct supervision of their parent, or parent authorized Searcher member while using the workshop.

The workshop is located in the industrial part at 651 S. State College Blvd., Unit No. 9, Fullerton, CA. We time share the facility with the American Opal Society. Our workshop is open every Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Workshop supervisors are: Ken Despain, Bob Gabourel, Cliff Warner and myself. We do need another supervisor to give us more scheduling flexibility. Now that summer vacation time is over I'll be asking for some volunteers. Please contact me if you are interested.

There was an encouraging response at our August General meeting regarding possible workshop classes. We will be working on getting this set up.

Herb Beckman
Workshop Coordinator

SHARING AND CARING:

Have not had any reports of members being ill or hospitalized. That's good news. Hopefully we can all stay healthy.

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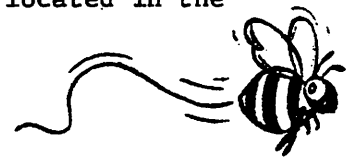


Froma Reiter

SLABS FOR VETS:

We can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop so if you have any available please drop them in the box marked "Slabs for Vets" located in the rear of the meeting room near the coffee pot.

Larry Richey



WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU?

All of the things that bug or irritate you are not necessarily bugs. The everyday things around you can make you miserable or downright sick. Be particularly aware of your surroundings and of what may be lurking there.

Mosquitoes, although not normally serious can be quite annoying. On the other hand, they can also spread malaria and encephalitis, both of which are quite serious. Be aware of standing water and dump or drain it, as this is the breeding place for mosquitoes.

We must always be aware of deer ticks. They are known to carry Lyme Disease. After you are bitten, usually a Bullseye type of rash is followed by muscular aches, head aches and fever.

One of the best ways to defend yourself is to wear light colored clothing, long sleeves and tuck your pant legs in to the top of your socks. The next line of defense is to have a companion check you out for the possibility of ticks. Some people feel it takes twenty four hours to infect you when they bite you. Check yourself every day when you are in and around grassy and brushy areas.

Bugs can also get into your eyes and ears. Rinse eyes with clear water. See a doctor if pain persists.

A bug in an ear can be immobilized with about six drops of mineral oil in the ear, then get to a doctor for removal.

Be aware of other stinging and biting insects such as Yellow Jackets, bees, and even ants.

Calamine Lotion can sometimes soothe the irritation. Insect Repellents containing Deet can be quite helpful but be sure to read the instructions and follow them carefully, and get the proper dosage for adults versus children.

Many other irritants are very common such as poison oak, poison ivy and sunburn. Always remain aware of your surroundings and protect yourself. BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS.

Joe Hafeli, Safety Chairman
via CFMS Newltr, 9/97

NOTICE: Bulletin items due NLT Oct 7th. Thanks.

Marge