

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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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 of Blossom Hill Road between Leigh Avenue and Harwood Road.

Our next general meeting will be on September 26, 2006 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on September 28, 2006 at Frank Monez's home, 407 Bluefield Drive, San Jose, CA 95136 at 7:30 PM.

Our Society's Purpose: The inculcation of a love of rocks and minerals by the furtherance of members' 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.

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

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published monthly. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris, who may be contacted via email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Linda Spencer. Ruth Bailey and Bill Norton handle all aspects of mailing. Exchange Bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

For information on a study group, please call the leader(s) listed below

Cutaways	John Eichhorn	(408) 749-0523
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Fossileers	Gail Mathews	(650) 962-9960
Juniors	Mark Wartenberg	(650) 568-6114
Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Kelly Van Vleck & Pat Speece	(408) 262-8187 (408) 266-4327
Stringers	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327

John's Note

September is here, and we need to start thinking about next year's officers and committees. This month a nominating committee needs to be formed for the upcoming elections. As club members, everyone can participate to spread the work and organization load, so please join in when you are called to help. Volunteering to help on a committee or taking on a club job, makes for an enjoyable membership for everyone, instead of small groups being overburdened with performing all the club functions.

Our annual club show is our main fund raiser and public awareness event. We need to apply the same dedication to volunteering for show jobs. This means committing to a weekend of all day participation in show activities, not to mention the show set up and tear down. Your help is what makes this a success!

On a lighter note, four club members went on the Spider Mine field trip. This is a claim owned by the San Francisco club in the mountains west of Redding. All the collecting is in the open, on a beautiful mountainside out in the middle of nowhere. We all got our limit, thanks to good luck in picking the right boulder. Randy Harris and I dismantled a rock which resulted in more than four hundred pounds of rhodonite. Along with this, quartz and marble pieces were collected for the kid's area at our show. Keep an eye out for upcoming field trips! Thank you,
John Eichhorn

What's New with the www.scvgms.org Website?

By RK Owen

The 2007 show flyer has been added, and on the page where it's displayed there is a "count down" clock showing the number of days until the show opening at 10:00 am April 14, 2007! You have the choice of Yahoo! Maps or Google Maps to find the location of the show (and the way to the club meetings, too).

The "button" bar on the left of the page has been simplified, with fewer links. The information page, picture gallery, and the forms and documents area can be found under the "info & pix" link.

A site map has been added to make it easier to find some of those "hard to find" pages. Just click on the sitemap link to the left, to show an overview of the entire website and easy access to some of the pages which are "buried" somewhere in the site. For example, the new "Donations" page is easily available from the sitemap, or you can navigate to it from the "about" page.

Visit the website and see the changes for yourself.

**Important Notice:
Dues are overdue!!!
Please send your check
for \$10.00 per adult
member and \$3.00 per
junior member to:
SCVGMS Treasurer,
Frank Mullaney
5705 Begonia Drive
San Jose, CA 95124**

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

MINERALEERS BY CHUCK BOBLENZ



The Mineraleers will be meeting on Sept. 11 at the home of Chuck and Jeri Boblenz at 7:30 PM. The subject of their meeting will be Mercury, Cinnabar, and Myrickite. Please call Chuck to RSVP and for driving directions (408) 734-2473.



Faceters

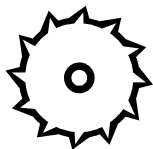
Bill Norton will be having a Faceter's meeting at his home, 276 BelBlossom Way, Los Gatos, CA 95032 on September 5 at 7:30 PM. Call Bill for more information, (408) 356-8254.

Fossileers By Gail Matthews



So far this year we have done 2 walk-arounds viewing fossil displays and dealers at the shows. I have also provided info on several petrified wood and fossil talks in the area.

While showing fossils at the last demo day, I met an enthusiastic local rockhound with fossils in her back yard. No promises yet, but I am trying to set up a trip for Saturday afternoon on September 23 to collect fossil shells of the Brione Sandstone. If interested, please contact Gail Matthews (650) 962-9960 or (714) 403-4104. Also, please let me know if you have some other ideas for the fossil group.



Cutaways

The Cutaways will not be meeting in September. Shoup Park is currently under construction. If you have interest in the group or have another facility for the Cutaways to use, please call John Eichhorn, (408) 749-0523.

Special report for Stringers and Smithies By Kelly Van Vleck and Pat Speece

The chief stringers and the chief smithies have planned a new schedule for next year. We think it is better, and hope you do, too. In the past, the Smithies have met on Mondays and Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks, when possible, and the Stringers have met on the second and the fourth Wednesdays for many months.

In the future, the Stringers and Smithies will change their meeting days to Tuesdays and Thursdays. If the Smithies are meeting during month "A", the Stringers will not, and vice versa. In other words, the month will either be a Stringer month or a Smithie month. For the fourth Tuesday and Thursday (club general meeting and club board meeting), the Stringers or Smithies will push their classes to the following week.

In early 2007, the Stringers will hold a class (dates not yet available). Classes will be from 7 pm - 9 pm instead of 7 pm - 10 pm. In early 2007, the Smithies will hold a Beginners class (dates not yet available), from 7 pm - 10 pm as usual. Both Smithies and Stringers will have a four-week run, meeting twice per week.

Both the Stringers and the Smithies will receive a certificate of completion upon satisfactory completion of assigned projects. The certificate will allow the holder to take the class at the next level up.

The Stringers will meet for the last time for the current session on August 23, 2006. The Smithies will hold another Intermediate class in October, 2006. This class is full. We are having a good time and look forward to many more rewarding classes and good times for all.

Member Displays By Kelly Van Vleck

No report submitted. Charles and Linda Spencer, Keesa Stewart, Dee Stolpe, John and Eva Surrell, Matt Surrell, Lynn Toschi, Johan Van Ommerren, Kelly Van Vleck, and Herb and Rosalies Vogel are on September's list for Member Displays. You are encouraged to bring anything rock-related to share with our club. Our September meeting's program is on the Gem and Mineral collection at the Smithsonian Museum. Bring your favorite gemstone or mineral specimen to share.

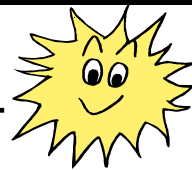
Study Group Demo Day #3 Report

We had our third Study Group Weekend on August 12, 2006. We had a total of about 27 people sign in and come to learn about various Study Groups.

We had representatives from the Cut-aways with JT Fuller doing cabochons and Frank Mullaney cutting and polishing geodes. John Eichhorn was demonstrating faceting; Marc Mullaney was demonstrating stringing/beading and silversmithing. The Mineraleers were represented by Chuck Boblenz, and Fossileers were represented by Gail Matthews. I want to thank each and every one of you for coming and/or demonstrating.

**Rock Sale
September 30
9 AM - Noon
at the home of
Pat Speece.
Lots of great
bargains.**

SUNSHINE BY ERNESTINE SMITH



Our long-time active member, Jim Robertson, is ill. He is bedridden, living at his daughter's, and not likely to return to the Club meetings. Anyone who would like a short visit with him can phone Ernestine, or Jim's home and talk to his son, to get his daughter's phone number and arrange a good time to visit.

Gene Speece, the brother of Damon Speece (brother-in-law of Pat Speece) died on August 11, in a tragic fishing accident in Alaska. He was an excellent fisherman, but he and other relatives were swept into the water when swells capsized their boat. He was trapped under the hull of the overturned skiff. He was rescued, but died on the way to the hospital from hypothermia.

If you have information concerning any member who is ill, hospitalized, or has had a death in the family, please contact our sunshine person, Ernestine Smith, (408) 395-5035.

Upcoming September Program

The September 26 club program will be a video, "Gemstones of America". If you missed the program at the CFMS Calaveras Show or would like to see more of the Gem and Mineral Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, here is your chance.

The 60-minute VHS describes rare and exotic gemstones. Learn how the Earth's fascinating crystals are formed and why they are so rare. Visit the richest mines in the U.S. and learn how gems are mined and crafted into spectacular jewelry.

New members should especially enjoy this program, and long-time club members who may have seen this program in the past will again be dazzled by the beauty that surrounds us in nature.

SCVGMS Calendar



September 11 Mineraleers meeting at Chuck Boblenz' home (408) 734-2473

September 23 Fossil Field Trip, more information under field trips or Fossileer's Report.

September 26 Regular business meeting

September 28 Board meeting at Lynn Toschi's home (408) 353-3323

October 21 Club field trip to Clear Creek. Contact Marc Mullaney to make reservations to attend.

October 24 Regular business meeting

October 26 Board meeting at Frank Monez's home (408) 578-7067

November 22-26 Jade Cove Field Trip Contact Marc Mullaney to make reservations to attend.

November 28 Regular business meeting, election of officers, and Silent Auction at 7:45 pm

November 30 Board meeting at John Eichhorn's home (408) 749-0523

December 5 Installation Dinner at the Three Flames Restaurant. Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

December 7 Combined Board Meeting at Pat Speece's home (408) 266-4327

Quick State Gemstone Quiz

via Diablo Diggin's, 9/05; via Rollin Rock, 6/05

Match the State with its official State Gemstone. Answers on page 14.

Arkansas	Sunstone
Colorado	Moonstone
Florida	Diamond
Hawaii	Ruby
Massachusetts	Topaz
New Mexico	Flint
Ohio	Rhodonite
Oregon	Rhodochrosite
Utah	Jade
Wisconsin	Turquoise
Wyoming	Black Coral

August Program Reviewed

By Bill Gissler

More, perhaps, than you ever wanted to know about GOLD was the theme of the August club meeting program. Bill Gissler introduced the program by reference to the articles about GOLD in the August Breccia and a handout identifying the many uses of GOLD in industry, a glossary of GOLD terms, and GOLD as an investment.

Chuck Boblenz then continued the program with a CFMS slide presentation which described the characteristics of GOLD and the three major historic U.S. prospecting areas in Georgia, California, and Alaska.

Frank Monez then joined Bill and Chuck in displaying some of their GOLD prospecting equipment, maps, and books.

Upcoming Field Trip Opportunities

Contact John Eichhorn (408) 749-0523 for information about the below field trips. John will make the appropriate introductions for you to be able to attend.

Sept 2-4 Cedarville CA for petrified wood, fossil leaves, agate, and obsidian

Sept 8-10 Black Rock Desert for geodes, Christmas Jasper, Black Rock Agate, petrified wood, and fossil leaves.

Sept 23 San Jose CA from 11 AM to 1 PM for fossil shells. Call Gail Matthews, (650) 962-9960, for more information regarding meeting location and to sign up for this trip. Limited number of spaces available.

Oct 2-6 Petrified Forest National Park AZ

Oct 7 Soapstone Ridge CA for soapstone

Oct 14-15 Searles Lake, Trona, CA for halite, hanksite, and other minerals

Oct 21 Clear Creek for jade, plasma agate, and marcasite, Call Marc Mullaney for more information (408) 691-1584. Reservations are require to attend this trip, be sure to call Marc.

Thanksgiving Weekend, Nov 22-26 Jade Cove for gold, jade, agate, and jasper. Call Marc Mullaney for more information, see above phone number.

Show Meeting Report

By Marc Mullaney

The show meeting was called to order by Show Chairman, Marc Mullaney, at the home of June and Randy Harris. In attendance were Marc Mullaney, Frank Mullaney, June and Randy Harris, and John Eichhorn.

June Harris, the Children's Area Coordinator, led us on a detailed discussion regarding the layout and advertising. The Children's area will have approximately 9 stations for kids of all ages to come and learn about earth sciences including volcanoes, rocks and minerals, soils, and lots more. The area is specifically geared for Brownie and Junior levels of Girl Scouts and all levels of Cub Scouts. The Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge is under revision, and we will not have time to incorporate any possible changes for this Show. Cost for each child participating will be \$1.50 to cover the cost of printing worksheets and the patch each participant will receive.

Dealer Chairman Randy Harris reported that we already have 8 signed contracts for the Show. Our dealer layout will largely stay the same as last year except that we will move the Club area to the back and all the dealers will be moved to the front section of the building. In this year's contract we have also asked if the dealers will be participating in the Lucky Dip (11 donations so far), door prizes (9 donations), and our radio advertising give-aways (7 donations). The dealers were also asked to write their ads that we announce during the show.

We will also be trying a new advertising program at the show. The Show Program will have one page with all of the dealer spaces listed. In each space, if the attendee talks to the dealer and gets a stamp in the program, the attendee will re-

ceive a prize (while supplies last). Also, if the attendee has \$75 in receipts, they will receive a prize (also while supplies last). Action Items: Marc and Frank will assist June with calling the Scouts and School District Offices with advertising for the kid's area. Frank and Marc will also assist Randy with contacting all of last year's dealers to see which ones plan on returning.

Additionally, the George Mundywyler's estate has donated several jars of raw opal for the Lucky Dip.

Committee positions which have been filled:

- Dealer Chair – Randy Harris
- Decorations – Jane Yamashita
- Demonstrating Chair – John Eichhorn
- Exhibitors - Bill Gissler
- Speakers - Bill Gissler
- Judging – Ruth Bailey
- Kids Area – June Harris
- Layout - Herb Vogel
- Lucky Dip – Kelly Van Vleck
- Mementos - Frank Mullaney
- Publicity Coordinator – Adam Yamashita
- Scholarship Booth –
Mark and Debbie Wartenberg
- Setup – Max Casey
- Tickets – Julaine Mullaney
- Trailers – Herb Vogel
- Trophies – Frank Mullaney

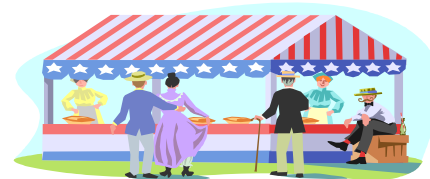
Committee position which need to be filled:

- Door Prizes
- Hospitality
- Security
- Signs
- Publicity committee members

If you can help out with any of these positions, please contact me at (408) 691-1584. Thanks!!

CFMS Show Schedule

Changes to this calendar are printed in italics. For the latest version of the CFMS Show Schedule go to www.cfmsinc.org



September 1-4 2006, Fort Bragg, CA Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society Town Hall, Main & Laurel Hours: Fri - Sun. 10 - 6; Mon. 10 - 4 Don McDonell (707) 964-3116

September 16-17 2006, Paso Robles, CA Santa Lucia Rockhounds Pioneer Park and Museum 2010 Riverside Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 both days Joyce Baird (805) 462-9544 Email: liloysee@charter.net

September 16-17 2006, Redwood City, CA Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society Comm. Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Ave Hours: 10 - 5 both days Show Website: www.freewebs.com/seqgmsociety/index.htm Carol Corden (650) 248-7155/ ccorden@earthlink.net

September 22, 23, 24 2006, San Bernardino, CA Orange Belt Mineralogical Society 6th Annual Rock, Gem, & Jewelry Tailgate Ball Park 6707 Little League Drive in San Bernardino Hours: Fri./Sat. 9 - 6; Sun. 9 - 4 Mike Woolery (909) 882-6806 Al Carrell (951) 961-5988

September 23 2006, Los Altos, CA Peninsula Gem & Geology Society Recreation with Rocks Rancho Shopping Center Foothill Expressway & Springer Road Hours: Sat. 9:30 - 4:45 Jennifer House (408) 243-7025

September 23-24 2006, Carmel, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds Road Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Sky Paston (831) 755-7741 Email: sky@familystones.net Website: www.cvgms.org

September 23-24 2006, Downey, CA Delvers Gem & Mineral Society Woman's Club of Downey 9813 Paramount Blvd Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4 Teresa Widdison (562) 867-1521 Email: twiddison72@aol.com

September 23-24 2006, San Diego, CA San Diego Lapidary Society Bernado Winery 13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte Rancho Bernardo Hours: 10 - 4 both days Kim Hutsell; (619) 294-3914 Website: www.sandiegolapidarysociety.org

October 1 2006, Falbrook, CA Falbrook Gem & Mineral Society 123 W. Alva (FGMS Headquarters) Hours: 10 - 4 Club Web Site: www.fgms.org There is a map on web site Janice Bricker (760) 728-1333

October 7-8 2006, Lakeside, CA El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society Lakeside Rodeo Grounds 12584 Mapleview Hours: 10 - 5 both days David Newton (619) 390-5054

October 14 2006, West Hills, CA Woodland Hills Rock Chippers Eighth Annual Gem & Mineral Show 22700 Sherman Way Hours: 10 - 5 Virginia Rotramel (818) 790-7598 Email show@rockchippers.org

October 14-15 2006, Grass Valley, CA Nevada County Gem & Mineral Earth's Treasures Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Road Hours: 10 - 4 both days Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

October 14-15 2006, Trona, CA Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society "Gem-o-Rama" Searles Lake Gem & Mineral 13337 Main Street Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4 Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356 Email jbfairchild@verizon.net

October 21-22 2006, Anderson, CA Shasta Gem & Mineral Society Shasta District Fairgrounds Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4 Alex Stoltz (530) 474-4400

October 21-22 2006, Whittier, CA Whittier Gem & Mineral Society Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue Hours: 10 - 5 both days Jay Valle (626) 934-9764 Email res19pnb@verizon.net

October 27-28 2006, Northridge, CA Del Air Rockhounds Gemboree United Methodist Church 9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.) Hours: Friday 3 pm - 9:30 pm; Sat. 10 - 5 Bim Wendler (818) 993-0119 Email: del_air_rockhounds@yahoo.com

October 28-29 2006, Stockton, CA Stockton Lapidary & Mineral San Joaquin County Fairgrounds 1658 Airport Way Hours: 10 - 5 Jim Dunlap (209) 478-0747 Show Website: www.Stocktonlapidary.com

October 28-29 2006, Vista, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society 1200 Vale Terrace Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Mary Anne Mital (760) 758-4599

November 4-5 2006, Concord, CA Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society Centre Concord; 5298 Clayton Road Hours: 10 - 5 each day Bill

McKay (925) 439-8195 Email: williammckay@hotmail.com

November 4-5 2006, Lancaster, CA Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club "Rock n Gem Roundup" Antelope Valley Fairgrounds 2551 West Avenue H Hours: 9 - 5 both days Susan Walblom (661) 943-1861 Rodney Shillings (661) 400-5198 Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com Website: pgmc@antelecom.net

November 4-5 2006, Ridgecrest, CA Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society Desert Empire Fairgrounds Call (760) 375-8000 for RV parking 520 S. Richmond Road Hours: 9 - 5 both days John De Rosa (760) 375-7905

November 4-5 2006, San Diego, CA San Diego Mineral & Gem Society Al Bahr Shrine Center (behind Hampton Inn) 5440 Kearny Mesa Road Hours: Sat. 9:30 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Wayne Moorhead (858) 586-1637

November 10-12 2006, Sacramento, CA Sacramento Mineral Society 64th. Annual "Harvest of Gems" Scottish Rite Center 6151 H Street Hours: Fri. 9 - 5; Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4 Sheldon Shuper (916) 383-9153 Email: jfosback@aol.com

November 11-12 2006, Yuba City, CA Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall) 442 Franklin Avenue Hours: 9 - 4 both days Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

November 18-19 2006, Livermore, CA Livermore Valley Lithophiles The Barn; 3131 Pacific Avenue Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 Joyce & Dick Friesen (925) 447-8223 Email: friesenjoyce@ixinet.com

November 18-19 2006, Oxnard, CA Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9-4 Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450 Show website:www.ogms.net

November 18-19 2006, Victorville, CA Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club San Bernardino County Fairgrounds 14800 7th Street Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 9 - 4 Jo Ann McPurdy (760) 217-2628 Website: www.gbeal5084@aol.com

November 25-26 2006, Barstow, CA Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society Barstow Community Center 841 Barstow Road Hours: 10 - 5 both days Gene Haines (760) 256-0595

December 2-3 2006, Orangevale, CA American River Gem & Mineral Society Orangevale Grange 5805 Walnut Avenue (near Madison Avenue) Hours: 10 - 5 both days Evelyn Tipton (916) 372-3452 Email ektipton@charter.net

2007 Shows

January 20-21 2007, Exeter, CA Tule Gem & Mineral Society Exeter Veteran's Memorial Bldg. Hwy 65 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Steve Hayward (559) 734-3843 Email: smhay734@aol.com

March 3-4 2007, Ventura, CA Ventura Gem & Mineral Society The Ventura Gem Show: Gems; Minerals, Lapidary Arts, & Fossils Seaside Park- Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Ed Clark (805) 983-0028 Email: clarkoe@adelphia.net

March 10-11 2007, Turlock, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society Stanislaus County Fairgrounds Hours: 10 - 5 Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494 Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com

April 14-15, 2007, San Jose, CA Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 10-5 both days, Marc Mullaney (408) 691-1584 Club Website: www.scvgms.org Email: info@scvgms.org

June 15-17 2007, Lancaster, CA Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Hours: 9-5 Daily Email: pgmc@antelecom.net

Time and Talent Sharing

Each year we have elections. To do that, we have three people from the Board and general membership put together a slate of proposed officers. To get this slate, the nominating committee must ask other members to run for offices.

If they know ahead of time who would be willing to run for a particular (or any) office, AND who wouldn't or couldn't accept any position for the following year, their job is made much simpler. Please call John Eichhorn for further information (408) 749-0523. Please note that many positions can be filled by members with little to no experience, and mentoring is available to anyone who would like to take on a position but is unsure as to how to do the job.

Please fill out this sheet to indicate what offices you are willing to fill, turn it in at the next general meeting, or mail it to John Eichhorn, 703 San Conrado Terrace, Apt. 4, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. If you live out of state, you don't need to do this.

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Board of Directors and Positions

(elected by the membership)

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Editor
- Federation Director
- Alternate Fed. Director
- Board Member (need 5)
- Parliamentarian (non-voting)
- Historian (non-voting)

Unable to accept a board position at this time.

Other ways to contribute:

- Be a greeter at meetings
- Give a program to adults or juniors
- Write Articles for the Breccia
- Give a demonstration at the show
- Lead a study group
- Help on a committee(s) (Please name committee(s) below)

Committee Chairpersons

(selected by the President)

Co-chairpersons are welcome.

- Donation Receiving Committee
- Field Trips
- Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- Founder's Day Picnic
- Hospitality
- Juniors
- Installation Dinner
- Librarian
- Programs
- Member Displays
- Public Lands Access (PLAC)
- Refreshments
- Sergeant at Arms
- Secret Auction
- Silent Auction
- Social Activities
- Sunshine
- Show Chair (2007)
- Vice Custodian (Trailers)
- Trophy Chair
- Unable to accept a committee chair position at this time

BE SAFE—BE WELL

By Don Monroe, AFMS Safety Chair

Jewelry making can be a most enjoyable hobby, but there are certain hazards which must be avoided, and can be, by following a few simple rules.

1. Don't polish a wire or chain on a rotary tool without nailing the wire or chain to a board. This might wrap around the arbor and pull your hand with it.
2. Don't set fire to your clothing with the torch. Fuzzy sweaters are dangerous.
3. Don't drop the torch or fail to turn it off. An explosion might follow.
4. Don't pour water into acid when making pickle; pour acid into water.
5. Don't turn over the pickle pot or the boil pot. Keep handles to the rear.
6. Don't put a large piece of very hot metal in pickle. It might splash.
7. Don't pick up the charcoal block or hot metal until you know it's cool.
8. Don't hold a piece being drilled with your hand; the drill might slip or break or the piece might spin when the drill breaks through. Use pliers.
9. Don't put your fingers inside any item being polished, for example, a belt buckle, ring bracelet, etc. Hold the work being polished between finger-tips and thumb.
10. Don't wear rubber gloves or fingerstalls when polishing. These might wrap around the arbor.
11. Don't work without some protection for the eyes such as plastic goggles or a magnifying eye piece, particularly when using a rotating wire brush.
12. Don't let your tie or hair get caught by the rotating arbor. This could be fatal.
13. Don't get into contact with electricity or belts. Don't work on a wet or damp floor.
14. Don't fail to report any apparent hazard immediately.
15. We repeat: "Work safely. You can't get by on luck." Just fail to observe these rules, and you will find your situation comparable to that of the fellow whose wife had the stone-cutter carve on his tombstone, "I told you to go to the doctor."

via CFMS Newsletter, August, 2006; via
AFMS Newsletter, April, 2006

Serpentine: California State Rock

From the California Geologic Survey.
via Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society; via
MOROKS Monrovia Rockhounds Newsletter, August
2006; via Rockhound Rambling, August, 2006

Serpentine rock is apple-green to black and is often mottled with light and dark colored areas. Its surfaces often have a shiny or wax-like appearance and a slightly soapy feel. Serpentine is usually fine-grained and compact, but may be granular, platy, or fibrous in appearance. The term "serpentine" is commonly used by the general public to refer to the rock type that geologists call "serpentinite". Serpentine occurs in central and northern California -- in the Coast Ranges, the Klamath Mountains, and in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Serpentine rock is primarily composed of one or more of the three magnesium silicate minerals, "lizardite," "chrysolite," and "antigorite." Chrysolite often occurs as fibrous veinlets in serpentine. Chrysolite in fibrous form is the most common type of asbestos. Asbestos is a term applied to a group of silicate minerals that readily separates into thin, strong, and flexible fibers that are heat resistant. Lizardite and antigorite do not form asbestos fibers and instead are plate-like in form. Because serpentine often contains some asbestos, and exposure to asbestos fibers have potential human health consequences, the Air Resources Board adopted regulations in 1990 restricting the use of this rock type as an unpaved road surfacing material. Further information on restrictions for serpentine use in California can be obtained by contacting Air Resources Board at (916) 322-8285, or the local Air Pollution Control District Offices. See our asbestos page for information about asbestos in El Dorado County, a brochure that describes the issue, and related web links.

Serpentine is considered by geoscientists to be the metamorphosed remains of magnesium-rich igneous rocks, most commonly the rock peridotite, from the earth's mantle. The mantle is a thick layer of rock just below the earth's crust. One theory for serpentine formation and occurrence currently in favor with many geoscientists is that peridotite underlying rocks have been metamorphosed to serpentine in subduction zones that existed at various times in California's past. A subduction zone is an area where ocean crust rocks run into and slide underneath the edge of a continent. Because serpentine has a much lower density than peridotite, it rose toward the surface along major regional thrust faults associated with the subduction zones.

Arizona Rockhound and Tourist Information

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The department receives numerous requests for information on visiting Arizona's mines and mineral collecting sites. The following is a brief compilation listing sites for mine tours, mine overviews, gold panning areas, mineral museums, and a few of the publications on mineral collecting.

We encourage you to visit the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum. After viewing the excellent mineral collection, the Museum's reference materials may be used to obtain further information on mineral collecting in Arizona. Field trip guides to some of the State's many collecting areas may be reviewed or photocopied. Information on mines and mining may also be obtained from the Department's staff and library. You may also want to join a rock and gem earth science club in Arizona or visit an Arizona mineral show .

Rockhounding on BLM Land

Rockhounding in Arizona, a brochure produced by the Bureau of Land Management, summarizes the regulations for rockhounding on public lands. Briefly the regulations state that: "You (may) collect reasonable amounts of specimens. In Arizona, BLM sets the 'reasonable' limits for personal use as up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, with a total limit of 250 pounds per year." This brochure is available from any BLM office in Arizona, including the Arizona State Office at 1 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Phone: 602-417-9200. The BLM's rockhound page offers information on some specific areas including the Burro Creek Campground area northeast of Wickenburg, the Black Hills Rockhound area northeast of Safford and the Round Mountain area located southeast of Safford.

Operating Mine Tours

Bagdad Mine - A major open pit copper/molybdenum mine operated by Phelps Dodge. The Bagdad mine is 2 hours northwest of Phoenix. Free tours by appointment only. Phone: 928-633-3490.

Mission Mine and Mineral Discovery Center - Asarco, a subsidiary of Grupo Mexico, operates a free mineral discovery center that includes outdoor exhibits of mining equipment and offers one-hour mine tours of its Mission copper mine. Adults - \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Children - \$4.00. Group tour rates available. Located 15 miles south of Tucson on I-19 at Pima Mine Road (map to Mission). Phone: 520-625-7513, Tour reservations: 520-625-8233.

Morenci Mine - Two and one half hour bus tour of one of the largest open pit mines in the world! Tours are offered Fridays and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Admission fee charged. For Morenci tour information, call toll free: 877-646-8687.

Operating Mine Overlooks

Morenci Mine - Located in eastern Arizona about an hour drive northeast of Safford on the scenic Coronado Trail, this site provides a spectacular view of Arizona's largest mining operation - the Phelps Dodge Morenci mine. The Morenci mine, the largest copper mine in the US, produces over 750 million pounds of copper a year and has moved over 1,000,000 tons in a day! The overlook is about 5 miles north of the town of Morenci on Highway 191.

Ray Mine - Approximately 85 miles east of Phoenix is the Asarco-owned Ray mine, a major copper producer. Mining operations and equipment may be viewed here daily from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm or until dusk. The overlook is located approximately 12 miles south of Superior on Highway 177.

Historic Mines

Aguila - Robson's Mining World. An old-time gold mining town offers an impressive collection of antique mining equipment, gold panning, bed and breakfast, and restaurant. Mon. - Fri. 10 am - 4 pm, Sat. and Sun. 8am - 6 pm, Seasonal Oct. 1 - May 1. Six miles north of Aguila on Highway 71. Phone: 928-685-2609.

Bisbee - Tours are available of the famous underground Copper Queen Mine located at the colorful, historic mining town of Bisbee. The Lavender Pit, a large open pit copper mine may also be visited. Open 7 days a week. One-hour tours begin at 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 2:00, and 3:30. Admission fee charged. Phone: 520-432-2071.

Oatman - Gold Road. Located in Arizona's richest gold district, San Francisco, has produced over 2 million ounces since 1870. During the 1990's the Gold Road mine produced nearly 100,000 ounces of gold. Closed since 1998, it now offers 4 levels of tours. Located on Route 66 two and a half miles east of Oatman. Phone: 928-768-1600.

Wickenburg - Vulture Mine. The mine was discovered in 1863 by Henry Wickenburg. Take US 60 from Wickenburg about 3 miles to the west. Turn left on Vulture Mine Road at the Safeway shopping center and continue south on the paved road for about 12 miles. Call for current information about tour times. Phone: 602-859-2743.

Gold Panning

Lake Pleasant Park - Gold panning is allowed in the park, but not metal detecting or rockhounding. There is a nominal entrance fee. Twenty miles northwest of Phoenix on Castle Hot Springs Road.

Lynx Lake Area - This area has been set aside for recreational gold panning. Gold pans and hand tools may be used, but not mechanized equipment. No permit is required. From Highway 69 four miles east of Prescott, turn

south on the Walker road (FS 197). The Lynx Lake turn off is approximately 3 miles on the left.

Mineral and Mining Museums

Apache Junction - Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum - Includes exhibits on the geology of the area, military history, mining artifacts from the town of Goldfield, and, of course, an exhibit on Jacob Waltz and the Lost Dutchman Mine. Admission fee. Open Daily 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Located at Goldfield Ghost town, 4 miles northeast of Apache Junction on the Apache Trail (State Route 88). Phone: 480-983-8888.

Bisbee - Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum - Displays on mining and life in this mining town at the turn of the century. Admission fee. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily. 5 Copper Queen Plaza, Bisbee, AZ 85603. Phone: 520-432-7071

Flagstaff - Museum of Northern Arizona - A museum of the history and culture of the Colorado Plateau, displays include geologic models, fossils, and mineral specimens. Admission fee. Located three miles north of Flagstaff on U.S. Highway 180, Open daily 9 am - 5 pm, except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Phone: 928-774-5213

Phoenix - Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum - Over 3,000 minerals on exhibit; highlighting the collection are the colorful minerals from Arizona's copper mines. Exhibits on the lapidary arts featuring gemstones, carved semi-precious bowls and spheres, well-known Arizona specimen localities, and fluorescent minerals. Open weekdays from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturdays from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, closed Sundays and State holidays. Admission fee: \$2.00 for adults, children free. Located at 1502 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Phone: 602-255-3795 x 10.

Tempe - Robert S. Dietz Museum of Geology - Arizona State University - Includes mineral displays as well as vertebrate fossils, a Foucault pendulum, and a working seismograph. Free admission. Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Located in ASU's Physical Sciences Complex, F-Wing. Phone: 480-965-7065

Tucson - Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum - This world-renown zoo and botanical garden also features a faux limestone cave, an exceptional collection of regional minerals, fossils, and geology exhibits. Admission fee. March - September: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. October - February: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. June-September open until 10:00 pm on Saturday nights. Located west of Tucson on 2021 N. Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743-8918. Phone: 520-883-1380

Tucson - Asarco Mineral Discovery Center - Exhibits illustrate the deposition, extraction, and uses of copper. Hands-on exhibits, video theater, cactus garden, picnic area. Free admission. 15 mi. south of Tucson on I-19 at Pima Mine Road. Phone: 520-625-7513
Tucson - University of Arizona Mineral Museum - Over 1900 minerals on display as well as an additional

6,000+ micro mount specimens. Admission fee. Monday – Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. [through August 2006, due to the renovation of the Science Center, hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. by appointment only.] Located on the north east corner of University Boulevard and Cherry Avenue, on the University of Arizona campus in the Flandrau Science Center. Phone: 520-621-4227

Suggested Reading

Gem Trails of Arizona by James Mitchell, Gem Guides Book Co., Baldwin Park, CA, 1995.

Geology of Arizona, 2nd edition by Nations and Stump. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, IA, 1992.

Gold Panning in Arizona by Diane Bain, Arizona Dept. of Mines and Mineral Resources, Phoenix, AZ, 1990.

Mineralogy of Arizona, 3rd edition by Anthony, Williams, Bideaux, & Grant, University of Arizona Press, Tucson, AZ, 1995.

Minerals of Arizona by Neil Bearce, Geoscience Press, Tucson, AZ, 1999.

Placer Gold Deposits of Arizona by Maureen Johnson. The US Geological Survey's Bulletin 1355, reprinted by Del Oeste Press, Tarzana, CA, 1987.

Roadside Geology of Arizona by Halka Chronic, Mountain Press Publishing Co., 1983.

Rockhounding Arizona by Gerry Blair, Falcon Press, 1992.

Western Gem Hunters Atlas by Cy Johnson & Son, Susanville, CA, 1994.

THE RHODOCHROSITE STORY

via Chips 'N Splinters, 8/01; via ROCKY REVIEW, JUNE/JULY 2006; via Rockhound Ramblings, August 2006

Also called Rose Del Inca, this rare and beautiful pink stone is almost exclusively mined in a remote Andean region of Argentina known as Capilita.

Its name comes from the Greek word "Rhodo" for rise and "Chros" for color. It is popularly known as Inca Rose because this semi-precious stone was discovered by the Inca civilization and treasured by them around the 12th century AD.

Generations later, a man named Franz Mansfiel rediscovered the mine and, during one of his explorations, found the Inca mummy that held in its hand an amulet carved out of this unique stone. Most unusual formations with a circular pattern of light and dark Rhodochrosite occur in this Argentine treasure chest.

Highly artistic pieces are hand carved out of the legendary Inca Rose, although due to its rarity and cost, smaller pieces are more often frequently cut today.

ROCKHOUNDING

Via CFMS Newsletter, August 2006

Reprinted from California-BLM Newsletter

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/barstow/rock.html>

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California's geological forces have created one of the widest varieties of rocks and minerals found in any state. This rock and mineral wealth has long been recognized by rockhounds even before the gold rush days.

Early rockhounds were prospectors looking for valuable minerals and gemstones for commercial purposes. Eventually, however, more people were drawn to rockhounding for recreational purposes, mainly for the beauty that rocks and minerals provide.

By the 1930s, interest in rockhounding increased significantly, and it was during this period that rockhounding groups were formed and collecting areas in the desert were publicized.

With increased popularity of rockhounding, some rockhounds regarded certain areas as their own and feared that other collectors would deplete their rocks and minerals. This led to substantial amounts of material being removed and an increase in mining claims. By the 1960s, the government saw a need to regulate the collection of rocks and minerals on public lands.

Visitors to the Mojave Desert often ask where they can rockhound. Perhaps the best source of information is rock, gem, and mineral groups found in communities throughout southern California. Libraries, bookstores, and "gem and mineral shows" are also very good sources of published information. Although any hill, mountain, or wash can provide some wonderful rock and mineral discoveries, the following listed areas are some of the well-known sites visited by rockhounds in which good samples can still be found.

Many rockhounding sites require hiking or driving to remote areas on sandy or rocky roads where there is a possibility of getting stuck. It is always a good idea to travel in a group and to bring plenty of drinking water with you when traveling in the desert. If you must travel alone, be sure to let someone know of your plans. Remember to stay on designated open roads. Cross country travel is illegal, as is driving in designated Wilderness Areas.

Rules and Regulations

Part 8365 of Title 43 CFR (Code of Federal

Regulations) provide for the collecting of "reasonable quantities" of rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for personal use. With respect to rockhound material, the Field Office considers a "reasonable quantity" to be not more than can be carried in a daypack. Regulations do not allow collecting on "developed recreation sites and areas," or where otherwise prohibited or posted. Care should be exercised not to collect minerals on mining claims. Most claimants will allow rockhounding if the individual interested in rock collecting first asks permission. Remember, it is your responsibility to determine if an area is open to collection or if you are on private land.

Petrified Wood

The collection of petrified wood is governed by regulations found in Part 3622 of Title 43 CFR. Persons may collect petrified wood for noncommercial purposes without charge, from public lands. There is a limit of 25 pounds per person per day, plus one piece (to avoid breaking a large piece) to a maximum of 250 pounds per year.

Vertebrate Fossils

The collection of vertebrate fossils is illegal on public lands without a paleontological permit. Violators will be prosecuted under the "theft of government property" provision of 18 USC (United States Code), Section 641, and may face a minimum fine of \$1,000 and a year in jail, and up to \$10,000 and 10 years in jail. Permits to paleontologists are available from BLM State Offices.

Prehistoric Artifacts

Virtually all sources of colored silica (agate, chalcedony, jasper, obsidian, etc.) have been historically used by Native Americans in the building of weapons and other tools. The collection of any artifacts, including projectile points, ovate bifaces, cores, flakes, and all other material worked by prehistoric cultures and now found on public lands, is prohibited by the Antiquities Act of 1906, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, without an archaeological permit; such permits may be obtained from BLM State Offices.

Rock for Decorative Purposes

With respect to the collecting of decorative veneer stone, the Barstow Field Office considers a "reasonable quantity" to be not more than can be carried in the trunk of a car.

Mining Claims

The requirements for location of mining claims on public lands for commercial mineral development is contained in various Federal Regulations. The information is also available in an easily readable publi-

cation entitled "Discovery, Location, Recordation, and Assessment Work for Mining Claims in California." This publication can be purchased at any BLM office. BLM field offices maintain a record of location for active and abandoned mining claims in the LR-2000 computer system.

Maps

Desert Access Guide Maps showing the distribution of public and private lands are available for sale at BLM offices. These maps can be purchased at any BLM office.

California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553 (951) 697-5200

Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 252-6000

Needles Field Office, 101 W. Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363 (760) 326-7000

Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 (760) 384-5400

Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Ave., N. Palm Springs, CA 92258 (760) 251-4800

El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th, El Centro, CA 92243 (760) 337-4400

Additional Information If you would like additional reading material on rockhounding, please visit the **California Welcome Center**, Tanger Way, Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 253-4813.

Rockhounding Locations

1. Opal Mountain Black Mountain - 5 miles north of Fossil Bed Road via dirt road. Jasper, Nodules, Opal

2. Mule Canyon - 3 miles north of Yermo. Agate, Borax, Celestite, Jasper, Olivine, Petrified Wood, Satin Spar, Silver, Travertine, Olivine

3. Alvord Mine - 7 miles north of Manix via dirt road. Agate, Calcite, Chalcedony, Jasper, Pyrite

4. Pisgah Crater - 1 mile south of Interstate-40 off of Historic Route 66. Lava, Volcanic Bombs

5. Cady Mountains - 6 miles north of Pisgah via dirt road. Agate, Chalcedony, Geodes, Jasper

6. Afton Canyon - 1 miles southeast of Afton off ramp via dirt road. Agate, Calcite, Chalcedony, Jasper, Nodules

7. Broadwell Dry Lake - 6 miles north of Ludlow via Crucero Road; west to hilly area. Banded Agate, Moss Agate, Geodes, Jasper, Onyx

8. Halloran Spring - Turquoise Mountain North of Halloran Springs. Azurite, Turquoise

Donation Receiving Committee Chairman Report by George Yamashita

The Donation Receiving Committee (DRC) recently picked up a donation of almost two thousand pounds of rock for the club. This donation was from Al Johnsen, and spans 70 years of collecting. We are planning another rock sale for Sept. 30th from 9AM - Noon at Pat Speece's home.

All of the donated rock has been sorted into several different areas that will individually benefit the club. The individual areas are listed below, as well as the potential club benefits. One area is to have rock sales with very reasonable prices. A second area is to save more valuable rocks for our twice-a-year Silent Auction at the June and November club meetings. The third area will be with a monthly secret auction at the club meetings. Lastly, the club will be adding a Silent Auction at our Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Our rock sale on August 19 netted the club a total of \$563.40.

We have several members who have volunteered to be on the DRC. If anyone else is interested in joining this committee, please call George Yamashita (408) 353-2982. Everyone is welcome. It's hard work, but loads of fun. Come join us!!

State Gemstone Quiz Answers

Arkansas	Diamond
Colorado	Rhodochrosite
Florida	Moonstone
Hawaii	Black Coral
Massachusetts	Rhodonite
New Mexico	Turquoise
Ohio	Flint
Oregon	Sunstone
Utah	Topaz
Wisconsin	Ruby
Wyoming	Jade

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2006**

President John Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM at the Belwood Cabana Club in Los Gatos. Members and guests were welcomed. Minutes were approved as printed in the Breccia. The Board meeting will be at Larry Moore's home on Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 PM.

Correspondence: We received show fliers from several clubs.

New Members: There were no new members present.

Hospitality: There were 35 members and 4 guests in attendance tonight.

PLAC: Nothing new.

Field Trips: See details in the Breccia.

Study Groups: See details in the Breccia.

Sunshine: See details in the Breccia.

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey reported on her trip to the AFMS meeting.

2007 Show: See details in the Breccia.

Donation Receiving Committee (DRC): See details in the Breccia.

Dues: If you have not paid your dues yet, please pay them!

Time and Talent sheets were passed out.

Member Displays: See details in the Breccia.

Program: See details in the Breccia.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Members and guests enjoyed the barbeque and potluck before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Harris, Secretary

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2006**

President John Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at the home of Larry Moore. All board members were present except Frank Mullaney, June Harris, Ruth Bailey, Bill Gissler, and Lynn Toschi. Parliamentarian remains vacant. M/ S/ P to approve the minutes for the July 27, 2006 meeting as read.

Treasurer's Report: M/ S/ P to pay the bills. There was discussion of members who are delinquent in their dues.

New Members: None.

Communications: We received a letter thanking us for a donation to the CFMS endowment fund, show information from the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, show information from the Tallman Rock Chippers, show information from the McDermitt Rock & Gem Club and field trip information from the co-op.

Field Trips: Clear Creek on October 21st. See details in the Breccia.

Show Report: Marc Mullaney reported on the 2007 show. See details in the Breccia.

Federation Report: No report.

PLAC: See details in the Breccia.

Unfinished Business: The lapidary shop at Shoup Park is closed indefinitely. Frank Mullaney is looking for paperwork for the Dodge & Cox account.

Bylaws: M/ S/ P to postpone the proposed Editor Bylaws change until next month to allow Board members time to study the proposal.

New Business: There was discussion about the status of some of the study groups. M/ S/ P to adopt the Future Rockhounds of America program. This will be open to all club members, not just the juniors. Adults will have to pay for their materials. Juniors will be at no charge.

Donation Receiving Committee (DRC): The DRC raised \$563.40 from the rock sale at Pat Speece's home on August 19th. There was discussion about the phone message system we currently use.

M/ S/ P to adjourn at 9:57 PM.

Larry and Winnie Moore served delicious refreshments that were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Harris

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
August 23, 2006

Beginning Balance		\$9,421.04
Receipts		
Member Dues	\$ 90.00	
2007 Show Dealer Fees	<u>2,749.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$2,839.00	
Disbursements		
Phone Bill May—July	\$ 60.73	
Pat Speece (Smithies pickle pot and solution)	43.00	
Ruth Bailey mileage CFMS Convention	30.00	
Show Mailing for Dealers	108.71	
Buckets for donated rocks	75.00	
Food for Founder's Day	38.75	
Donation to CFMS Endowment Fund	50.00	
Breccia Printing	45.03	
Belwood Rental Founder's Day, Meetings July & August	220.00	
2007 Show Flyers	97.43	
Handouts for August Meeting	12.99	
August Program	<u>7.50</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 789.14	
Ending Balance		\$11,470.90