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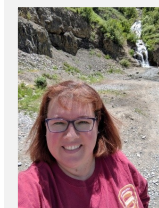


NOVEMBER 2019

The President's Message

Happy Fall Searchers!

Election month and Pie Day



***Please remember to bring any slab donations for the vets.**

Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- Tues. Nov. 5th at 6 pm, 2nd VP Lydia's house

Member Meeting- Tuesday Nov. 12th at 7 pm, Anaheim Community Center

Board Election Month



This month is Board election month and Pie Day. Bring your vote and bring a pie. It is always fun to try all the different pies.



Field Trips

Sleeping Beauty Mountain/ South Cady's Field Trip, 10/26/19

Leader: Andrew Bloxom



In the early morning on Saturday, October 26th, as the orange glow of the impending sunrise kissed the horizon, a thin waxing crescent moon hung delicately in the darkness on the boundary between day and night. It was a beautiful omen after a night of camping under star filled skies on the alluvial fans of Sleeping Beauty Mountain in the South Cady mountain range.



Sixteen rockhounds joined the group for the journey through the sandy desert roads, which took us to our first stop on a steep southern slope in the forehills of Sleeping Beauty Mountain. This location has produced fine cryptocrystalline specimens, including Sleeping Beauty moss agate, comprised of variations of clear chalcedony with tendrils of greens, reds, oranges, and yellows in plumes, tubes, and moss. While increasingly more difficult to find, the reward of this material is worth the toil. The slope also holds other interesting agates, nodules, and banded jasp-agates of which the group found numerous examples. Paul had a nice visit with a small diamondback rattlesnake, sharing a seat on the side of the hill and enjoying the views of Pisgah Crater and Lavic to the south. Another was seen higher up the slope alerting us to tread carefully. After regrouping, we ate lunch then proceeded back into the vehicles.



Our second stop took us east down Power Line Rd. to Jasper Hill. Robert provided a scintillating overview of the area which enlightened folks to the many hidden wonders found in this region of tightly clustered semi-precious outcroppings. We collected an array of jaspers, moss agates, chalcedony, and amygdules, and promised ourselves to return to the far reaches of this landscape another day in search of the most elusive beauties.



Afterward, we made a group decision to head east down Power Line Rd, to Crucero Rd., up to I-40 East in order to carry out some unfinished business of Jimmie and Paul at their Thulite locality. This opportunity awarded some members the chance to do some hard rock mining for this fascinating pink and green nesosilicate material and at the same time get in their daily workout carrying large boulders of cutting material back up the slope to the vehicles. The group disbanded from this spot and went their separate ways after a great day in the Mojave Desert.



See page 4 for more field trip information

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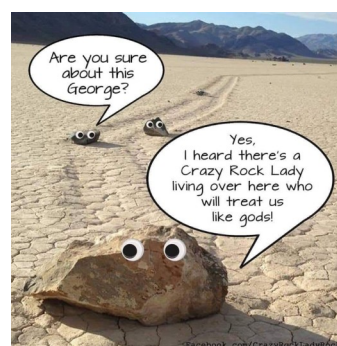
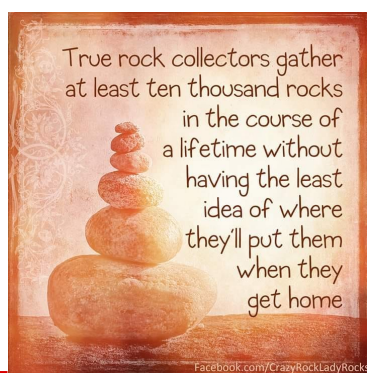
2019-2020 Field Trip Season

We have been working to develop a great field trip program for 2019-20 filled with classic and fresh locations, camping & bonfire, and potluck dinners. Below is a preliminary list of potential field trips and months. As we secure field trip leaders who find an available weekend, we will settle the details and broadcast to the club via website and Slab. Please let me know if you have any feedback, localities you want to visit this year, or would like to volunteer to share one of these or your favorite spot as a field trip leader for the club. We hope everyone will join us for a trip and bring back some wonderful material for show grab bags, the VA workshop, and personal work in the Searchers' lapidary workshop!

In more timely news, Robert Burson and others are eager and willing to get back out to Dobell Ranch and Holbrook, AZ to collect top quality petrified wood. We recognize this is a long haul but the reward is there for those willing to make the trip. He'd like to gauge interest so please e-mail me directly if you would like to go so we can get a head count and idea of the logistics.

Email: Andrew.Bloxom@gmail.com

Preliminary Searchers 2019-2020 Field Trip Schedule			
Date	Location	Leader	Notes
10/26/2019	Sleeping Beauty	Andrew Bloxom	Day trip to South Cadys
11/10/2019	Holbrook, AZ	Robert Burson	Petrified Wood
November 16,17	Baxter Wash Prospecting	Andrew Bloxom	Sagentite, Jasp-Agates, Agate
Mid Dec	Graham Pass/Chuckawalla Springs	Andrew Bloxom	Sagenite, Amygdules, Agate
January	Wiley Well/Thumb Butte		Fire Agate, Plume, Thundereggs, Geodes
Jan/Feb	Quartzite		Desert Gardens, Side trip
Feb	Trilobite Wilderness/Turtle Mountains		Marine fossils, other nearby material
Feb	Opal Mountain		Thundereggs, opal, jasper, agates
March	Afton Canyon		Mixed float, jasper, agates, nodules
April	Kramer Hills		Agate, Bog, Pet Wood, Onyx
May	Lavie Siding		Jasper, Agate...after Annual Show introductory trip
June	Clear Creek		Plasma agate, chromite, uvarovite, mix
July	Owens Valley		Minerals
TBD	Davis Creek		Obsidian
TBD	Santa Monica Mtns		Agate



Are You A New Rockhound?

What to do? -- Have you decided yet? If you're a new rockhound you may be confused by the many phases of our hobby. Do you wonder just, which Earth Science suits you best? Perhaps a little vocational guidance will help you make up your mind...



THE HOARDER:

Are you a hoarder at heart? Are your closet,, attic and basement bulging at the seams with things you just can't bear to part with? If the answer is yes, I suggest you become a MINERAL COLLECTOR. (WARNING—be sure you have at least one empty room he fore you start, because you won't be able to part with any of your collection and it will grow at an alarming speed.) if you are an apartment dweller, try collecting miniatures, and if your hacienda has only one room to hang your hat, micromounts are the thing for you. If you have a pack-rat personality, you can enjoy collecting beautiful minerals and crystals no matter how limited your space.

THE PERFECTIONIST:

Are you a perfectionist? Do you admire the perfect shape and beautiful color? If so, you're a born LAPIDARY. No lop-sided cabochons for you! They will all come out with perfect contours and you can be sure your cab, will have a mirror-like polish every time.

LIKE NUMBERS?

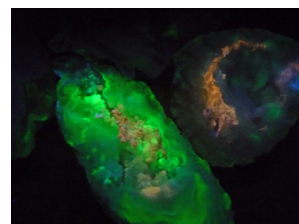
Are you good at mathematics? Do you have the touch of a gentle breeze? May I suggest you try FACETING? This is one hobby where, a mind with a mathematical flair can whiz through a set of angles that would baffle a lesser genius. Th. results are probably more spectacular than of any other 'facets' of our hobby.

HOW ABOUT VARIETY?

Do you find it hard to stick to one thing for very long? May I suggest NOVELTIES? You can try polishing flats and then use them for pen bases Try cab, and if you tire of them, make a picture out of them. Try a sphere and if you never get beyond the pre-form stage, make it into a paperweight. Do you think leftovers taste better than the original dish? Thee I suggest TUMBLING for you. Just pick up all the leftover rocks around the house and put them into the tumbler. You'll be surprised what comes out!

OR, are you like a child on Christmas morning? For you, I suggest FLUORESCENTS. Each time you look over your collection, you will recapture the beauty of a lighted Christmas tree.

Do you keep a diary? Are you fascinated by history and the records of past life on this planet? You are the one to collect FOSSILS. You will find a wonderful pastime and sermons in hones, collecting the remains of these past earthlings.



Seriously, there are so many avenues to explore in the earth sciences. In addition, there's CARVING, JEWELRY MAKING and WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS, all worth a try! You would be wise to investigate them all until you find one (or several) that suits you best.

HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!

From ESCOMO, 11/87, via BEEHIVE BUZZER 10/01



Searcher's Stuff

Show Committee Update

**Next Show meeting Sat. Nov. 9 2019
in the Senior center at the Anaheim Community Center**

Our 2020 show flyers are printed and will be handed out at the American Opal Society Gem and Jewelry Show, November 2-3, 2019, Business Expo Center, Anaheim.

I am busy tumbling material donated to the club for grab bags, prizes, +. As you make rock-related crafts, consider making one for the Searchers to give as a prize at the show. We need lots of prizes for both children and adults, not only for the Hospitality door prize tickets, but also for the Wheel of Fortune and grab bags with prize tickets. It's little things like prizes that make our show so fun and popular! The Silent Auction is our biggest income generator, so, while you are out and about, pick up some quality material for the club to sell. We all benefit!

Our next show meeting will be Saturday, November 9, 2019, 1-2:30 p.m., in the Senior Center at the Anaheim Community Center. It is down the hallway, past the workshop, through the large wooden gate. You are welcome to join us! It is a great way to make friends and feel like you are supporting our all-volunteer, non-profit organization. We have tasks for every ability.

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask Margaret at hogarth.m@gmail.com, 909-815-3045.



Geology Text Books

I look for geology text books at used book sales, but never find them. Like most STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) text books, they are quite expensive. Libraries are well aware of this (and of missing expensive texts). In response, there is a movement in the academic world, also fueled by financially-strapped (and perhaps debt-ridden) students, to provide scholarly, freely-available and reliable text books. I was happy to find these two free text books:

Fundamentals of Geology by Kimberly Schulte

[https://geo.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Geology/Book%3A_Fundamentals_of_Geology_\(Schulte\)](https://geo.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Geology/Book%3A_Fundamentals_of_Geology_(Schulte))

Physical Geology by Steven Earle

[https://geo.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Geology/Book%3A_Physical_Geology_\(Earle\)](https://geo.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Geology/Book%3A_Physical_Geology_(Earle))

These are well-written, with informative chapters, beautiful images, diagrams and charts, and review exercises. Enjoy!
Margaret Hogarth

Upcoming 2019-2020 CFMS Gem Shows

NOVEMBER

November 2 - 3: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: opalsociety.org/ [Show Page](#)

November 2 - 3: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mike Hopkins
Email: mhopkins@ironhorsesdesign.net
Website: contracostaminalandgemso-ciety.org [Show Page](#)

November 9 - 10: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Franklin Hall
442 Franklin Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Karen Horita, (916) 677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: sutterbuttesgemmin.org

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JANUARY 2020

January 18 - 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia
Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gayle Bingaman (559) 802-6029
Email: bandgbing@aol.com
Website: tulegem.com

FEBRUARY 2020

February 14 - 23: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (951) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 15 - 17: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 22 - 23: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Debra Duhon, (415) 254-1506
Email: dduhonvgms@gmail.com
Website: vigems.org

MARCH 2020

March 6, 7 & 8: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Cathy, (510) 305-4196
Email: cdmiller59@gmail.com
Website: www.mgscv.org [Show Page](#)

March 7 - 8: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Richard Slyker, (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: vgms.org

March 13, 14 & 15: VICTORVILLE, CA

(Club is Victorville) Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Club
44th Annual Rockhound Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Road/Dale Evans Pkwy
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: Ruben Martinez, (760) 429-8263
Email: rmstonewalk54@gmail.com
Website: vvgmc.org [Show Page](#)

March 21 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 29 - 29: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Robin Williams, (209)-728-8277
Email: robinski@yahoo.com
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org [Show Page](#)

March 28- 29: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society @the Grounds
800 All American City Blvd
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: James Hutchings, (916) 995-7380
Email: jhutchings22@hotmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com [Show Page](#)

November Birthstone: Citrine & Topaz



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For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

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: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:30 to 7:00 PM

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	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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Searcher's Holiday Banquet

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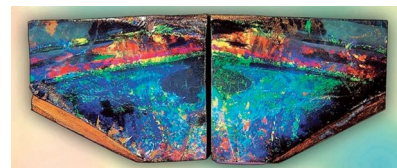


The 52th Annual Opal, Gem & Jewelry Show

Saturday, 10am-6pm, November 2, 2018

Sunday, 10am-5pm, November 3, 2018

Parking is FREE and admission is only \$5 for adults and free for kids that are 15 years old and younger (plus students with ID). A drawing ticket is given to each attendee and more can be purchased at the show (with a wide selection of great prizes from all of our vendors). There are opal & gem dealers from around the world; rough and cut opals and other gemstones; a huge drawing; free demonstrations on gemstone cutting, jewelry making and more; jewelry and fine craft dealers (perfect for the upcoming holiday season); gem identification, kids activity area; geode cutters; gold panners; and much, much more!



The show location is the Business Expo Center (BEC). The BEC is located at 1960 S. Anaheim Way, Anaheim, CA 92805, and their number is (714) 978-9000. The building is parallel the 5 FWY between Orangewood and Katella and a couple of blocks past Angel Stadium.

The facility will have a gourmet food truck during lunch hours, full bathrooms, plenty of parking and more (see out website at <http://opalsociety.org> or www.facebook.com/AmericanOpalSociety). Perfect for hobbyists and families!

If you have any questions, you can contact me (the Show Chairman) at angeldragonflight@yahoo.com or call me at (714) 501-9959.

Same great location as last year!

Business Expo Center

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Anaheim, CA 92805



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