

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.

2007 SHOW SILENT AUCTION

by Norbert Bernhardt

I would like to thank all members and non-members who made the Silent Auction a success this year. Thank you: Ana Lorenzo, Bob Burson, Jason Badgley, Walter Mroch and Francisco Torres for helping set up the materials.

A big thank you to all that donated materials: John O'Connor, Roger Ewing, Jimmy Peterson, Betty Nelson, Helen Schleiderer, Patricia Underwood, Steve Duncan, Bob Burson, Jason Badgley, Roy Okita, the late Chris Caliendo, Joe Walton, Ed and Carol Headley and OC Rockmasters.

This was really team work!

Thank you all again !!!!!!!!



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:** 6 PM, 4th 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).
- 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
- Membership Dues:** Individual \$20
Couple \$25
Junior (17 & under) \$2
- Bulletin:** Submissions due 3rd Friday of the month via e-mail to: editor@searchersrocks.org.
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 - American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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AUGUST EVENTS

14 7-9 pm General Meeting
22 7-8 pm Board Meeting

24,25,26 Gem Faire in San Diego
31, Sept. 1,2 Gem Faire in Santa Barbara
Sep. 7,8,9 Gem Faire in Ontario

For more information about Gem Faires see www.gemfaire.com

“Colors of Light and Stone” the Expanded Gem Collection of Michael Scott at Bowers Museum located at 2002 North Main Street in Santa Ana. Check www.bowers.org for information regarding daily times and admission.

For more show and event information see www.cfmsinc.org.

AUGUST'S PROGRAM

By Kathy Clark

Our very own 1st Vice President Walter Mroch will be presenting a slide program on the geology and minerals of Topaz Mountain, Utah. He will bring sample minerals along as well.

The August program promises to be a very educational and enjoyable evening. See you Tuesday night, August 14.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP

***NO FIELD TRIP IN AUGUST
IT'S WAY TOO HOT!!!***

Hope you are all having a great summer.

Don't forget Bowers Museum
See July Newsletter and www.bowers.org

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

By Kathy Clark

Our July program was a wonderful presentation by Robert and Sharon Burson of some of our Searcher field trips and their personal field trips. Some of these places included the Lucky Peak area of Boise, Idaho; deep open pit Colosseum mine; Copperworld Mine; Opal Hill Mine; Cady Mountains; Deming, New Mexico; tailgating in Quartzite, Arizona; Afton Canyon; Mt. Shasta; Crater Lake, Oregon; and Clear Creek.

Robert incorporated some absolutely beautiful photography of state parks, great trout fishing, blossoming yucca trees, gorgeous sunsets that he poetically called "art in the desert," and even some historical landmarks. We viewed site maps of these areas and he explained the different minerals and rocks to be found in each area. We also saw photos of ourselves at many of the field trips.

Concluding the program Robert suggested that we Searchers should consider using our cameras more during field trips and other outings and create a composite of each year's field trips, long range trips and personal trips. He even graciously offered to do the setup and narration of the composites as a monthly program each year. What a great idea! So start taking photos and save them on CDs so we can compile them all to create fun, imaginative and maybe even educational programs. Wouldn't it be special to have a potluck Christmas dinner and watch our own slide show for the December meeting?



Happy Birthday to all those Searchers' members who celebrate their birthdays in AUGUST!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Kathy Clark

Please welcome the newest member of the Searchers' family:

Robert L. Piazza
7822 Melrose St.
Buena Park, CA 90621
(714) 523-5463

New E-Mail Address

Chris Edmonds
christin-edmonds@sbcglobal.net

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NEELEY'S
ROCK AND EQUIPMENT SALE

August 18, 2007 @ 8 AM

1. Lots of rough rock - all kinds \$0.75 per pound
2. Lots of cut slabs - all kinds \$0.50 to \$2.00 each
3. 10-inch trim saw - Framton w/motor (good blade)
4. Belt sander (Alta) w/motor
5. Poly Arbor w/2 silcon carbide wheels (1/3 motor)
6. Trim saw 6-inch Star Diamond
7. Drill press w/motor
8. Motor - Craftsman $\frac{3}{4}$ HP 1 wheel
9. Motor - CIT $\frac{1}{2}$ HP 2 wheels
10. Motor - Westinghouse 1/3 HP 1 wheel
11. Motor - Emerson $\frac{1}{2}$ HP 1 wheel
12. Motor - GE $\frac{3}{4}$ HP 2 wheels

Location: Margaret Neeley
815 N. Harbor (west of North St.)
Anaheim, CA 92805
(714) 535-2030

Call if you can come on other days --- Parking on North Street.

AUGUST CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Lapidary, wire-wrapping	3	4 Lapidary, silversmithing
5	6	7	8	9 Lapidary, wire-wrapping	10	11 Lapidary, silversmithing
12	13	14 7-9 pm General Meeting	15 7:30 pm	16 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	17	18 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
19	20	21	22 7-8 pm Board Meeting	23 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	24	25 3-7 pm Lapidary, silversmithing
26	27	28	29	30 6-10 pm Lapidary, wire-wrapping	31	

SEARCHERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please Print!

Date: _____
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 Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
 Birthday: Month ___ Day ___ Birthday: Month ___ Day ___

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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AUGUST BIRTHSTONE

PERIDOT

Gem quality peridot (pronounced pair-a-doe) comes from the ancient source of Zagbargad (Zebirget) Island in the Red Sea off the coast of Egypt; Mogok, Myanmar (formerly known as Burma); Kohistan, Pakistan; Minas Gerais, Brazil; Eifel, Germany; Chihuahua, Mexico; Ethiopia; Australia; Peridot Mesa, San Carlos Apache Reservation, Gila County, Arizona and Salt Lake Crater, Oahu, Hawaii, USA. The best quality peridot has historically come either from Myanmar or Egypt. But new sources in Pakistan have yielded some exceptional specimens. The Arizona gem material is lesser quality, but is far more abundant and is therefore much more affordable. An estimated 80-95% of all world production of peridot comes from Arizona. The Myanmar, Pakistani and Egyptian gems are rarer and of better quality and thus quite valuable approaching the per carat values of top gemstones. Peridot has been mined as a gemstone for an estimated four thousand years or better, and is mentioned in the Bible under the Hebrew name of "pitdah." Historical legend has it that peridot was the favorite gemstone of Cleopatra.