

# BRECCIA

## Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS)

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### An Invitation

This society is pleased to invite guests to attend general meetings, study groups, and field trips. General meetings are normally held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:45 PM at 100 Belwood Gateway (The Cabana Club). Los Gatos, CA 95032. Belwood Gateway is just south on Blossom Hill between Leigh Avenue and Harwood.

**Society Purpose:** The Inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of member's interests in the earth sciences, and by education in all facets of related educational activities with the promotion of good fellowship, proper ethics, and conduct.

**Membership Requirements:** Attendance at two general meetings within twelve months. This society is a member of California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS) and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Dues are \$10.00 per year.

**General Meeting:** will be January 27, 04 at Cabana Club 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM

**Board Meeting:** January 29, 2004 at Marc Mullaney's home, 1685 Cross Way, San Jose, CA 95125 (510) 847-2035 at 7:30 PM

### Study Groups

**Beaders:** Meet 2nd Tues. (1/13/04)

For meeting place call:

Mary Lu Ferrara (408) 246-6251

Pat Speece (408) 266-4327

**Carvers:** Meet Third Weds. (1-21-04)

For meeting place call:

Herb Vogel (408) 247-1018

**Cutaways:** Meet 2nd Tues. (1/13/04)

For Meeting place call:

Ruth Bailey: (408) 248-6195

**Facet Cutters:** Meet 1st Tues. (1/6/04)

Jan. meeting will be at Gerry Moseley's  
5523 Oak Park Dr, San Jose, Ca 95129

For more info call:

Bill Norton: (408) 356-8254

**Fossils:** Presently inactive, but will start meeting again as soon as a leader is found.

**Juniors:** Meetings announced at general club meetings

For Meeting date, time and place call:

Kathy McChristian (408) 258-8400

Debbie Wartenberg (650) 568-6114

**Mineraleers:** Meet 3rd Tues. (1/20/04)

Jan. Meeting will be at Chuck Boblenz. Call to RSVP and for address and directions.

Chuck Boblenz (408) 734-2473

**Silversmithing:** Presently inactive, but will start meeting as soon as a leader is found.

## *Marc's Message*

### *A Note from the President*

*First I want to thank the membership for allowing me to be President for the second year in a row. I also want to thank several people for all of their hard work this past year. First to all of the committee chairs for all of their work. I would also like to thank the Wartenbergs and the McChristians for their work with the Scholarship Fund and the ongoing sale of rocks and lapidary equipment that has paid for an expanded scholarship program sponsored by our Club. Thank also go out to the committee chairs who have already volunteered to hold positions for 2004. The not so good news is that I have not gotten the following positions filled: field trip chair, Founder's Day Picnic, Programs, Refreshments, and 2005 Show Chair. I will get on the phone after New Years to call people to fill these last spots.*

*Lastly, an announcement about another rock collection for sale. Frank Mullaney and I picked up a small collection that included some nice rough material and a few other odds and ends. The material will be sold for \$0.25 per pound before and after the January meeting or by appointment. Please call Frank Mullaney for more details 408-266-1791. The proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you and I hope to see you at the January meeting.*

## **June's Message**

### **A note from the Editor**

Being new to an organization is sometimes challenging. Luckily, I like a challenge. Pat Speece has done such a wonderful job, as editor of the Breccia for the last 7 years, that filling her shoes will undoubtedly be difficult, but I'm ready to try. While I have newsletter experience, my knowledge and experience with rocks and minerals is extremely limited, so I am hoping that those of you with more knowledge and experience will be able to send me information and articles that you think the rest of the club will find interesting.

Being the perfectionist that I am, writing a newsletter can sometimes be daunting because so many people have so many different ideas as to what constitutes a good newsletter. I hope that you will share your ideas and suggestions with me, but understand that not every idea, suggestion, or article may be incorporated into the next edition. The deadline for all Breccia articles is the general meeting of each month. This will help make sure that the Breccia is produced, printed and mailed in a timely fashion. Everyone's help is needed to facilitate this goal.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcome your comments, suggestions and article. You can contact me at [juneconeyharris@hotmail.com](mailto:juneconeyharris@hotmail.com) or (831) 438-5150. My address is 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

Thank you,  
June Harris  
Breccia Editor

## **Notice for Exchange Editors**

Dear Exchange Editors,  
Please send your newsletters to our  
New Exchange Editor:  
June Harris  
107 Dell Way  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066  
Please do not send them to  
our post box as it is very small  
and get lost easily.  
You may contact me by  
phone (831) 438-5150 or  
email [juneconeyharris@hotmail.com](mailto:juneconeyharris@hotmail.com)

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
December 4, 2003**

President Marc Mullaney called the meeting to order at Ruth Bailey's home at 7:32 pm. Absent was Bill Gissler, Frank Monez, Patricia Speece & John Palmieri.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October board meeting were approved as corrected. The minutes of the November board meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report of November 28, 2003 was noted and filed.

**Correspondence:** A letter was read from San Jose State University Geology Department was read. The Geology Department has selected the students for the two scholarships. The Geology Department will be contacted so that the students will know that they need to make a short presentation at the January meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. It was moved seconded and passed.

President Marc Mullaney called the meeting to order for the 2004 Board at Ruth Bailey's home at 8:05. Absent was Bill Gissler & Frank Monez. Also present was Randy Harris

**Minutes:** There were no minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report. A motion was made to pay the bills and the CFMS dues and insurance. This was seconded and passed. A motion was made to donate \$500 to the widow of the gentleman that had all the rock that was sold from the Saratoga area. This was seconded and passed.

**Show Meeting:** Will be January 7 at the home of Bill Gissler. Member parking passes were discussed.

**Installation Dinner:** The insulation dinner will be at the Echo next year this has already been penciled in for December 7, 2004

**Unfinished Business:** The Federation Honoree Members was cleared up as far as insurance goes. The honoree members mean HONOREE MEMBERS OF THE CFMS (not the member societies), there are no honoree members in the CFMS, so everyone that is on the society roster needs to have dues and insurance paid on them. The show for 05 & 06 was discussed.

**New Business:** President Marc discussed the openings he has for committees. The distribution of the 3 copies of the AFMS & CFMS newsletters the society received was decided. A motion was made to renew the CD at the best possible terms but for no longer than 6 months. This was seconded and passed. A motion was made to make a donation of \$1.00 per member to the Mariposa museum. This motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to donate \$500 to the AFMS scholarship fund and \$500 to the CFMS scholarship fund. This donation will be made in the name of Mark & Debbie Wartenberg and Gary & Kathy McChristian. The motion was seconded and passed

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting it was moved seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm delicious refreshments were served. The location of the January 04 Board Meeting will be at Marc Mullaney's home.

Respectfully Submitted  
Frank Mullaney

# Member Show and Tell for 2004

All Members are asked to display one time per year. This list is alphabetical and members who live far away are not included, but may display at any time. If you cannot display in your designated month, That's OK, just display when you can. You can display as many times as you like. There are no displays in June and November due to the Silent Auctions and there are no displays in December because there is the installation dinner in lieu of our regular meeting. The displays are a much enjoyed feature of our monthly meetings.

Don't know what to display? Any type of rock (identified or not), your latest project, information on a field trip to take, ideas for a display case, anything to do with rocks!!!

## *January*

Cleo Adams  
David Alexander  
Walter Andrus  
Deborah Arambula and family  
Jeff Arnett and Colleen  
Haggerty  
John Bahr and Suzi Papineau  
Ruth Bailey  
Charles and Jeri Boblenz  
Hershall and Nancy Boring

## *February*

Lincoln Bourne and Family  
Delmar Bregman  
Mary Brown  
Regina and Arlene Burton  
Maxie Casey  
Gladys Comp  
Chris Cox  
Donald Cox  
Bob and Trish Cypher  
Lynda DeiRossi

## *March*

John Eichhorn  
Ron Erickson  
Dennis Ewell  
Claire Ferguson and Gordon  
Synder  
Mary Lu Ferrara and Larry  
Knutson  
Robert Ferrario  
Rachel Fish  
Earnest Foreman  
J T Fuller

## *April*

Misako Fuller  
Donald and Jennie Gibson  
Bill Gissler  
Kaaren and Cody Hack  
Gareth Hagen  
Gladys Hargous  
Randy and June Harris  
Brenda Hough  
Jennifer Olsen House  
Dick and Kit Hultquist

## *May*

Bob Kase  
Luccille Keck  
Rick Kennedy  
Nancy Kortright  
David Kuo and Family  
Homer Lohr  
Montella Lopez  
John Martin  
Gail Matthews  
Alice McCammon

## *July*

Gary and Kathy McChrstian  
Nancy Mezzanotte  
Frank Monez  
Frank and Julaine Mullaney  
Kevin Mullaney  
Lon Mullaney  
Marc Mullaney and family  
Jim and Diana Nelson  
Bill and Margaret Norton  
William Norton III

## *August*

Paul Nowicki  
Lisabeth Ortler  
R K Owen  
John and Sylvia Palmieri  
Ted and Kathi Peverini  
Dennis and Patricia Phelps  
Erwin and Nancy Powell  
Jennifer Raff and Frank Scelzi  
Richard Reeder  
James Robertson

## *September*

Clair Rucker  
Doris Smith  
Ernestine Smith  
Anthony Scott  
Patricia Speece  
Keesa Stewart  
John and Eva Surrell  
Matt Surrell  
Gary Sypherd  
Lyn Toschi

## *October*

Johan Van Ommeren  
H. Kelly Van Vleck  
Herb and Roselies Vogel  
Sieg and Rosmarie Vogel  
Gina Wagner  
June Warne  
Mark and Debbie Wartenberg  
George and Jane Yamashita  
John E. Zerbini

# CFMS Club Shows for 2004

from [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

**January 30– Feb 1, Redlands, CA 39th Annual Pacific Micromount Conference, Southern California Micro-Mineralogists** San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, Beverly Moreau (714) 577-8038 [Bcmoreau@adephia.net](mailto:Bcmoreau@adephia.net)

**February 13-22, Indio CA San Gorgonio Mineral and Gem Society** “ Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival” Gem and Mineral Bldg. Fairgrounds 46-350 Arabia St. Hours 10-10, Bert Grisham (909) 849-1674 [Grish@msn.com](mailto:Grish@msn.com)

**February 21-22, Stockton CA Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club**, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds Bldg 4, 1658 South Airport Way, Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 Jim Dunlap (209) 488-0747/ [jimsopals@comcast.net](mailto:jimsopals@comcast.net)

**March 5-7, Hayward CA, Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley**, Centennial Hall; 22292 Foothill Blvd., Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5, Ron Miller (510) 538-2397

**March 6-7, Arcadia CA, Monrovia Rockhounds**, Los Angeles County Botanical Gardens, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Hours: 9-4:30, Jo Anna Ritchey (626-359-1624)

**March 6-7 Ventura CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society**, Seaside Park-Ventura Co. Fairground, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Jim Brace Thompson (805) 659-3577/ [jbraceth@juno.com](mailto:jbraceth@juno.com)

**March 13-14, San Marino, CA, Pasadena Lapidary Society**, San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Dr. Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 Marlene Kyte (626) 749-0519

**March 13-14, Turlock, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society**, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway Hours: 10-5 daily, Bud McMillin (209) 527-8000 or Home (209) 524-3494

**March 13-14, Spreckels, CA Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club**, Parade of Gems, Veterans Bldg. 5th and Llano Streets. Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 Willaim McFalda (831) 442-9964, [WildBill@prodigy.net](mailto:WildBill@prodigy.net)

**March 13-14 Vallejo CA, Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society**, I 80& Hwy 37 (across from Six Flags Marine World) Hours: 10-5 both Days, Phyllis Malicki (707) 745-3255

**March 20-21, Angels Camp, CA, Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society**, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Earl Klein (510) 632-9373 or Marlynn Blake (209) 795-7202/ [omar@goldrush.com](mailto:omar@goldrush.com)

**March 27-28, Roseville, CA, Roseville Rock Roller Gem & Mineral Society**, Placer County Fairground, 800 All America City Blvd, Hours 10-5, [Http: //www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**April 3-4, San Jose CA Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society**, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road. Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5, John Eichhorn, (408) 749-0523 [johneichhorn@earthlink.net](mailto:johneichhorn@earthlink.net)

**April 3-4, Torrence, CA, South Bay Lap and Mineral Club**, Torrence Recreational Center, 3341 Torrence Blvd., Hours 10-5, Omer Goeden (818) 353-9279

**April 10-11 Paradise CA, Paradise Gem & Mineral Club**, Veteran’s Memorial Hall, Skyway & Elliot, Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 Anita Carter (530) 872-1983

**April 24-25, Hacienda Heights, CA Puente Hill Gem & Mineral Club**, Steinmetz County Park, 1545 S. Stimson Ave. Hours 10-5 daily, Paula Hess (562) 696-2270

**April 24-25, Santa Cruz, CA, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society**, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Corner of Center and Church Streets, Hours 10-5, Sallee Brumbaugh, (831) 336-5662

**May 1-2, Bakersfield, CA, Kern County Mineral Society**, “People are Nuggets Too”, Kern County Fairgrounds, Ming Ave and P Street, Hours 10-5 Daily, 589-3834

**May 1-2 Anaheim, CA, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society**, 45th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave, Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30 Karen Fox (714) 832-3580

**May 8-9, Reno NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society**, Reno Livestock Events Center, Exhibit Hall, 1350 N. Wells Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Jennifer Rhodes, (775) 256-8820

**May 15-16, Conejo, CA, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club**, Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Rd. Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5,

**May 28, Mariposa CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society** Mariposa County Fairgrounds, California State Mining and Mineral Museum, P.O. Box 1192, Mariposa, CA 95338, (209) 742-7625 Fax (209) 966-3597/ [Minealmuseum@sti.net](mailto:Minealmuseum@sti.net)

**June 19-20, La Habra, CA, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society**, World of Gems, La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Hours Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4

## Member Displays Reminder

As the new committee chairs George and Jane Yamashita would like to remind the Show and Tell folks that they are on for January. The individuals, families and couples are, Cleo Adams, David Alexander, Walter Andrus, Deborah Arambula and Family, Jeff Arnett and Colleen Haggerty, John Bahr and Suzi Papineau, Ruth Bailey, Charles and Jeri Boblenz and Hershall and Nancy Boring. George and I are new to the SCVGMS group and new to being committee chairs for Show and Tell. Our e-mail address is Leikili5@aol.com. We'll do our best to facilitate the Show and Tell part of the meetings. Let us know if you need anything special to enhance your sharing. There will be a reminder in each Breccia for each meeting. We look forward to working with each and every one of you.

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board meetings are at 7:30 pm., the fourth Thursday of the month, except for November, when it is right after the general meeting and December when it is the Thursday immediately following the Installation Dinner. All members are invited to Board Meetings.

Call to confirm locations.

January 29	Marc Mullaney	(510) 847-2053
February 26	Ruth Bailey	(408) 248-6195
March 25	RK Owen	(408) 377-5373
April 29	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
May 27	Open	
June 24	Open	
July 29	Frank Mullaney	(408) 266-1791
August 26	Open	
September 30	John Bahr	(408) 267-1620
October 28	June Harris	(831) 438-5150
November 23	Follows general meeting	
December 9	John Eichhorn	(408) 749-0523

Mark your  
calendar!  
It's a  
field trip!!!



February 2-6, 2004, a trip to the Wiley Wells District southwest of Blythe, Arizona. Collection opportunities include multiple locations for geodes, psilomelane, and crystal lined amygdules. Contact Marc Mullaney, 510-847-2053 or [mmullaney@ensr.com](mailto:mmullaney@ensr.com) to get the field trip notice.

## News About Members

**John Martin is currently living in Antioch, but hopes to be back in the area soon. Call him at (925) 382-4098.**

## 2004 SHOW NEWS

ERNESTINE SMITH IS LOOKING TOWARD RECEIVING YOUR DONATION TO THE HOURLY DOOR PRIZES. GIVE HER ANY ITEM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WIN YOURSELF. THIS HELPS INTEREST FOLKS THAT COME TO OUR SHOW TO LEARN OF OUR HOBBY AND MAY BE WHAT WILL MOST INTEREST THEM TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION. CALL ERNESTINE TODAY.

## Karchner Caverns: Big Room Opened to Public 11/11

Discovered in 1974 by two amateur cavers from Tucson, Karchner Caverns is a limestone cave system which contains world-class cave formations. The Big Room, at the end of a 1,220 ft. Trail, covers a much larger area than the Throne/Rotunda Rooms combined, but has a more diverse selection of formations. For a virtual tour, go to:

[www.explorethecaverns.com](http://www.explorethecaverns.com). For hours and fees, go to

[www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com).

(from Pegmatite, Dec. 2003 issue)

## Museum of Man

The San Diego Museum of Man exhibit "The Turquoise Path, El Camino Turquoise: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," runs through April 2004.

The exhibit examines the historical, social, cultural and economic implications of the age-old stone. "Most people are unaware that turquoise has been used throughout time in trade, fertility rituals, planting of crops, building, marriage, healing and adornment, and has a significant impact on numerous cultures through history— from Aztecs to the Egyptians," says Javier Guerro, the museum's curator of Southwest collections. "This exhibit takes a close look at turquoise, where it comes from, and how it has been valued by various cultures, with a focus on the American Southwest." says Guerrero.

In addition, the exhibit will examine turquoise jewelry making techniques and display the museum's extensive turquoise collection. Museum is located in Balboa Park. For more info call (619) 239-2001 or visit [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org)

From the San Diego Lapidary Society Shop Notes and News 8/2003 via Lithosphere, 12/03



**Birthstones:**  
Many  
different  
ways to  
choose  
one!  
Which  
way is  
best  
for you?

**Did you know that there are many different ways to choose your birthstone? The standard most Americans use today was adopted in 1912 by the National Association of Jewelers, but before that time and in other areas of the world, many other choices abound. For instance, you may choose your birthstone by the day of the week you were born, or by your zodiac sign. If you are of Jewish heritage, you may choose your birthstone from your ancestral tribe. You may also choose your birthstone by the season in which you were born.**

**For more information on this interesting subject check out the following website or book: [www.ganoksin.com/borisat/nenam/sandra03.htm](http://www.ganoksin.com/borisat/nenam/sandra03.htm) or "There Is More Than One Way To Choose A Birthstone" by Sandra I Smith, 1996**

**Garnets-January's Birthstone**  
by Ted Robles , via The Mountain Gem 12/03  
The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC Inc.

“Garnet” is not a mineral - it is a family of minerals. Mineralogically, they are classed as Nesosilicates, which means that the silicate tetrahedrons are isolated, and the properties of the mineral are largely determined by what else is present. The various garnets range from valuable gemstones to “Leaverites,” and are of many colors; while usually thought of as being “Red,” some of the most valuable are green, rivaling emerald in the beauty (and cost!) The main use for commercial grade garnet is as abrasive; many tons of garnets annually are crushed to produce a durable grade of ‘sandpaper’. Crystallographically, garnets appear as dodecahedrons, trapezohedrons, hexoctahedrons, and massively. One of the problems with garnets is that in forming from the magma as it cooled, they crystallized first, and the rock solidified around them, putting literally tons of pressure on the crystals. As a result, when the crystals weathered out of the rock, they did so in the forms of shards and splinters. Relatively speaking, few large crystals of garnet survived. Chemically, (and for the Rockhound), the family is as follows:

Almandite (Almandine); Iron Aluminum Silicate. Dark red, brownish red to purple. Best specimens from Wrangell Island, Alaska, where the local Boy Scout troop has a monopoly on their collection. They are also to be found in Connecticut, Michigan, and Idaho, where some exhibit asterism (Star Garnets).

Rhodolite; Iron Magnesium Aluminum Silicate. Rose-red to purplish-red. The type locality is Macon County, North Carolina; they can also be found in Africa and India. The unique rose-colored stone characteristic of the Macon County locations is among the most beautiful of garnets.

Pyrope; Magnesium Aluminum Silicate. Deep Red, fiery red to purplish. This is the stone commonly thought of as “garnet”. The type location is Macon County, North Carolina. It is also found in Kentucky, Arkansas, Arizona, and New Mexico, but most of the gem quality stones come from Bohemia and Africa.

Spessartite; Manganese, Aluminum Silicate. Orange, red, orange to deep purple. Where it occurs, it is frequently large enough to cut into interesting gems. Gem quality material is to be found near

Amelia, Virginia and Garnet Hill, Near Ely Nevada; it is also to be found in Brazil and Madagascar.

Grossularite; Calcium Aluminum Silicate; When it is transparent, it can be a valuable gem. The variety “Tsavorite” rivals Emerald in beauty and price, and excels it in durability. It is a much sought-after gemstone, and is mostly found in Africa. Massively, grossularite varies from translucent to opaque, much of the latter being found on the northern California and southern Oregon coasts. It also frequently occurs as microcrystalline crust on limestone and amphiboles.

Andradites; Calcium Iron Silicate. Ranges from yellow-green to black. The transparent variety is a gemstone of some interest; the black is — black. There is a fine example of the latter is our museum. It is found from California to Pennsylvania, from Italy to Russia, and from India to Brazil.

Uvarovite; Calcium Chromium Silicate. When large enough to cut, it is an attractive gemstone; nevertheless it is probably (because of its rarity) more valuable as a museum specimen. It is found in Quebec, Oregon, California, and Russia, but usually as druses. The largest crystals, but of less than gem quality, are found in Finland.

Kimseyite; Calcium Zirconium Titanium Magnesium Iron Niobium Aluminum Silicate. This is a ‘curiosity’; found only in one locale in Arkansas, it rivals Tourmaline as the ‘garbage gem’. It is a dim brown. Scarcely a gemstone, it is notable mostly because of its complex composition. It is a garnet because it looks like one, Crystallizing in trapezohedron-modified dodecahedrons. It is interesting mainly because of its rarity.

But even though January may not be your birth month, garnets are attractive gems, probably less valued than their beauty calls for because of the relative abundance. If you own a handsome piece of garnet jewelry, wear it; it is no less a gem because it is more abundant than ruby it may superficially resemble. So, don’t apologize—”It’s only garnet,” rather, announce it! “It’s Rhodolite!” Or “It’s Spessartite!” Garnets are gems, and should be worn with pride, even if you weren’t born in January.



# SCVGMS Calendar of Activities

As of December 31, 2003, All meetings subject to change without notice, call for verification.

January 6– Facet Cutter meeting at Gerry Mosley’s 5523 Oak Park Dr., San Jose 95129 call Bill Norton for time and more information (408) 356-8254.

January 13– Beaders Meeting call Mary Lu Ferrara (408) 246-6251 or Pat Speece (408) 266-4327 for time, place, and project information.

January 13 - Cutaways Meeting call Ruth Bailey (408) 248-6195 for meeting time, place, and project information.

January 20– Mineraleers Meeting at Chuck Boblenz. Call to RSVP and for time and address information (408) 734-2473

January 21 Carvers meeting call Herb Vogel (408) 247-1018 for information on time, place and project information.

January 27– General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

January 29– Board Meeting at Marc Mullaney’s home, 1685 Cross Way, San Jose, 95125 (510) 847-2035 7:30 PM

February 2-6– Field trip to the Wiley Wells District of South west Blythe, Arizona. Contact Marc Mullaney for more info, (510) 847-2053 or mmullaney@ensr.com

February 3– Facet Cutter Meeting Time, place and project TBD call Bill Norton (408) 356-8254

February 10 Beader’s Meeting, time, place and project TBD call Mary Lu Ferrara (408) 246-6251 or Pat Speece (408) 266-4327

February 10 Cutaways Meeting Ruth Bailey (408) 248-6195 for

meeting time, place, and project information.

February 17– Mineraleers Meeting Call Chuck Boblenz to RSVP and for time, place, and project information (408) 734-2473

February 18– Carvers Meeting Time, place and Project TBD call Herb Vogel (408) 247-1018

February 24\_ General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

February 26– Board Meeting at Ruth Bailey’s at 7:30 2857 Addison Place, Santa Clara (408) 248-6195

March 23- General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

March 25– Board Meeting at RK Owen’s at 7:30, 5171 Leigh Ave. San Jose, 95124 (408) 377-5373

April 3-4 Club Show at Santa Clara County Fairground, 344 Tully Road, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

April 27- General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

April 29– Board Meeting at Chuck Boblenz at 7:30 PM, 655 Santa Coleta Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408) 734-2473

May 25- General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

May 27– Board Meeting 7:30PM Place TBD

June 22 General Meeting and Silent Auction at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

June 24 Board Meeting 7:30PM Place TBD

July 27 General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

July 29 Board Meeting at Frank Mullaney’s Home at 7:30 PM , 5705 Begonia Dr. San Jose 95124 (408) 266-1791

August 24 General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

August 26 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Place TBD

September 28 General Meeting at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

September 30– Board Meeting at John Bahr’s at 7:30 pm , 4991 Corbin Ave, San Jose, 95118 (408) 267-1620

October 26- General Meeting (Nominating Committee elected) at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM

October 28 Board meeting at June Harris’ at 7:30 107 Dell Way Scotts Valley 95066 (831) 438-5150

November 23 General Meeting, Election of Officers, and Silent Auction at the Cabana Club (100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos) 7:45PM Board meeting immediately following general meeting.

December 7– Installation Dinner at Echo Restaurant. More info to follow

December 9 Board Meeting at John Eichhorns at 7:30 PM (408) 749-0523

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Installation Dinner: Kathy McChristian  
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Show 2005: OPEN  
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Sunshine: OPEN  
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