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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Searchers!

WOW, we just returned from the Goldfield, Nevada field-trip and what a great time it was! We had several seasoned searchers as well as a couple new folks join us. All I can say is if you have the opportunity to join the club for one of these extended field-trips, you really should do it!! A big thank you goes to Jim, who guided us on this trip, and is a wealth of information on rocking in Nevada too. The main rocking spot was so filled with material, you just couldn't decide where to gather first, and the scenery was also outstanding. The town of Goldfield is a hoot in itself and definitely worth the visit. I just can't emphasize enough how fun these extended trips are, and I look forward to the next one! Moving forward, we have some great local field-trips coming up, and as always I encourage you to join in the fun! We also have a busy couple of months with club activities such as November's Pie Night! Be sure to join us November 8th for our club's Officer Elections and bring a pie to share with all. We also have our annual Searchers Christmas Dinner, keep an eye out for more details to come soon.

Hope to see you out in the field soon!

Teri-Lynn

NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONES TOPAZ AND CITRINE

Two gems are appropriate for November birthdays - Topaz and Citrine.

Topaz is a gemstone available in a rich rainbow of colors. Prized for several thousand years in antiquity, all yellow gems in antiquity were called topaz. Often confused with citrine quartz (yellow) and smoky quartz (brown), quartz and topaz are separate and unrelated mineral species. The most prized color of topaz is called Imperial topaz after the Russian Czars of the 1800s and features a magnificent orange body color with pinkish undertones. Topaz also comes in yellow, pink, purple, orange, and the many popular blue tones. The name "topaz" is derived (via Old French: Topace and Latin: Topazus) from the Greek Τοπάζιος (Topázios) or Τοπάζιον (Topázion), [13] the ancient name of St. John's Island in the Red Sea which was difficult to find and from which a yellow stone (now believed to be chrysolite: yellowish olivine) was mined in ancient times; topaz itself (rather than topazios) wasn't really known about before the classical era.

Citrine, the other birthstone for November is known as the "healing quartz". This golden gemstone is said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer. Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature. Citrine is found most frequently in Brazil, Bolivia, and Spain.



GENERAL INFORMATION

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
Board Meetings: 7PM, 1st Wednesday 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
Membership Dues: Individual- \$25, Couples- \$35, Junior (17 & under)- \$10
Valid Jan. 1-Dec. 31, not prorated

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FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIPS 2010/ 2011			
Date	Leader	Location & material	Status
Sept 25&26, 2010	Robert Burson	Mule Canyon –agate and jasper, also possibly silver onyx	Done
Oct 9 &10, 2010	Norbert Bernhardt	Lucerne Valley-orbicular rhyolite and ??	Done
Nov Dates TBD	Steve Duncan- Joint trip with the Indian Wells club	Sheep Springs and Rainbow Ledge- agates and famous Rainbow Ridge jasp-agate	Done
Dec 12, 2010 Sunday	Steve Duncan	Sierra Pelona claim for banded onyx. Due to the busy holiday season this will be a one day trip	Done
Jan 21,22&23, 2011	Steve Duncan	Burro Creek AZ-agate, jasper, pastelite	Done
Feb 19&20, 2011	Jimmy Peterson	Siam Siding-Chapenite Cadiz-trilobite fossils	Cancelled
Mar 19&20, 2011	Robert Burson & Jay Valle	Chuckwalla Mts-agates (plume, moss, fortification and banded) and jaspers	Done
APR 9&10, 2011	Jimmy Peterson	Siam Siding-Chapenite Cadiz-trilobite fossils	Done
May 14& 15, 2011	Jim McGeough	Buffington Pockets Nevada (about an hour outside of Vegas)- Blue agate	Done
May 28, 2011	CFMS Trip	Calico Mountains for sagenite Details at CFMS website	Done
June 11, 2011	CFMS Trip	Somis-fossil sand dollars, clams, and scallops Details at CFMS website	Done
July 15-19, 2011	Norbert Bernhardt	Crystal Ridge Quartz crystals and Garnets	Done
July, 2011	CFMS Trip	Greenhorn Mt-rose quartz Details should become available on the CFMS website	Done
Sept 10 & 11, 2011	Steve Duncan	Sandy Wash for agate Lucerne valley for orbicular rhyolite	Done
Sept 16,17&18, 2011	CFMS Trip	Jade Cove-Jade and Serpentine Details should become available at the CFMS website	Done
Oct 22 & 23 2011	Jim McGeough	Goldfield Nevada Agates and more	Done

		3 collecting days trip	
Nov 25&26, (Fri and Sat), 2011	Robert Burson	Baxter Wash or the Chuckwallas for fancy agates and jasper	Planned, final details pending

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org
 Also see www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html.

Other websites of interest:

www.firemountaingems.com
www.southsunproducts.com
www.pioneergem.com

www.route66goldminers.org
www.auctionmasters.com

CLUB MEETING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2011

Date	Presenter	Subject
Tuesday, Nov 8 th	None	Officer election/pie night

UPCOMING CFMS GEM SHOWS

November 5-6 - LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
 2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
 Hours: 9-5 daily
 Cheri George, (562) 243-8470
 Email: lizardwoman3@yahoo.com
 Website:
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

Email: rhbobhancock@cs.com
 Website: www.sdmg.org

November 19-20 - OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
 Oxnard Performing Arts Center
 800 Hobson Way
 Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
 Norb Kinsler, (805) 644-6450
 Email: show_info@oxnardgem.com
 Website: <http://www.oxnardgem.com>

November 5-6 - SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
 Al Bahr Shrine Center
 5440 Kearny Mesa Road
 Hours: Sat. 9:30-5; Sun. 10-4
 Bob Hancock, (619) 461-5783, (619)
 889-6886 cell

FIELD NOVEMBER 25- 27, 2011 CHUCKWALLA SPRINGS

There will be a field trip on November 25 – 27, 2011 to Chuckwalla Springs (between Desert Center/Blythe). The trip will be led by Searchers Robert Burson. We will be collecting agates (plume, moss, fortification, and banded), and Jaspers of many colors. Sagenite is found here too. There are also agate filed geodes and amygdules.

The camp will be accessible by RVs and cars, although the last stretch of the road may need to be driven carefully. This will be a dry camp, bring what you need. Don't forget sunscreen and hats, lots of water. It could be hot during the day and cold at night. Gas and simple supplies are available at Chiriaco Summit, Blythe has anything you could need, including motels. We will be having our traditional potluck on Sat night, so bring something good to share. Telling tall tales around the campfire is also on the agenda.

We will leave the camp every day at 0830, a high clearance vehicle will be necessary to reach the collecting sites. We will carpool as required. You will want to take lunch. Standard rock tools should suffice, rock pick and spray bottle. You may want a small sledge and gad.

Directions:

Take 91 freeway East to the 60 South. In Indio take 10 East travel to first exit past Desert Center. Take Corn Springs exit West which is 9.3 miles east of Desert Center. Take the old highway east 13.2 miles to Graham Pass Road. Turn right and go south for 5.9 miles to the Chuckwalla Springs Rd, there should be a sign here. We will put out some Searchers signs to help you find your way. Without traffic it is about 3 hours and 20 minutes from Anaheim to the freeway turn off.

If you have any questions about the trip feel free to contact Robert at 562 860 5938 or 562 706 4892. Or you can contact me (Steve Duncan) directly at 714 724 7102, or wsd@iteris.com.

Steve.

ELECTIONS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011

HELLO SEARCHERS!

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL SLATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2012

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I want to thank everyone who has offered to be on this slate. The election will be held at the November 8 meeting, the official annual meeting of the Searchers Gem and Mineral Society. Please come prepared to nominate others or yourself for these positions as well. We need a large turnout at this meeting.

The November meeting is also PIE NIGHT! SO BRING A PIE TO SHARE ALONG WITH SERVING UTENSILS FOR IT. This is everyone's favorite meeting in November.

Beth Pelfrey

SHOW MEETING, NOV. 8, 2011

To all Searchers,

The November show meeting will be held in conjunction with our normal club meeting Tuesday Nov 8. The business part of the club meeting (elections) will be quick, and then after we grab our piece of pie (the Nov meeting is also Pie night) the show committee members and everyone else interested in helping at the show will regroup in the front of the room and have a brief show meeting. We have volunteers for many positions, but still need some positions filled. The positions which still need to be filled are:

Cases-This person oversees the display cases. They create and maintain a list of people who plan to enter display cases in the show. They will need to know the total number of available spaces, which depends on our final layout. They will also need to be aware of non-Searchers who plan to display cases, the VA Lapidary group is one that comes to mind.

Friday night dinner (and raffle?)-This person will oversee the Friday night dinner. Sometimes this means food preparation, but we have a vision this year of bringing in pizza, so it may only involve preparing a salad and drinks. The raffle in the past has been a good thing, with nice homemade items being raffled off to the dinner participants (normally around 40 people?). In recent years we didn't have much quality stuff to auction off, and the auction seemed a bit silly. If the Friday night dinner person wanted to ensure that we had good things to raffle off (donations from other club members) a raffle would be great, because it is income for the club. However if the acquisition of good raffle items proves too difficult we will cancel the raffle rather than raffle all uninteresting items.

Kitchen- This is a big job and needs a lot of help. Adrian is half way committed to this position and if he can re-arrange some prior commitments he will run the kitchen. But if anyone else would help if Adrian is unavailable, and assist him if he is available that would great. The kitchen person plans the running of the kitchen from food purchase and prep through clean up. There is a lot of knowledge from previous kitchen leaders that can be shared with whoever runs the kitchen. Whoever runs the kitchen recruits and organizes the kitchen staff.

Signs-This is an easy job, put up the signs on Sat AM, and take them down Sun PM. You will be hammering stakes into the ground and tying on signs. You will need to bring a small sledge, and recruit a helper.

These are the positions we are aware of that need to be filled...but there are many helpers needed for the positions which already have volunteer leaders. So come join us at the meeting and become part of

the show. It is a good way to get to know your fellow club members. And a good way to be part of the best show around. This is no joke, most other shows I have been to aren't nearly as good as ours.

Regards,

Steve Duncan and Norbert Bernhardt
Show Chairmen

SAD NEWS

I have more sad news from our long-time member, Grant Miller. His brother and wife, Wes and Betty Miller have lost another dear child. You may remember they lost daughter Carrie not long ago. Stepson Dennis Schwin, 54, passed away on October 17, 2011, He was too young to be taken from them. Please send cards and notes of hope and sympathy to Wes and Betty at their home,

8308 Portulaca Way
Buena Park, CA 90620

As I have said so often, the Miller Boys and their families have been active in the club for decades and deserve our recognition and good wishes. This a double whammy for Wes and Betty and Grant and Sonya. Please let them know they are in your hearts.

Thanks so much, *Beth Pelfrey*

BAKERSFIELDS'S 11TH ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW MARCH 16TH - 18TH, 2012

Kern County Shrine's
700 South P. Street
Bakersfield, California

TIME ;

Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FREE PARKING ,FREE ADMISSION, FREE HOURLY DRAWINGS,

Once again it's time for our 11th annual rock an gem show March 16th.- 18th. 2012 at the Shiner's Park (Noble Park) 700 South P . Street .For those both young and old interested in jewelry , fossils, meteors, mining , gold panning , rock collecting or even the ancient art of arrow head making . We will have demonstrations and education seminars through out the show . We have free hourly drawings for a chance to win a wonderful gift donated by our vendors There are displays of minerals and rocks from California and through out the World. Even glow in the dark rocks. The Shiners will be our food vendors from here on and all proceeds from food go to their wonderful organization to help children.

This year we have vendors from all over the United States and from abroad selling unique items made from Mother Earth.

We have even one from Mt. Ida Ark. joining us this year with great Mt. Ida quartz crystals. I would like you to join us for a fun filled weekend that the whole family will enjoy.

Best of parking and admission are free.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VENDORS TO JOIN OUR FUN FILLED SHOW

For those needing hotel accommodations , we have arranged a special deal for our customers and vendors at a near by hotel. Or there is ample room to dry camp at our facility . Just let us know either way how many in your group.

For more information about our show or becoming a vendor please contact ,

Lynne Helfrich (661)323-2663 or e-mail lewsrocks@bak.rr.com or lewsrocks@netzero.net

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