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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 6-10pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	3	4 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
5	6	7	8	9 6-10pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	10	11 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
12	13	14 7 pm General Meeting	15	16 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	17	18 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
19	20	21 7 pm Board Meeting	22	23 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	24	25 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
26	27	28	29	30 6-10pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	1 October	2 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing

SEPTEMBER BIRTHSTONES

Sapphire



Sapphire, the September birthstone, has been popular since the Middle Ages and, according to folklore, will protect your loved ones from envy and harm. Medieval clergy wore sapphires to symbolize heaven, while commoners thought the gem attracted heavenly blessings. Blue sapphires range from very light to very dark greenish or violetish blue, as well as various shades of pure blue. The most prized colors are a medium to medium dark blue or slightly violetish blue. Sapphire is a variety of the gem species corundum and occurs in all colors of the rainbow. Pink, purple, green, orange, or yellow corundum are known by their color (pink sapphire, green sapphire). Ruby is the red variety of corundum.

(Greek: *σάπφειρος*; *sappheiros* "blue stone") is a gemstone variety of the mineral corundum, an aluminum oxide ($\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$), when it is a color other than red or dark pink, in which case the gem would instead be called a ruby, considered to be a different gemstone. Trace amounts of other elements such as iron, titanium, or chromium can give corundum blue, yellow, pink, purple, orange, or greenish color. Pink-orange sapphires are also called **padparadscha**. Pure chromium is the distinct impurity of rubies. However, a combination of e.g. chromium and titanium can give a sapphire of a color distinct from red.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Norbert Bernhardt



Hello Searchers!

Summer is just about over and fall is just around the corner! Now that the weather is going to cool off, Steve Duncan has more fantastic field trips planned. Join us!

Check out the extended trip pictures. Some will be in the "Rock Slab News" and some will be on the website. Prepare for the extended trip in 2011. Destination Colorado!

Our nominating committee for next year's officers will be announced at the General Meeting. Please help out our club by volunteering for a position. It is a rewarding experience! I had a great time serving as President these past 2 years.

We hope to see you all at the next General Meeting on September 14th, 2010. Plan for a great program featuring Adam Dean.

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: 7PM, 3rd 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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Couple \$35
Junior (17 & under) \$10
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FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIPS FALL 2010			
Date	Leader	Location & material	Status
Sept 25&26	Robert Burson	Mule Canyon –agate and jasper, also possibly silver onyx	Planned
Oct 9 &10	Norbert Bernhardt	Lucerne Valley-orbicular rhyolite and ??	Planned
Nov Dates TBD	Steve Duncan-Joint trip with the Indian Wells club	Sheep Springs and Rainbow Ledge-agate and famous Rainbow Ridge jasp-agate	Tentative
Dec 12 Sunday	Steve Duncan	Sierra Pelona claim for banded onyx. Due to the busy holiday season this will be a one day trip	Tentative
Jan 2011	TBD	Burro Creek AZ	Tentative
Feb 2011	TBD	Siam Siding-Chapenite Cadiz-trilobite fossils	Tentative
?	TBD	Baxter Wash	Tentative
?	TBD	Chuckwalla Mts	Tentative

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

GENERAL MEETING

By Keith Droste

We have a great speaker for our general meeting this month. Adam Dean a.k.a. "Agate Man" will present a program dedicated to agates. Don't miss this one!

UPCOMING CFMS GEM SHOWS

Sep 11 - 12

Downey, CA

Delvers Gem and Mineral Society

Woman's Club of Downey

9813 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA

Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4

Sep 18 - 19

Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Oct 3	Pioneer Park, 2010 Riverside Drive, Paso Robles, CA Hours: 10 - 5 daily Fallbrook, CA Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society 123 West Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Oct 9 - 10	Trona, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Show Building 13337 Main Street, Trona, CA Hours: Sat 7:30 - 5, Sun 7:30 - 4
Oct 9 - 10	Vista, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA Hours: Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4

FROM THE PICNIC

I got home with a few things not mine left on the table:

- A white net umbrella food cover
- A Straw paper plate backer (the kind we all use for flimsy plates)
- 2 Stainless serving spoons, different designs, slotted and solid, maybe 10 inches in length

I can see that you get your stuff back. Just let me know.

Beth Pelfrey (714) 774-2754

2011 ANNUAL SHOW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

I have scheduled the meeting for this and next year. Anyone who is currently on the committee wants to help out or just wants to come, please join us. I will make the announcement each month in the RSN as well as at the meeting: We need kitchen coordinators among others. Please contact me or Bob Burson, our Show Chairman, to volunteer.

The meetings are on Thursday - the same night as the workshop so you can multitask - all at the Downtown Community Center, from 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Come with ideas and suggestions.

September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, 2010. Then next year: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, 2011.

I have scheduled these, but schedules may be changed so keep your eyes on the ROCK SLAB NEWS and ears open at the meetings.

Please come to the meeting, join the volunteers and make it as much fun, not to mention a success as it was last year.

See you soon,

Bob Burson, 2011 Show Chairman, (562) 860-5938

Beth Pelfrey, 2011 Show Co-Chair, (714) 774-2754

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Beth Pelfrey, pelfrey@sbcglobal.net

Hi everyone, I just spoke to Sarah Harris yesterday: Her Karl is in the CCU at Long Beach Veterans' from complications of his colostomy. This is very serious. Maybe a card or note will cheer him up. He is resting and we hope for a speedy recovery.

You can send it to: Karl Norton
 9172 Margate Circle
 Westminster, CA 92683

They are not on the i-Net, so write!

FIELD TRIP SEPT 25&26

by Steve Duncan

The Sept trip, led by Robert Burson, will be to the Calico Mountain area. The Calico area is special, Walter Knott patterned his western theme park after the mines, buildings and terrain of the Calico area. It is a rugged colorful topographic area that has a unique feel. The roads winding through this area making it an off-road paradise. Miners quarters can be seen dug into the hillsides.

Camping here is a worthy experience. Collecting can be a bit more of a challenge. Material consists of fossil plant (petrified palm), silver onyx, jasper and some excellent agate. Some surface collecting is available, but hard rock extraction may be more productive. So in addition to your standard rock pick and spray bottle you may want to bring hard rock mining tools (sledge, gad, digging bar etc). It most likely will be hot so plan accordingly.

DIRECTIONS:

Take I15 north to Barstow, then take old 58 to Irwin Rd. Go north on Irwin Rd for ~ 7 miles, then turn left (north) on Copper City Rd. Go about a mile then turn right on the power line road and follow it around the hill. There should be Searcher signs starting at the power line rd. This will be a dry camp, bring everything you need, don't forget water, sunscreen and hats. We will have our usual potluck on Sat night. For those that don't want to camp there are many motel accommodations in Barstow, reservations seldom are needed

If you come Friday you be able to explore the area around the camp . This is a limited area, but some great material can be found near camp.

For questions call Robert at 562 706 4892, or Steve Duncan at 714 724 7102

REPORT FROM THE ANAHEIM ARTS COUNCIL

Submitted by Beth Pelfrey

The AAC meets on the first Thursday of each month from September through June. July and August the Council is on vacation – they say “dark”. The Searchers have a long-standing and very special relationship with the AAC. While the Searchers have been around since 1956, the birth of the AAC started with the venerable Anaheim Arts Association in 1977. George Mitchum of the Searchers was an early member of the Anaheim Art Association and instrumental in the early days of the AAC, an umbrella organization, at the time a committee of the City of Anaheim. Because of the efforts and actions of George and the rest of those folks, we have the privilege of the use of the Brookhurst Community Center for our annual show. We are part of the cultural community of Anaheim and an integral part of the AAC. Dues are due July 1.

Please see the link at: http://www.anaheimartscouncil.com/About_AAC.htm

The meeting on June 3, 2010, the last of the fiscal year, was held at the Downtown Community Center. Refreshments were wonderful root beer floats! Searchers know refreshments. Erika Miller, the outgoing president welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag. She thanked everyone for their participation in the 2010 Children’s Festival, the largest and most successful in several years.

Searchers usually have a booth at the festival helping children to make a piece of jewelry they can keep. Needless to say, we need more volunteers and a chair for this activity for 2011. We have a responsibility as Searchers and members of the AAC to make this booth a success. Please step up: it’s fun. Thanks to Pat Lynch for her hard work in making this happen for 2010.

The main event was the awarding of the annual scholarships and grants to deserving high school and college students and community based organizations for service projects. Because of the economy, funding level was a good deal lower than in prior years, with most of the money for scholarships.

Here is a list of the awards as they were presented at the meeting:

1. Lilianna Padilla, Savannah H.S, Scholarship, Artist
2. Christine DelCarmen, Oxford Academy, Scholarship, Dancer
3. Altrusa International of Anaheim, Grant for Project Linus: New, handmade blankets for children in trauma
4. Anaheim Fall Festival, Grant for Parade and Family Festival
5. City of Anaheim for Art in the Park and the Art Mobile: Grant for 7,000 children served

6. City of Anaheim, Concerts on the Park: Grant for 5 free Concerts in the summer at Pearson Park
7. City of Anaheim, Cinema Under the Stars, Friday Nights in the Summer
8. Ebell Club of Anaheim, Grant for Art Program for autistic children
9. Halcyon Interfaith Shelter; Grants for the fundraiser, Movie in the Park for 3 nights
10. Harp Guild and the Pacific Symphony, Grant for Music education for children
11. Kiwanis Club of Anaheim, Grant for Special Olympic Scholarships and the Children's Festival
12. Orange County Symphony
13. City of Anaheim, Grant for Pearson Park Friday Family Nights
14. Chance Theatre, Grant to help with The Who's Rock Opera, TOMMY – Opens July 2, 2010
15. Natalie Elder, Anaheim H.S. Arts Program, Scholarship for UCI
16. Anna Victoria Avila, Rosary H.S., Scholarship for UC Berkeley
17. Jon Moon Yeung, Oxford Academy, Scholarship, Cellist
18. Annabelle Martinez, Rosary H.S., Singer/Dancer, Scholarship
19. Joseph Van (Clarinet) and Tommy Tang (Sax) Magnolia H.S., Special award from AAC Business Partner, Nathan Nguyen for Youth Leadership America: New Instruments

As they say, it was a super meeting. The next one will be September 9, 2010, 6:30-7:30 PM

MORE PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST FIELD TRIP





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