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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., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. 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 \$2.00 each.

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.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing - Anaheim Cultural Arts Center
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the 17 years that I have been a member, the Club has changed in some ways and is continuing to change. That is history. What is important is to give some direction to the future changes of the Club.

In that vein, I would like each of you to ask yourself the following questions. Jot down your thoughts and give them to me or mail them to me by the May 16th meeting.

1. What do YOU, as an individual, expect from the Club?

2. What can YOU contribute to maintaining and/or improving the Club?

3. What would YOU like to see the Club do towards generating more interest and education in lapidary, mineralogy, gemology and related activities?

4. Why is it that some of you who live locally belong but do not come to meetings or participate in other events?

5. How can YOU contribute?

Alice Lux

SHOW DATES:

Apr 26 & 28 Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
 Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
 Division & Ave "I" East
 Lancaster, CA
 Hours: Apr 27 - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Apr 28 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

May 18 & 19 Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
 Borchard Park Community Center
 190 Reino Rd, Newbury Park, CA
 Hours: May 18 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 May 19 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SHOW DATES (cont'd):

May 18 & 19 Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Community Center
 First Street & Ave "B"
 Yucaipa, CA
 Hours: May 18 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 May 19 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Are you an active member
 The kind that would be missed,
 Or are you just contented
 That your name is on the list?

Come to the meetings often
 And help with hand and heart.
 Don't be just a member,
 But take an active part.

Do you attend the meetings
 And mingle with the flock,
 Or do you stay at home
 And criticize and knock?

Think this over, member.
 You do know right from wrong!
 Are you an active member
 Or do you just belong?

Do you ever go and visit
 A member who is sick
 Or leave the work for just a few
 And talk about the CLIQUE?

via CFMS Newsletter, SMS MATRIX
 and other bulletins

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

On April 6th and 7th I attended the California Desert Coalition Conference titled "Sharing the Desert". The conference was mostly based on SB-21. I will have a report on this in the May bulletin. This was held in Ridgecrest, CA.

Anyone who may be interested in the House Bill # 3866 -"Revision to 1872 Mining Laws", if you would like a copy please give me a call.

The CFMS Earth Science Seminar will be held August 11 - 17, 1991 at Camp White Meadows in Mother Lode Country near Placerville, CA. There will be lapidary classes, gold panning field trips, lectures and instructions in our hobby crafts. The fee for this interesting seven day seminar is \$200 per person which includes three meals each day, cabin lodging or R.V. parking and instructions. This must be paid by July 1st, 1991. There may be a small fee charged for materials used in classes. Please call me or Marge Jordan if you are interested in a reservation form.

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the 1991 CFMS "Golden Bear Show", June 14, 15 and 16, San Jose, CA. This is going to be a fun show beginning with the "Bear Promenade" on Friday evening. I have the pre-registration forms, camping and motel /hotel information etc. See me or give me a call for more information.

Elmer Parsons

HIGHLIGHTS MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

The program for the evening was a film on "Fossil Finding".

Todd Schowalter, Supervisor, Gem and Mineral Exhibits, Orange County Fair, announced that he has the sign up sheets for Fair helpers and advised that the Gem and Mineral Exhibits have been moved to a new building this year (same street but two buildings north). He also requested sign ups for demonstrations.

The lease on the Cultural Arts Center will expire in 1992 and we need to be thinking about our future home.

Marie Cole reported that her committee met to discuss a dues increase. So far they have only explored possibilities and will welcome any suggestions. The committee will meet again the last of April.

Our President announced that the Fullerton City Council is again working on a measure to restrict RV parking in that city. The plan is very restrictive and Alice urged that everyone let their feelings be known. Should the Council be successful on this parking issue in Fullerton it could perhaps cause restrictions in other areas.

Jeanne Howe

SHOW REPORT:

Our next show meeting will be April 25th at 7:00 PM, Cultural Arts Center. All Committee Chairpersons please attend.

So far we have only 19 members signed up to display cases...WE NEED MORE! Now is the time to display some of those fine collections you may have or show off your lapidary skills. I will have the sign up sheet available this evening.

Committee Chairmen will be circulating their sign up clipboards this evening. We still need help in the following areas: KITCHEN, SECURITY, WHEEL OF FORTUNE, HOSPITALITY, GRAB BAGS and DONATION AWARDS. These are 2 hour shifts and YOU may sign up for as many jobs as you like. YOU will be a big help to the committees and to the CLUB. Hopefully you'll enjoy the participation and have a fun weekend.

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES: Marje Husby still needs quality donations to be used for the hourly drawings. Please give these to Marje on Friday, May 3rd. Should you have them tonight please give them to Jay Cole.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE: Lola Tapia is still in need of donations for the Wheel. If you have things such as toys, polished rocks, slabs, ceramics, key rings, pins, necklaces -- anything that is UNUSED - please put them in a box and bring them to the Brookhurst Community Center on Friday, May 3rd.

I would also like to remind you that name tags will be necessary while working at the Show.

Merle Howe

DEALERS 1991 SHOW

Antero Minerals and Jewelry
Lake Havasu City, AZ

Mae Henry
Anaheim, CA

Bourget Brothers
Santa Monica, CA

Lapidary Originals
Calabasas, CA

Crown Gems Company
Sherman Oaks, CA

The Mullanes
Lancaster, CA

Daybright Gems
Lewiston, ID

The Rush's
Moreno Valley, CA

Fords
Susanville, CA

Russ Gem and Minerals
Lodi, CA

DONATION AWARDS:

I hope by now all of you have sold your \$10.00 worth of Donation Tickets. For those of you who have not, I will be asking you to purchase them yourself. These ticket sales is one of the few ways the Searchers get income with which to operate the Club for the coming year. The more YOU sell the more the CLUB can do. All checks are to be made payable to "Searchers Gem and Mineral Society" and all monies and ticket stubs are to be returned to Floyd or Margaret Neeley by show time, May 4th.

We still need Donation Award prizes. These should be quality (remember when selecting your donation prize please be sure the image we project is the one we are proud of). These prizes may be brought to the Brookhurst Center Friday, during set up or Saturday during the show.

Also, we need more help selling tickets at the Donation Award table during the show hours. We will be passing the clipboard around this evening for anyone who wishes to sign up.

For further information on tickets or prizes call Floyd or Margaret (535-2030).

Floyd and Margaret Neeley

CRAFTS:



The "Crafty" ladies have completed a big job and we're anxious to show our many items we'll have for sale at our show. Stop by the Craft booth and find that something special - prices will range from 25¢ to \$10. We have several beautiful hand painted scenes on Howlite (we're fortunate to have such talented ladies). All proceeds go to the Searchers.

We will be selling donation tickets tonight for 3 lovely afghans and a Teddy Bear. Tickets are \$1.00 for each item. The drawing will follow the Friday night Dinner, May 3rd. Please sign your name on back of ticket.

Jan, Bev and Margaret

SUNSHINE:

Queenie Osborne has been on the sick list due to a serious reaction caused by some medications. She was taken to the hospital for some tests but is now home and doing better. Cards would be appreciated.

I have had no reports of any other sickness and the flu season should be on it's way out so lets all try and stay healthy.

Froma Reiter

MEMBERSHIP:

Please add the following names to your 1991 Roster:

NEW MEMBER: Frank Davis
406 South Birch
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 542-8480

RENEWAL: Harry B. Wildman (CB Handle=Tinkerbell)
1171 Hunt Circle
Corona, CA 91720

Milly Arvanites

JEWELRY CLASSES:

Jewelry Classes will be held each Thursday from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM at the Cultural Arts Center. There are from 6 to 12 persons in attendance at these sessions. We have projects for those who wish to follow a structured program. For those of you who wish to work on your own, you will find there is assistance available to get you over difficult parts of jewelry assembly.

All members of the Searchers are welcome at this class. Following is the class schedule for the remainder of April and May:

April 25th - Roman Chain

May 2nd - Chain Making - Roman Chain

May 9th - Silver Bracelet

May 16th - Silver Bracelet

May 23rd - Silver Bracelet

May 30th - Silver Bracelet

Louis Schutty

Clare Gagnon

SHOP TIP:

If you have any chrysocolla and would like to bring out the blue and green, also any copper material, put it in full strength Purex for as long as it takes. This really works and you will get some good colors.

REMEMBER, however, the hazard of mixing bleach with any acid; it releases a poisonous gas.

via Gem Time 1/91; Nugget News and Rock Chips

GREETINGS TO THE SEARCHERS FROM NEW MEXICO -

After being home for 3 months we felt it was time to hit the road again. We had planned some overseas travel but with the Gulf situation decided we would wait and do that another time.

Leaving Anaheim the end of February our first stop was the Date Festival in Indio. We'd not been there in years and seems they have added more entertainment. The Ostrich and Camel Races were humorous to watch. The (Ostrich) riders don't have much control. When three Ostriches left the starting gate one rider fell off in less than 30 ft, the second rider made it to the first turn and the third Ostrich swung wide hitting the wall and throwing the rider off. All Ostriches were riderless at the finish line (those Ostriches can really run).

After leaving Indio we drove down to Anza-Borrego Park and stayed a few days. Took some of the trails to a Palm Oasis. Also saw a rare elephant tree. It has multiple trunks and a wrinkled bark like an elephant's skin. Weather was great for early March - high 70's.

Leaving California went into Arizona via Yuma and on to Organ Pipe National Monument on the Mexican border. There are 26 types of cactus to see and miles of back roads to drive and see the country...an enjoyable experience.

Since there are no towns near the Monument the nights were dark, dark. A ranger gave a presentation at night on the major constellations. There wasn't any moon so the stars were abundant. Learned to locate many stars in a short time.

Headed east through Tucson, spent several days there re-supplying. Then on to Deming. Arrived in Deming, New Mexico in time for the annual rock show and field trips. Parked right behind the show building on an old airport landing strip. No hookups but it was convenient. Went on 3 field trips - got some good banded agate, moss agate and onyx (trying to conserve on quantity so early in the trip).

We decided to wait for warmer weather before moving further. Stayed at Hidden Valley Camper Ranch. While you were having rain in California we had snow flurries and high winds. I did get in some rock hunting here for cornelian but most of it was small. However, I did find one decent piece.

We took a trip 100 miles north to Gila Cliff Dwellings. The Mogollon Indians built a 40 room complex under the cliffs in the early 1200's. It was well-worth the trip to see it. Stopped at Silver City on the way back (this was a famous mining town in the 1800's). They still have large open pit copper mines.

From here we go to Alpine, TX for another rock show and field trips. Then back into central and northeastern New Mexico.

Marv and Jacque Mog

CONGRATULATIONS:



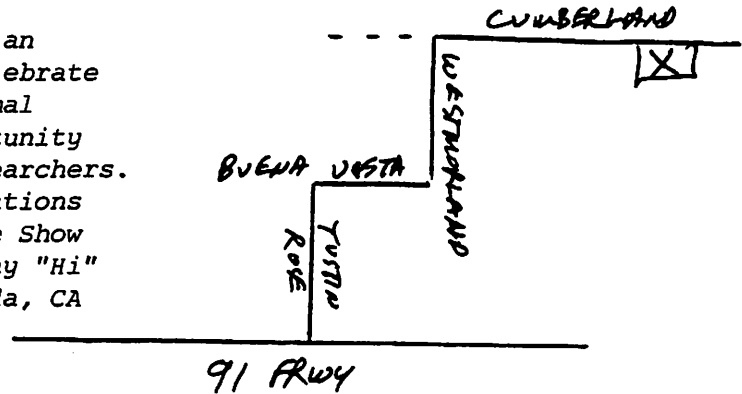
Congratulations to Connie Jacques and Dennis Van Kampen who exchanged their wedding vows on April 6th, at sundown on the "Little Belle" steamboat on the Colorado River out of Laughlin, NV. These lucky two are now off on a Carribean cruise. We wish you happiness.

The Searchers

OPEN HOUSE - To All of our Friends:

On May 4th, 1991, we will be having an Open House from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM to celebrate our marriage. This will be a very informal gathering (NO GIFTS PLEASE) and an opportunity to share our happiness with all of the Searchers. So, any of you who are free of any obligations at the Show in the afternoon or after the Show closes on Saturday, please stop by and say "Hi" at: 16932 Cumberland Circle, Yorba Linda, CA

Dennis & Connie



1 - 4Ft Display Case (slant style) \$50.00. Will deliver to Show.



1971 - VW Baja Bug - Good Condition, excellent tires (2 new); CB; Gauges; Sanyo AM/FM Cassette w/speakers; tow bar and lights; off road lights and alarm system (needs to be hooked up) - \$2,500.00. Call (714) 521-4180 or (714) 993-2827.

Dennis Van Kampen

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KROHN MODEL A-300 - Jewelry Torch - Excellent for fine soldering and repairs. Very easy to use. Stainless steel unit size 10"x8"x5" - \$300.00.

4" Diamond Trim Saw w/motor - \$50.00

5"x.012 Diamond Saw Blades - new \$10.00

Diamond Impregnated Convex dish plates 600, 1200, 1500 (1/2 diameter hole)-\$8.00 ea.

Nodule Halves, some pairs - \$2.00 ea. Slabs - wide variety; various rough material priced from 50¢ to \$3.00.

Magazines - "Rockhound," "Gem & Mineral," "Lapidary Journal," "Rock & Gem," "Mineral Notes" and news magazines - 50¢ per magazine.

Boots - Elephant Skin, size 9 (Tony Llama) used twice - new \$350 sell for \$250.

Looking for anyone who has a gold plating machine - I would like to gold plate one cabachon of black jade with magmatite from Stoddard Wells area.

Doug Johnson (714) 633-3018



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NOTICE: I will need all items for the May Bulletin NOT LATER THAN 9 May.

Marge

APRIL FIELD TRIP REPORT

The trip to the Chuckwalla area this past weekend was a fun trip. We had 27 people and 12 rigs. The weather was beautiful and we were able to have great campfires. Found lots of good material and geodes. Most everyone had to leave on Sunday but 3 rigs stayed over until Monday.

MEMORIAL DAY AND EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS

The Memorial Day Field Trip will begin May 25th at Quartzsite, AZ. We will be staying at Crystal Hill Campground (BLM Campground) and doing our collecting in the surrounding areas. I will not be able to get to Quartzsite until the 26th or possibly the 27th so I would appreciate if one of you who is familiar with the area would lead this portion of the trip. I will provide you with all of the necessary maps. Some may be arriving Crystal Hill Camp on the 24th.

For those of you who do not have to return to Orange County and are going on the extended trips this will be our itinerary:

May. 28 - 29	Deming, NM	June 1 - 4	Salida, CO
May 30th	Magdalena, NM (near Socorro, NM)	June 5 - 7	Colorado Springs, CO
May 31st	Bingham, NM (near Socorro, NM)		

In Deming* we will be staying at the Rockhound Ranch (those who are members) or at a Good Sam campground. In Magdalena and Bingham areas (near Socorro) we will be at the Graphic Mine Site, Blanchard Claims site or in a Socorro Good Sam campground.

Moving on to Colorado, we will be in Salida, CO we will be staying at the Four Seasons Campground*. In Colorado Springs at a Good Sam Campground (to be determined).

I will be camping with the Searchers some days while others I will be staying at the following motels:

Deming, NM - Grand Motor Inn	Salida, CO - Red Wood Lodge
Socorro, NM - Golden Manor Motel	Colorado Springs - Garden of the Gods Quality Inn

This promises to be one of the most exciting rockhounding trips due to the sheer variety of minerals and hand-size museum quality specimens that we will have the opportunity to collect. This applies whether you are only going through the New Mexico phase or the Colorado phase, or both.

If you only have a week then the New Mexico trip will fit nicely and provide you with a great deal of mineral specimens. However, if you only have a week and are already in the Colorado area there will be plenty of time for the planned collecting there. While we are in the Colorado area we will also be collecting at the Tarryall Topaz Gem Mine. This was listed in "Rocks and Gems" Nov 1990 issue.

The map for Quartzsite area and the maps for the New Mexico, Colorado areas are pages 9 and 10 of this bulletin. This information and maps will not appear in the May bulletin so please save them and put them with your travel plans.

Should you have any further questions please give me a call at (714) 826-2132.

Walter Mroch

*I would suggest that YOU personally make your reservations at the Rockhound Ranch or Good Sam Campground in Deming and the Four Seasons Campground in Salida either before leaving on the trip or while enroute to those areas.

MEMORIAL DAY EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

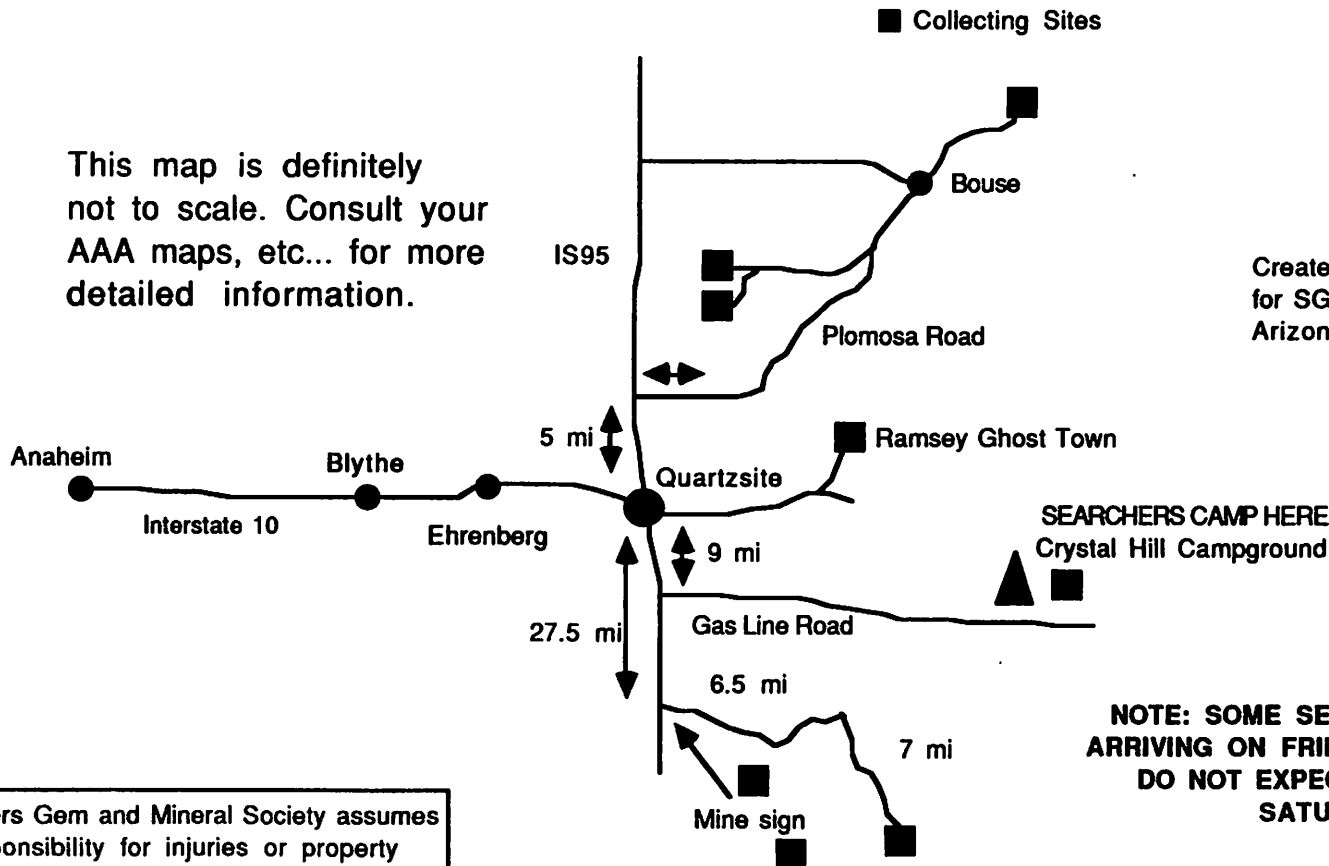
May 25 - May 27, 1991 Field Trip Quartzsite, Arizona (First Leg of Extended Trip)

Directions: Take Interstate 10 east to Quartzsite. Approximate mileage is 250. Driving time about 5 hours by car.

What to collect: Quartz crystals, fire agate, hematite, jasper, agate, andesite, chrysocolla, malachite, etc....

What to bring: A variety of clothing since the weather changes constantly. Also your normal rockhound tools of the trade.

This map is definitely not to scale. Consult your AAA maps, etc... for more detailed information.



Created by Walter Mroch for SGMS from Gem Trails of Arizona.

NOTE: SOME SEARCHERS MEMBERS MAY BE ARRIVING ON FRIDAY EVENING OR AFTERNOON. DO NOT EXPECT SIGNS TO BE UP UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING.

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WALTER MROCH (714) 826-2132

May 28 - June 9, 1991 EXTENDED Field Trip New Mexico/Colorado

Directions: Take Interstate 10 east to Quartzsite. Point mileage is 250. Continue east to Phoenix. Point mileage is 380. Continue east to Tucson. Point mileage is 496. Continue east to Deming. Point mileage is 665. We will stop in Deming to collect at Rockhound State Park and the Lindberg Agate Fields. From there we will follow State Highway 25 north to Hatch. Follow Interstate 25 north to Socorro for collecting at Bingham and Magdalena. Point mileage is 158 from Deming. We will stay two days to collect at the Blanchard Mine, Kelly Mine, Nitt Mine, Graphic Mine, etc.... Next stop is Salida, CO. Point mileage is 500. Follow Interstate 25 north to Pueblo, CO and go west on Interstate 50 to Canon City and finally Salida. Salida is base camp and from there we will drive to numerous localities for two days. From Salida we will drive to Colorado Springs. Point mileage is 150. We will collect at the Crystal Peak claims and at Tarryall. All camping and/or lodging arrangements are to be made by individual members. There is a KOA in Deming, NM (505)-546-8813. In Salida there is the Four Seasons Campground (719)-539-3084. Check your directories for other camping facilities in Socorro, NM.

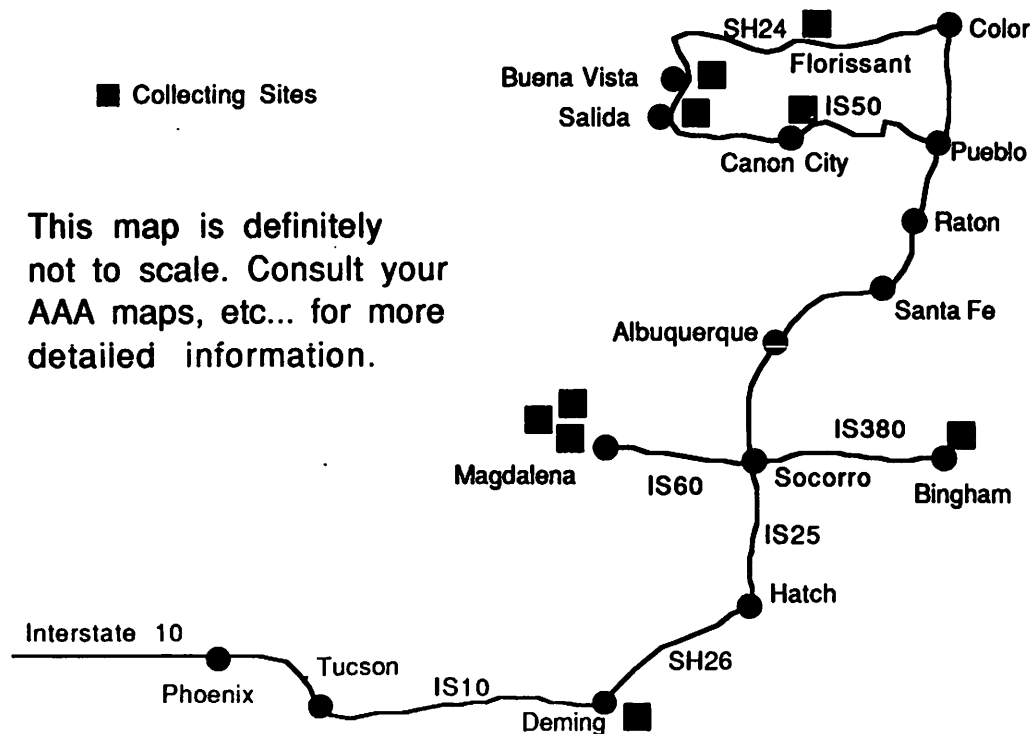
What to collect: See back of this sheet

What to bring: A variety of clothing since the weather changes constantly. Also your normal rockhound tools of the trade.

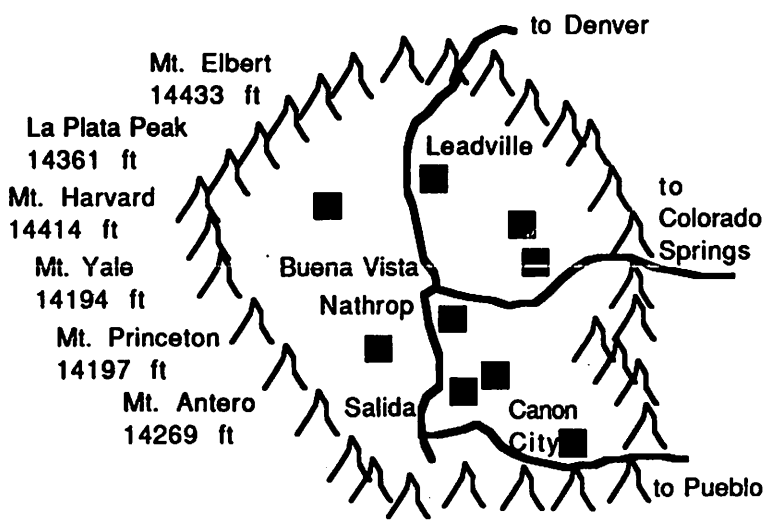
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Salida Area Blowup

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