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## The President's Message

Hello Searchers,

I hope this report finds everyone healthy and doing well. This report will be a little shorter than normal due to late summer travels.

The turnout at our August in person meeting was great – we had 37 people in attendance to take advantage of our silent auction program. I don't have the financial tally yet, but there sure seemed to be a lot of interest in many the auction items. Thanks to everyone who attended and a very special thanks to Steve Duncan, Margaret Hogarth, Charles Walker and everyone else who helped set-up and tear-down for the auction. It is a lot of work to put on an auction like this and our members made it happen. Thank you!

Did you know that the Searchers club has a new Facebook Group? You can access and join the group by going to; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/564049648337138>. The Board will use this group to share club news and make announcements about upcoming club events – this Facebook Group will be one more method that we use to stay in touch with our members and friends of the club.

We are still looking for more members who can help out in the club's lapidary shop. Thank you to John O'Connor and Charles Walker for helping out recently. As I announced several weeks ago, Adrian Callard stepped down as our Shop Chairperson. Jimmy Peterson graciously agreed to step in temporarily to help coordinate the shop activities. Our goal is to have a group of 4 or 5 individuals who can rotate the responsibility of coordinating our shop on a scheduled basis. Jimmy is working on putting together such a schedule. If you are able to help out in this way, please contact Jimmy Peterson. Until we get a schedule put together, it could adversely affect the days and hours of operation of the shop in the future. Scheduled shop hours are Thursday from 5:30p to 10p and Saturday from 2:30p to 7p. Be sure to check the calendar on the club's website for any last-minute changes to shop hours.

One last thought, in order for our club to continue to do well in the future, it will take all members to give some of their time and talent to support the club. Officer elections for 2022 will be held at our November general meeting and the newly elected officers will take over leadership of the club immediately after the election. Please consider supporting the club by running for a board seat or filling a director role next year. Contact anyone on our Nominating Committee (Margaret Hogarth, Robert Burson or Jimmy Peterson) to learn more about participating in the club's leadership next year.

That's all for now Searchers. Stay safe and I'll see you soon.



## Searchers Club Meetings and Presenters

Board Meeting- September 7th

Member Meeting- September 14th in the Anaheim Community Center

### Searchers board meeting – August 3rd

The Searchers board met virtually by Zoom on August 3 at 6:30 pm. Items discussed included:

The board approved the updated Shop Operations document. Attendance is still fairly light at the workshop, probably due to the pandemic. No one's volunteered to be the Shop Chair yet, but we're trying to find enough volunteers among the regular attendees to run the shop during its Thursday and Saturday sessions.

The new Searchers Facebook page has 19 members now.

The Nominating Committee has candidates for several open board positions next year. We still need candidates for President and Field Trips.

Our workshop's Star Diamond Slab Saw needs some work. It's begun slipping when cutting slabs. A few experienced members will try to find out what the problems are; it may need some disassembly of the saw. The board will also start looking for replacements in case repairing our current saw isn't feasible.

### Searchers general meeting – August 10th

The Searchers meeting was held at the Anaheim Downtown Center on August 10 at 7:00 pm. Announcements included:

Our club has a lot of rough that needs to be slabbed. Let Margaret know if you can help.

The CFMS holds several 1-week long workshops with a lot of lapidary and jewelry-making classes, such as silversmithing. A few hundred dollars pays for room and board as well as classes. The workshops are held at Zzyzx and Camp Paradise. See the CFMS website for more information.

Steve Duncan talked about a long-range field trip that will be held Aug 21 – 29 at several sites in northern California, Oregon, and other locations. You can participate for all or part of the trip. See the Rock Slab or contact Steve for more details.

The September field trip will be on September 25-26 in the South Cady's and Lavic Siding.

If you aren't getting the Searchers email blasts, please let Steve know.

Our program this month was a Silent Auction. The petrified wood and fossils, in particular, got a lot of interest.

### Searchers picnic – August 7th

The annual Searchers picnic was held on Saturday, August 7 at Yorba Regional Park, our usual location. About 30 people attended. It was a beautiful day, with lots of good food and good company.

## Searcher News

### September Meeting 9-14-2021

Speaker: Jeff Dengrove

Topic: Tumbling

Description: Review of tumbling, equipment and tools.



### Searchers New Logo Wear Website

Here is the link:

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/searchers-logo-kim-strange.html?product=regular-tshirt>

Once the page loads, the default is a men's t-shirt but the drop down menus on the right side allow the selection of different sizes, colors and types of apparel. In addition, scrolling down on the page then shows a variety of other logo items - from cell phone cases to tote bags to notebooks and everything in between. Let's see if we can work up some sort of standing notification in the slab each month to try to generate some interest. The club earns a small commission on each logo item sold so this is a fund raiser for the club. Let me know if you have any questions.

### Saw Oil Available

The club supplies saw oil at a good price. It is located at Jim Peterson's home. Bring your own 5 gallon container. The cost is \$60 for 5 gallons. Call 714 904-8573 and make a check payable to "Searchers"

## Upcoming Field Trips

### Searchers September Field Trip 9 - 25th to 26th

#### South Cadys and Lavic Siding

Leader-Steve Duncan

The club will be having a field trip to the Cadys on September 25th and 26th. This area is famous for agates and jaspers. The campsite for this trip will be off of Lavic Siding Road, trips will leave from the campsite at 0830.

Saturday we will collect north of the freeway, possible starting in Sandy Wash if it is accessible. In addition to some other known spots, we may also do some exploring looking for new spots, so come with an open mind. High clearance vehicles are **required** for this day's trip, 4x4 preferred. As usual if you don't have the right type of vehicle we will find a way for you to carpool with someone who does. This trip could involve some digging or hard rock mining for those so inclined.

Sunday we will collect at Lavic Siding, this is for jaspers (and agates) which are normally found in float. A high clearance vehicle is suggested, although a passenger car can access this site if driven carefully. Normally this day ends early so folks can beat the traffic home

The campsite is off of Lavic Siding Rd, if coming from Orange County go North on 15, then East on 40 towards Ludlow. Exit at Hector Rd, turn right at the end of the exit, and then left (East) onto National Trails Hwy (Old route 66). At about 10 miles the road makes a sharp left and crosses over 40. **Do not make this left**, instead turn right onto the dirt road, this is Lavic Siding Rd. Follow the Searcher signs to camp. Someone should be at camp by Friday evening. This is a dry camp (meaning no facilities of any kind), bring everything you need, including:

Lots of water

Sunscreen

Hats, gloves and rockhound tools (rock pick, spray bottle etc.)

Don't forget something to carry your treasures back to the truck

Unfortunately, Covid is still with us, so social distancing will be the order of the day, and we will be unable to have a potluck. Also we will be unable to have a fire due to fire restrictions. We can still gather (at a distance) to tell tall rockhounding tales in the evening.

Questions? Email me at [mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com](mailto:mrsteveduncan2@gmail.com) or call me at 714 724 7102

## Report on the Big Davis Creek Plus Field Trip

For field trip  
information  
contact:  
Andrew  
Bloxxom Field  
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Gem and  
Mineral  
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See page 6  
for more photos



## Show Committee Meeting Hours for the 2022 Show

All meetings are from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Anaheim Community Center.

Saturday, October 6, 2021

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (Or alternate date, January 8, the 2nd Saturday)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022 (during shop hours)

Questions? Contact Margaret at [hogarth.m@gmail.com](mailto:hogarth.m@gmail.com)

### Prize-Making Sessions

Join Searchers for prize-making sessions for our 2022 show! Bring materials, or we will have some to share. The sessions will take place during Saturday shop hours (2:30-7:00 p.m.) on the dates below. It's more fun if we create together!

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## Davis Creek Obsidian

There is an interesting site that describes how Davis Creek obsidian was formed. In the Warner Mountains, just east of the town of Davis Creek, "huge domes of volcanic matter bubbled to the surface and cooled rapidly forming the shiny black glass called obsidian. Because of the gases in the air when reaching the surface, these massive, mile-wide, domes formed glass that is iridescent in color. Some at first glance are green, blue, purple, red, yellow, orange, brown, clear, gold, silver or any combination or all of the colors mentioned."

"Obsidian is dense volcanic glass, usually rhyolite in composition and typically black in color. Obsidian is often formed in rhyolite lava flows where the lava cools so fast that crystals do not have time to grow."

There are four mines: "Pink Lady, Lassen Creek Rainbow, Needles and Middle Fork Davis Creek - are all located within a few miles of US Hwy 395 in northeast California. Rainbow obsidian found at the Rainbow Mine and Middle Fork Davis Creek is sought after for its colorful sheen. Pink obsidian from Pink Lady, and the bundles of obsidian needles from the Needles Mine are the most popular."

Check it out!

From Obsidian Mines at <https://sierranevadageotourism.org/entries/obsidian-mines/0843b07a-46f3-4e2f-bf59-ada81fb0f2be>

## Searchers Information

### Nominating Committee News

The Searchers Board has spent the last two years strengthening the club, clarifying procedures and expectations, and making sure that Searchers can face the future in a robust, professional way. They have done an amazing job, however, several members of our current board would like to serve Searchers in different ways in 2022. We have three openings and suggest a team approach to the Workshop Coordinator role. Brief job duties follow. For a complete list of job duties, please see the Searchers website at <https://www.searchersrocks.org/club-documents> > Searchers Standing Rules (contains Job Duties).

Brief Job Duties:

President:

- In January at the Board meeting, reviews the Searchers By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Job Duties with incoming board members. Appoints a committee to review the By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Job Duties as deemed necessary by the President.
- Appoints the committee chairpersons as necessary, and provides them with job descriptions.
- By November, sets up the working schedule for the following year and makes the meeting room reservations.
- Presents CFMS pins and bars to outgoing board members at the annual installation.

First Vice-President:

- As the Program Chairperson, plans programs/speakers for monthly meetings, February through January.
- Will be responsible for the installation of new officers.
- Conducts or oversees activities of the Social Director as required.

Second Vice-President:

- As the Field Trip Chairperson, is responsible for planning and coordinating all field trips and associated events during the year, February through January.
- Shall notify all participants of field trip rules and regulations.

Workshop Coordinator:

- Working with a team of approximately four people, responsible for maintaining a sign-up sheet for shop sessions and collecting fees. Supervises the shop to make sure safety measures are observed and equipment is used sustainably.
- Submits workshop and class fees to the Treasurer.

If we have a team of four people, you would have to supervise only 2-3 workshops per month.

Candidates will be well supported by past board members and long-term Searchers. Not sure you can be a vice president by yourself? Get a partner! This is a great opportunity to grow a deeper relationship with the club, make life-long friends, and learn more about rocks. If interested, please contact the Nominating Committee: Robert Burson, Jim Peterson, and Margaret Hogarth.

## Happy Days - The Shop is now open.

Finally after over a year, the Searchers workshop at the Anaheim Community Center is open for business. This is June 17th, Thursday night. Come have some fun and socialize again.



Shop Hours Thursday from 5:30pm to 10pm

Saturday from 2:30pm to 7pm

## Magazines at Your Library!

Check out your local public library website for popular magazines online. If you have a library card (free!), you can take advantage of freely-available magazines to read online through the Overdrive app. Here are some titles you might be interested in:

Bead & Button

Beadwork

Lapidary Journal Jewelry Artist

Creative Beading

Creative Jewelry

Create Jewelry

Bead Style

Beads

Best of Step by Step Beads

Handcrafted Jewelry

Beader's Handbook 2

Southwest Art

Native American Art

Engage4x4

There are several travel magazines, gorgeous art magazines, and magazines for almost any interest you might have. Don't you want to make a homemade robot, or know what's happening at Vogue Singapore? Non-English language magazines are also available. Check it out!

Orange County:

<https://www.ocls.info/books-movies-more/books-magazines>

Los Angeles County:

<https://lacountylibrary.org/digital-magazines/>

San Bernardino County:

<https://sbcldigital.overdrive.com/library/magazines>

# Upcoming 2021 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

**Still check to make sure a show has not been canceled**

## 2021 Shows

### September 4-5, 2021 – Reno, NV

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Jackpot of Gems  
Reno Convention Center, 4390 S. Virginia St., Reno  
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact Dan Ellis, sailondan55@aol.com  
[www.renogms.org](http://www.renogms.org)

### September 18-19, 2021 – Chico, CA

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico, CA 95928  
Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM  
Contact: 1 530 586-7052; Website: <http://featherriverrocks.org>

### October 9-10, 2021 – Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society  
One No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022  
Saturday and Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Contact: 1 (408) 834-5384, [steve\\_job@sbglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbglobal.net)  
Website: <http://pggs.org>

### October 10, 2021 – Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society  
Fall Festival of Gems  
Location: Across the street from the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA in the parking lot.

### October 10th, 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact (760) 728-1130  
Email: [info@fgms.org](mailto:info@fgms.org)

We will be following all CDC and government guidelines at this event.

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society proudly presents our annual Fall Festival of Gems – Reinvented! At this family-friendly swap meet you will discover gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry treasures and more! Visit amazing vendors featuring from rough stone to finished jewelry. Meet our team of friendly volunteers! Learn more about geology! and much, much more! Food will not be offered at this event but there are several amazing local restaurants ready to serve!

### October 30-31, 2021 – Mariposa CA

Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club  
Mountains of Minerals Show  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Rd.  
Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM  
Contact: Meredith Meehan, [mgmc@sti.net](mailto:mgmc@sti.net)  
Website: <http://mariposagemclub.org>

### November 13-14, 2021 – Yuba City

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society  
29th Festival of Gems and Minerals  
Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Ave., Franklin Hall, Yuba City  
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Contact 916 677-6696, [horita@comcast.net](mailto:horita@comcast.net)  
Website: <http://sutterbuttesgemmin.org>

## 2022 Shows

### January 15-16, 2022 – Exeter, CA

Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA  
Contact: (559) 802-6029

### March 12-13, 2022 – Arcadia, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
“Inspiration Unearthed”, 62nd Annual Tournament of Gems  
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Contact: Ellen Ferrell 1-727-512-0381  
Email: [ellenbf2007@aol.com](mailto:ellenbf2007@aol.com)  
Website: <https://www.pasadenalapidary.org>

## September Birthstone: Sapphire



# Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

## General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

[www.searchersrocks.org](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**General Meetings:** 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan -

Nov

**Board Meetings:** 6:30 PM, 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](http://www.searchersrocks.org)

**Membership Dues:**

Individual	\$25
Couple	\$35

Valid Jan.1-Dec.31, not prorated

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