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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 April 22, 2008 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on April 24, 2008 at Rick Kennedy's home, 5360 Colony Park Circle, San Jose, CA 95123, 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 ten times annually. The deadline for most articles is the Sunday before the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Linda Spencer. Ruth Bailey handles 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.

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

Cutaways & Carvers	Frank Mullaney	(408) 266-1791
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Randy's Ramblings

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

As most of you know, the annual show is approaching quickly. There are many areas where we need your help to make things go well. Please sign up to help in some way, whether it is Security, Lucky Dip, Hospitality, the Kids Area, or some other area. The duties are not difficult, but we need lots of people helping. There are also set up on Wednesday and Thursday and tear down on Sunday after the show ends. We need your help in all of these areas and others. Please call Marc Mullaney and volunteer if you have not already signed up for something. Also, we have the Silent Auction booth, Flintknapping, the Scholarship booth, Demonstrators, and a Fluorescent Display. This year we will also have several very large rocks and a dragon sculpture on display.

The program for next month will feature the upcoming Tri-Federation Field Trip to Texas Springs. Dick Pankey is leading the trip and will be here to share information with us.

Also, remember that there will be an Ice Cream Social before the next regular meeting on April 22nd at 6:45 PM. The club will be supplying everything. All you need to do is come and enjoy everyone's company.

See you at the show!!!

Randy Harris, President

Bring your gently used books (hard cover and paperback) and magazines to the show to sell at the Scholarship Booth.

2008 Show Report

I want to thank everyone for helping to plan this show and my thanks to people for signing up. The signup board is as full as I have seen in recent years. I do not really have any great new news or reports at this time. All of our chairpersons seem to be settling in. Details that we can foresee are done. We even have several prospective members pitching in this year. Thank You. Just come and enjoy the Show and pitch in to staff a booth or security for awhile. It will be a busy weekend. I will be making a much more detailed report on what seemed to work and what didn't this year. We changed several things and will need to see how well they worked. See you at the show.

Marc Mullaney, Show Chair

Ice Cream Social before the April 22nd meeting

Time: 6:45 PM

Come and have dessert with everyone and celebrate our club's successful show.

The club will provide ice cream, toppings, drinks, and table service.

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

Mineraleers by Chuck Boblenz



Eight Mineraleers met at the Harris' home on March 11th and talked about rhodonite. Many pieces were shared with the group to see what rhodonite looks like, and a discussion about its detail followed.

Randy shared with everyone a large piece of rhodonite that he had collected at the Spider Mine, and it took the top prize for the largest piece, as well as the one with the most red color. Later the meeting was adjourned for delicious refreshments served by June.

It was decided to skip the April meeting because of the closeness of our show, but meetings will resume in May with the meeting at Michael Paone's. Watch for the announcement in the May Breccia. See you all at the show.



Jewelers by Marc Mullaney

The Jewelers study group will meet on May 1st for their next meeting. They will be working on the "Fab Cab" beaded bracelet. This bracelet is made with free-formed beaded shapes around irregular-shaped cabochons. For more information, contact Marc at geologistm@aol.com or (408) 691-1584. The meeting will be from 7 - 10 pm at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos.

Stringers by Pat Speece No report submitted



Cutaways and Carvers

The Cutaways and Carvers study group will be meeting at John Eichhorn's home on Saturday, April 12th at 1:00 PM. Call John at (408) 749-0523 to RSVP and for more information about address and project suggestions and ideas.

DRC Report for March by Jane Yamashita

As of now, we are planning on having a Rock Sale on March 1st which is contingent on whether it rains or not. It will be at the Speece's from 9 to 12 or so. If it rains, it will be postponed. We hope it doesn't. We will be getting ready by sorting many, many rocks, with some kept for club meetings, and some kept for our show in April. The majority of them will be up for sale. We hope the weather cooperates. Our last donation was very small, but interesting. We had another donation offered sometime in January, but missed the connection to receive it, there were too many variables in receiving the information. Hopefully the communication will improve. We will be spending many hours getting the club's donations ready for sale, and hope to see you there.

Smithies by Kelly Van Vleck No report submitted



Donation Receiving Committee Report for April by Jane Yamashita



Faceters

The Faceters study group will be meeting on May 3rd at the home of Max Casey, 9 AM to noon. The group is for anyone who would like to learn the art of faceting a gemstone. Novices are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Max Casey at (408) 227-0526 for more information and directions.

The DRC has done it again. We picked up donations for the club, sorted them for the club, and sold them for the club. We are proud to say that we made \$974.50 at our last sale at the Speece's. We had many eager buyers. The DRC has many members who worked hard to make this happen. Since the DRC was formed, we have brought in \$5,391.75 from donations given to our club. The DRC will be manning the Silent Auction booth at the show in April. We have set aside some interesting rocks and minerals for the booth. Since the show will be for running three days, we will have three (two person) shifts each day. If you are interested in working in the Silent Auction booth, give the Yamashitas a call. (408) 353-2982.

Fossileers by Gail Matthews Report not submitted in time.



Member Displays

by Rick Kennedy

The program for March was a video on the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989. Luckily for all of us, no one brought a new larger earthquake for display or a really messy demonstration of liquifaction, freeway collapses, or large sections falling out of bridges. So we had to rely on the creativity of the folks who brought things to share with us this month.

Since our esteemed Member Display Chairman was hideously late and hiding in the back of the room, we started in the back with Steve Jobe who brought two pieces of barite from Southern California that had been left for dead, a very nice oyster fossil found along the road in the Diablo Range, and something round that could have been a concretion, a mudball from a volcanic deposit, or something else. Mary Lu Ferrara brought a number of Mazon Creek fossils that were in very good shape and were of very good quality. Mary Lu painstakingly mined these fossils in the most uncomfortable of conditions: on her computer wading through very nasty murky waters on eBay! Bill Gissler got us jazzed about next month's program with a preview of limb casts and petrified wood from the area around Texas Springs, Nevada. Dennis Ewell brought a display of thumbnail sized minerals that were all members of the isometric crystal system... except one! Did anybody figure which one didn't belong? psst, it was the apophyllite. Linda Spencer brought in a binder and a half's worth of memories and pictures from 2007; let's hear it for all the hard work done by our historian! And lastly el Presidente himself, Randy Harris, fixed his 24" saw and brought a couple of slabs he recently cut of plasma agate from San Benito County. Now that the saw is working again, all I can say to the big rocks in the area is, "Be afraid. Be very afraid!"

Next month's program Texas Springs, so break a leg and bring those casts! We will be hoping to see some great show and tell from Ramona Heimlich, Jennifer House, Dick and Kit Hultquist, Colleen Jackson, me (Rick Kennedy), Hans and Rose Kirsch, Nancy Kortright, Tim LaFlame, Jennifer Le and Jim Ziegler, Clif Loog, and Gail Matthews.

Sunshine by Ernestine Smith



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.

April Meeting Program

Topic: Tri-Federation Field Trip to Texas Springs, May 21-26, 2008. The speaker will be Mr. Dick Pankey, who is one of the field trip leaders for the upcoming trip. Come and see the beautiful limb cast and petrified wood specimens which you, too, can collect.

March Program Reviewed

The program at our March meeting was a video on earthquakes and the San Andreas fault. The video opened with scenes from San Francisco prior to the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. The video covered how people are learning to cope with earthquakes. The video introduced several groups and agencies which are studying earthquakes along the San Andreas fault, focusing on developing a method of accurately predicting the next tremor.

Meet Our New Members

Approved at the March 2008 Board Meeting

David Marshall, 1905 La Corona Ct., Los Gatos, CA 95032, (408) 866-7681. David is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, carving, and minerals.

Martin Kramer, 306 Monroe St., Santa Clara, CA 95050, (408) 247-3703. Martin is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, fossils, geology, and field trips.

SCVGMS 2008 Calendar



April 2-3 Show setup at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Everyone is requested to help.

April 4-6 Annual Show at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Friday 9-5, Saturday & Sunday 10-5. Cleanup on Sunday evening until we are done. Everyone is requested to help.

April 12 Cutaways and Carvers study group meeting at John Eichhorn's home at 1 PM.

April 22 General meeting and Ice Cream social at the Cabana Club from 7:00 PM. Club will provide everything but your appetite.

April 24 Board meeting at Rick Kennedy's home at 7:30 PM.

May 3 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

May 5 Faceters meeting at Max Casey's home at 9 AM.

May 17 Demonstration Day at the Cabana Club from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. All study groups are requested to demonstrate.

May 27 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM.

May 29 Board meeting at Chris Cherry's home at 7:30 PM.

June 5 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

June 24 Barbeque/Potluck, General meeting and Silent Auction at the Cabana Club. Barbeque/potluck starts at 6:30 PM. Club will provide drinks, burgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and paper goods. Members need to bring a salad or dessert to share, at least 10 servings, please. Meeting starts at 7:45 PM. Silent Auction throughout the evening.

June 26 Board meeting at Matt Wood's home at 7:30 PM.

July 10 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

July 22 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM.

July 24 Board meeting at Frank Mullaney's home at 7:30 PM.

July 26 Founders Day Picnic at the Cabana Club.

August 7 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

August 9 Demonstration Day at the Cabana Club from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. All study groups are requested to demonstrate.

August 26 Barbeque/Potluck and General meeting at the Cabana Club. Barbeque/potluck starts at 6:30 PM. Club will provide drinks, burgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and paper goods. Members need to bring a salad or dessert to share, at least 10 servings, please. Meeting starts at 7:45 PM.

August 28 Board meeting at Michael Paone's home at 7:30 PM.

September 4 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

September 23 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM.

September 25 Board meeting at Frank Monez's home at 7:30 PM.

October 2 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

October 25 Demonstration Day at the Cabana Club from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. All study groups are requested to demonstrate.

October 28 Potluck and General meeting at the Cabana Club. Potluck 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:45 PM Club will provide drinks and paper goods. Members provide main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share, at least 10 servings, please.

October 30 Board meeting at Randy Harris' home at 7:30 PM.

November 6 Jewelers meeting at the Cabana Club from 7-10 PM.

November 25 General meeting at the Cabana Club at 7:45 PM. Elections and Silent Auction throughout the evening. Board meeting immediately following the general meeting.

December 2 Installation Dinner at the Cabana Club at 7:00 PM. Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

December 4 Joint Board meeting at Ruth Bailey's home at 7:30 PM.

Tanzanite

Tanzanite was first discovered in 1967 in Tanzania, East Africa. As one of the newest and most exotically colored gemstones, Tanzanite is part of the Zoisite mineral species and is only found in East Africa. Tanzanite is very rarely a pure blue and usually exhibits rich purple overtones.

While Tanzanite is often a blue color when first mined, it can also be brown and is routinely heat treated to permanently draw out its exotic bluish-purple color.

Legend says that it was Masai cattle herders who first noticed this stone some 30 years ago after a fire caused by lightning burned areas in Tanzania. The herders noticed that brown zoisite crystals had turned a deep blue purple due to the heat from the fire.

Tanzanite is a brittle stone and, although it can be worn daily, care should be taken to protect it from knocks, pressure, and extreme temperature changes. Do not use a home ultrasonic to clean jewelry with tanzanite.

via Rollin Rock, March 2008;

from Bernardine Fine Art Jewelry

<http://www.bernardine.com/gemstones/tanzanite.htm>

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



April 4, 5, & 6 2008, San Jose, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. & Sun. 10 - 5 both days, Email: info@scvgms.org,

Website: www.scvgms.org

April 4, 5, & 6 2008, Bakersfield, CA, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society, 6th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous, Indoor Show/Outdoor Tail Gate, Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P Street, Hours: Fri. 9 - 8; Sat. & Sun. 9 - 5, Lewis Helfrich (661) 872-8230 or 323-2663, Email: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

April 12-13 2008, Mariposa, CA, Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Peggy Ronning (209) 742-7625, Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 12-13 2008, Paradise, CA, Paradise Gem & Mineral Club, Elk's Lodge Note (new location), 6309 Clark Road, Paradise CA, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Shirley Thompson (530) 872-1846, Email: shirley1846@comcast.net Website: www.goldnuggetwebs.com/PGMC/

April 26-27 2008, Lancaster, CA, The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Lancaster High School, 44701 32nd St. W. ,Hours: 9 - 5 both days, Jules Ficke (661) 943-5157 , Email: av_gem@yahoo.com, Website: www.geocities.com/av_gem

April 26-27 2008, Santa Cruz, CA, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium at Corner of Center & Church Streets, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Eleanor & Hubert Drake (831-8086), Email: hmdrake@pacbell.net

May 2, 3 & 4 2008, Bishop, CA Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society, Tri County Fairgrounds, Sierra Street & Fair Drive, Hours: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 9:30 - 4; Sun. 10 - 4:30, Jeff Lines (760) 937-4498

May 3-4 2008, Bakersfield, CA, Kern County Mineral Society, Ming Ave and P Street, Kern County Fairgrounds, Hours: 10-5 both days, Ismael Sanchez (661) 301-4609

May 3 - 4 2008, Anaheim, CA, Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Hours: 10 - 4:30 both days, Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365, Email betty@azteche.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 10-11 2008, Reno, NV, Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Reno Livestock Events Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave., Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, John Peterson (775) 356-8820, Website: www.renorockclub.com

May 17-18 2008, Yucaipa, CA, Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Yucaipa Community Center, 34900 Oak Glen Road, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475, Email: bjim2285@aol.com, Website: www.mysite.verizon.net/YucaipaGem/103.html

May 17 - 18 2008, Newbury Park, CA, Conejo Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Bochar Park, 190 Reino Rd., Newbury Park, CA, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4:30, Robert Sankovich (805) 494-7734, Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net Website: www.cgmac.org

May 31 - June 1 2008, Glendora, CA, Glendora Gems, 859 E. Sierra Madre, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638, Email: YBidwell2@aol.com

May 31 - June 1 2008, Woodland Hills, CA, Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society, Pierce College, Victory and Mason, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Louise Gerik (818) 347-1234, Website: rockatomics.com

June 7-8 2008, La Habra, CA, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., Hours: 9 - 5 both days, Don Warthen (626) 330-8974, Email: warthen@earthlink.net Website: noccgms.com

June 27, 28, 29 2008, Ventura, CA, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Hours: 10-5 Daily, Bural LaRue (909) 874-5664, Email: bplarue@earthlink.net

July 12-13 2008, Culver City, CA, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club , Culver City Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Avenue , Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5 , Website: CulverCityRocks.org , Phone: (310) 391-8429, Email: maryellenandrick@aol.com

October 5 2008, Fallbrook, CA, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society, "Fall Festival of Gems", FGMS Museum, 123 W. Alvarado, Hours: 10 - 4, Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130, Diane Tjepkes (780) 468-8028

October 11-12 2008, Grass Valley, CA, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, "Earth's Treasures", Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Kim Moore (530) 470-0388 Email: Kmoore160@comcast.net

October 11 - 12 2008, Trona, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society , "66th Annual Gem-O-Rama" , Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4 , Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356, Email: glgms@wvvisp.com, Website: www1.wvvisp.com/tronagemclub/tronagemclub.html

October 18-19 2008, Placerville, CA, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975,

Email: info@rockandgemshow.org

Show Website: <http://www.rockandgemshow.org>

Website: eldoradomineralandgem.org

October 18-19 2008, Santa Rosa, CA, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, Tom Dering (707) 564-4537,

Email: farmarch@sonic.net, Website: www.gem-n-i.org

October 18-19 2008, Whittier, CA, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10-5 both days, Jay Valle: (626) 934-9764, Email: res19pnb@verizon.net

October 25-26, 2008, Los Altos, CA, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, One San Antonio Road, Hours: Sat. 9-5 pm, Sun. 9-4 pm, Stan Bogosian: (408)569-2489, Email: sbogosian@aol.com

November 1-2 2008, Concord, CA, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord - 5298 Clayton Rd., Clayton Fair Shopping Center, Hours: 10 - 5 both days, Sam Woolsey (925) 837-3287,

Email: sdwools@earthlink.net, Website: www.ccmgs.org

November 7, 8, 9 2007, Eureka, CA, Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris, Hours: Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, Toni Tyson (707) 725-2890, Email: BLUII911@msn.com

November 8-9 2007, Lancaster, CA, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14, Hours: 9 - 5 both days, Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861, Email:

SLChaisson@yahoo.com, Website: pgms@antelecom.net

November 22-23 2007, Oxnard, CA, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10-4, Miriam Tetrault (805) 642-5779, E-mail: miriamtetrault@hotmail.com, Website: www.OGMS.net

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FEDERATION SHOWS IN 2008

California Federation (CFMS), June 27-29 2008 , California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA, Hours: 10-5 Daily, Adults \$5.00, seniors (60+) \$4.00, students \$3.00, Kids under 12 free with paid adult, Fairgrounds parking

Midwest Federation (MWF), June 20-22, Lincoln, NE

Northwest Federation (NFMS), June 20-26, Ontario, OR

Rocky Mountain Federation (RMFMS), October 31 - November 2, Tulsa, OK

South Central Federation (SCMS) / AFMS, September 25-28, Humble, TX

Upcoming Field Trip Opportunities

Contact Dean Welder, at email fieldtrips@scvngms.org. Email is the best way to contact him. If you can not email, then call him for information about the following field trips. His phone number is located in our club directory. Dean will make the appropriate introductions for you to be able to attend.

April 5 Lovelock, NV for petrified wood.

April 12 CFMS Field Trip North Seminar in Pittsburg. Information in the February 2008 Breccia on page 11.

April 19 Stonyford, CA for solid orbicular jasper.

April 26 Pulga, CA (N of Oroville) for idocrase ("Pulga Jade").

May 2-4 Snyders Pow Wow at Valley Springs, CA.

May 3 Carson Hill, CA for minerals.

May 17-18 Fairview, NV for agate, geodes, wonderstone.

May 21-26 Tri-Federation Field Trip to Texas Springs for limb casts, agates, and petrified wood.

June 6 Virgin Valley, NV for opal.

June 7 Oregon for sunstones.

June 7-8 Virgin Valley, NV for opals.

June 16-19 Virgin Valley, NV for opal.

Labor Day Weekend Cedarville, CA for petrified wood.

WORDS OF CAUTION

by John Wright, AFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair
via AFMS Newsletter, April 2008

As I research material for my articles, I find it interesting to see who is trying to eliminate or at least restrict access to public lands. I have said in the past, a few are truly concerned about the environment and sincere in their efforts to preserve areas with special interests or appeal. Most, however, are individuals or groups with a selfish or self-serving purpose. Following the money trail used to finance opposition groups is also very interesting. It would take a book to just touch on these two areas and I often get sidetracked by the pure unadulterated sham being perpetrated on the American public by these individuals and special interest groups. The problem we have is that our members, like most of the American public, for the most part do not understand or cannot fathom just how dedicated and well financed these special interest groups are and the gravity of what they want to do will have on our hobby and our lives. Ignorance and indifference are major assets used by these groups to dupe the public and rob them of their access to public owned lands. We have already relinquished many of our rights due to their intrusions and are paying for it in more ways than you think.

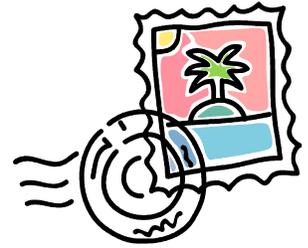
The only good thing about being seduced into allowing our access to public lands being taken away from us is that we are in good company. A lot of the supposedly intelligent members of our government, academia, legal and entertainment professions, just to name a few, are marching right along in the parade with us. Unfortunately, many of these esteemed individuals are unwitting puppets controlled by special interests, or use the propaganda espoused by these groups, for the notoriety that keeps them in the spotlight.

Many of our elected officials go out of their way to maintain the support of special interests, or avoid offending them, and our constitutional rights are conveniently being ignored. How do we fight these problems? The first thing we need to do is be informed about issues that could potentially affect us. I listed two great sources other than AFMS in my article last month for obtaining information and there are many other informative sites that can be found online. Also check out the sites of the special interest groups so that you know your competition. You might want to start with the Wildlands Project (rewilding.org) or the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Network (Y2Y Network). While these two organizations are primarily involved in the northwest there are similar groups diligently working in other parts of the country and reviewing these sites will give you a good idea of the mind-set behind these movements.

We are also a special interest group and need to make our desires known just like our adversaries. Write and petition your elected officials. Letters to the editors and articles about your club activities published in your local newspapers can gain you recognition and support. Visit schools, put displays in your local libraries and other public facilities. In other words, let it be known that you exist, that you have rights and that you have every intention of continuing and keeping your rights for access of public owned lands.

U.S. Gemstone Stamp Project

by Ruth Bailey, SCVGMS Federation Director



Wendell Mohr, Chairman of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Commemorative Stamp Committee, is trying to convince the United States Postal Service to produce stamps featuring birthstones. There have never been stamps featuring gemstones on U.S. Stamps. There is a lot of competition for getting a commemorative stamp with about one in 50,000 requests being successful.

Personal letters requesting the gemstone stamps to be considered should be sent to:
The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St., Room 5013
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The following is a list of birthstones, with alternates which have been proposed at different times.

January	Garnet	Tanzanite	Rose Quartz
February	Amethyst	Tourmaline	Onyx
March	Aquamarine	Bloodstone	
April	Diamond	Nephrite	Quartz
May	Emerald	Agate	Chrysoprase
June	Pearl	Alexandrite	Moonstone
July	Ruby	Onyx	Carnelian
August	Peridot	Sardonyx	
September	Sapphire	Malachite	Lapis
October	Opal	Tourmaline	
November	Topaz	Rubellite	Citrine
December	Turquoise	Tanzanite	Zircon or Coral

BLOODSTONE

by B. Jay Bowman
via Gem Cutters News, March 2008

Bloodstone is a cryptocrystalline variety of quartz chalcedony, although properly only belonging to some of the varieties, is generally used to describe all varieties of cryptocrystalline quartz. The hardness is just under 7 and specific gravity is around 2.60. The refractive index is 1.535 to 1.539. Chalcedony has no natural cleavage, and the natural luster is dull to waxy.

Bloodstone is semi-translucent, dark green with red spots, and not generally confused with any other gemstone. This tone is also known as heliotrope. It is unique in that it is always the same color with the only variation being the number and size of the spots of red.

Bloodstone lore includes the belief that the wearer can become invisible. This characteristic is mentioned by Dante in his *Inferno*, and it is also mentioned in the *Decameron* by Boccaccio. It has been said to stop nosebleeds and other bleeding, and is also good against poisons. It has also been said the heliotrope can guard the wearer against harm and makes the wearer

loyal and true.

Bloodstone got its name in legend when a Roman soldier jammed a spear into Christ and some of the blood dropped on some jasper at the base of the Cross.

The word heliotrope comes from the Greek *helios* meaning sun and *trope*, a word for stone. It takes a very good polish and, according to Greek legend, would reflect the sun better than any other stone.

Removing Lacquer by Mary Jane Dunn

Ever want to remove a lacquer coating from an otherwise nice piece of lapidary material? Want to avoid using harsh chemicals? Here is a tip for you. Obtain some apple cider vinegar, the brown colored kind. Submerge the lacquered object in it, leave for a week, then remove and scrape off the lacquer with your thumbnail or other appropriate blunt tool. Repeat if necessary.

via The Tumbler, March 2008; via Pegmatite, 3/07

Texas Spring Limb Casts

Gem Trails of Nevada by James R. Mitchell pub: Gem Guides Book Co. 2002; pg 42; via The Conglomerate, 5/05.

“Texas Spring limb casts are prized by collectors from all over the country. The beautiful pink agate inherent to those casts can be used to produce fantastic cabochons and other polished pieces.”

This location has been known among rockhounds for years. The supply has been somewhat depleted, but the site still rewards diligent collectors willing to dig and spend some time. Lots of agate chips can be found scattered on the surface. Prize pieces, displaying the original structure of contorted and twisted roots or limbs cast in pink and red agate, are obtained only by digging. It is generally necessary to get about eighteen inches below the surface with pick and shovel before starting to encounter anything worthwhile. The soil isn't too tough to excavate, and the casts are somewhat plentiful. Luck plays a most important part in your success. The casts tend to be only about four to six inches long and no more than two inches across.

In addition, delicate and beautiful tiny pink agate twigs can be collected on the surface, mainly alongside the road. Most have thin white coating or a “snake skin” crackled white exterior, both of which can usually be removed by light tumbling.

Limb Cast or Fossil Limb section?

Do you know the difference between a fossil limb section and a limb cast? Some call a specimen by either name, not realizing that there is a difference. A limb cast occurs when a buried limb has decayed and the resulting void has been filled with agate or some other material. The cast is in the form of the original limb, but no cell or ring patterns have been preserved.

A fossil limb section is a portion of petrified wood. As the wood decayed, it was gradually and completely replaced by mineral deposits, cell by cell. Thus, a part of the wood structure's cells and rings have been preserved.

via Grindings, January 2005; via The Hard Rock News, May 2004; via The Puget Sounder, October 2000; via Slab Gab, December 1996.

Desert Safety Tips

by Bob Fitzpatrick, CFMS Field Trip Chair-South via The Conglomerate, August 2005; via The Ghost Sheet, June 2005.

Travel in the desert can be an adventure. It can also be a disaster if a breakdown or a sudden change in the weather catches you unprepared. Be aware of the hazards of desert travel, in both winter and summer. Harsh weather conditions can turn a desert outing into a tragedy. Acquire knowledge of desert survival skills. Travel in pairs for safety.

Plan your trip carefully. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Stick with your itinerary and let them know when you return. Do not travel in the desert backcountry without taking along appropriate maps... It is easy to become disoriented in the desert where many landmarks and rock formations look similar.

Dress properly. In summer, layered clothing slows dehydration and minimizes exposure. Good hiking shoes, loose fitting natural clothing, a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are a must. Desert temperatures can reach over 90* F and drop below 50*F in one day. Summer temperatures can reach 125*F in some locations. In winter, temperatures can often drop below freezing. Bring extra warm clothing.

Carry plenty of water. There are no dependable sources of water within the desert. A gallon of water per person per day is the absolute minimum that should be carried. When planning a hike, remember that water weighs approximately eight pounds per gallon. When the water is half gone, it is time to turn back. Don't forget extra water for your vehicle. Do not ration your water. It will only do you good if you drink it.

First Aid Trip Tip

Never count on Band-Aids that get cooked in a car. I keep maybe 5-10 in a sandwich bag and I'm quick to replace them, especially before going rockhounding or on a long trip. Use cloth bandages (no adhesive) and gauze. I also keep a couple rolls of adhesive tape (cloth type) in the 1st aid kit. They last much longer than band aids when cooked in a car's heat; I figure they're good for a couple of seasons including summer. They may get sticky, but they'll still work. Oh yeah, covering your fingertips with adhesive tape can help protect them from broken rock shards like quartz flakes.

via The Tumbler, March 2008; via The Kyana Gemscoop, 8/07; from Rockhound list server

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT

by Jim Brace-Thompson

via CFMS newsletter, April 2008

Clearing Up Misperceptions about the FRA Program

The Number One goal of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Future Rockhounds of America program is to reach out to as many kids as possible, to fan whatever budding interest they may have in rocks, fossils, and lapidary arts. In messages I've received via email, in talking with folks at gem shows and annual CFMS meetings, and via the grapevine, I've become aware of a number of misperceptions about the AFMS/FRA program, and some of these are standing in the way of our goal. I'd like to clear up several of the more common misperceptions I've heard and encourage you to actively enroll each and every child in each and every club into FRA.

Misperception 1: To sign your juniors and pebble pups into FRA, you must have a whole group of kids, a youth leader, and a formal, structured youth program within your society. Not so! I constantly hear from folks that their society doesn't have enough kids to start the FRA program, or that their board of directors resists starting a youth group (that one always turns my head!). We want the program to be as inclusive as possible, and you don't need a big, formal group. If your society has just one child, sign that child up! We'll send an FRA membership badge, and they'll have a stronger sense of belonging to the community of your club. You don't need to wait until you have a whole roomful of kids and a youth leader. Start the ball rolling with a single child!

Misperception 2: To be in FRA, you actively need to implement the Badge Program. Not so! The badge program was set up to provide just one source of structured activities, but you don't need to use it at all to enroll your kids into FRA. In working with kids in your society, you can use your own activities or commercial sets of activities (like the great packets developed by Diamond Dan or activities sold by Ward's or Edmund Scientifics), or simply have your club's kids participate in the regular workshops, shows, and field trips your club undertakes in its normal course of business. The Badge Program is simply meant to serve as one option among many to utilize with your kids.

Misperception 3: To use the FRA Badge Program, you need to set up a formal schedule and arrange

group activities with all the kids in your club. Not so! A lot of folks tell me they'd like to use the badge program, but it's just too hard to schedule times when all the kids can get together, especially between after-school soccer, band, baseball, etc. I encourage you to be as flexible as possible with the Badge Program. A number of the activities are a lot more fun if done within a group, but don't let the inability to schedule a time get in the way. Allow for individual "independent study" and "home-schooling" for motivated juniors. The back-up pages in the Badge Manual were developed to give folks with minimal background what they need to guide kids through the activities, and these back-up pages can be shared with parents to work with their kids on their own at home. So give parents a copy of the manual and encourage them to sit down with their kids to pick out activities they'd like to do. All we need in order to send a child a badge is a responsible adult—a parent or designated club member—to sign off to indicate successful completion, and a badge will be on the way to mark that child's accomplishments with a colorful, tangible reward.

Misperception 4: To use the FRA Badge Program and award badges to your kids, you must follow the manual to the letter. Not so! When they've received the manual, some folks have said its size looks daunting, that the badge program seems designed for the "Eagle Scouts" among their junior members, and that some of the activities may be too involved for younger members. But as I note in the Introduction to the manual, you're encouraged to adjust the level of each activity to best match ages and abilities of your club's kids. You don't need to follow each activity exactly as laid out. *Modify*; where necessary *simplify*; but above all, *utilize* the program! The goal is to help kids have fun while learning, so if you see a different spin on a particular activity that'll work better with your kids, by all means, take that spin, and then let's reward the kids with badges.

Misperception 5: If a society doesn't have any kids, the society can't do anything with the FRA program. Actually, this seems pretty self-evident, and I myself held this misperception—until a couple of local societies showed me the way. One society in Texas lacks junior members, so they went to where the kids are! They're using the FRA Fossils activities and badges with local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, hoping it might serve to attract kids to the club. Another society sponsors a geology club in

one of their local schools that now uses the Badge Program. I personally have found such examples of resourcefulness inspiring! So, my basic message? Let's not make things complicated nor let misperceptions get in the way. Rather than looking for reasons *not* to enroll kids into FRA, let's follow the example of those clubs that went to where the kids are and get creative with a program that's been set up for every club, even those with just a single child member, or no children at all! Don't have "enough" kids? Don't want to start until you hold endless debates at board meetings about starting a juniors group? Don't know if you want to use the Badge Program? Don't know how to get started? Well, "don't" isn't exactly an inspiring word; in fact, it's a word often used to beat down the inner child within us all. Don't let "don't" get in the way of that key first step toward inspiring our children. I urge one and all to call me today to sign up each and every child. It's the first step toward bringing along the next generation of rockhounds while, as always, having fun!

Jim

HAVING FUN – JUNIOR ACTIVITIES NEW BADGES ARE IN FOR OUR FRA PROGRAM

by Jim Brace-Thompson,
Junior Activities Chair

via AFMS Newsletter, March 2008

I'm pleased to report that a supply of six new badges for our FRA Badge Program arrived this month from our manufacturer, A-B Emblem of North Carolina, and they look great! Thus, we now have a total of 15 activity sets, offering badges that junior members can work toward earning in the areas of: Rocks & Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, Leadership, Earth Processes, Earth in Space, Gold Panning & Prospecting, Gemstone Lore & Legend, Stone Age Tools & Art, and Rocking on the Computer. In addition, all kids receive an FRA Membership badge when they start the program, and kids earning at least 6 of the badges symbolically graduate from pebble pup status to full-fledged rockhound by receiving a Rockhound Badge. To date, three dozen kids have earned this distinction.

I'm in the process of making final tweaks to

the badge manual for these new activities while also revisiting our original set of 9 badges to make revisions and updates. This is taking me a bit longer than anticipated, so I'm extending my original goal of posting the new manual to the AFMS Web site from January to February.

I offer continuing thanks to local youth leaders who have taken up the badge program with their kids. As I've said in a previous column, the true value of our FRA program isn't realized until a local leader at a local club gathers together a group of local kids, rolls up his or her sleeves, and makes something happen in ways that are always unexpected, interesting, and, hopefully, fun!

Please help the effort by spreading the word about our expanded FRA badge program throughout each regional federation. To everyone reading this column: please have folks contact me directly to get info (phone 805-659-3577; email jbraceth@roadrunner.com). If you haven't done so already, please write an article in your regional federation and local club newsletters conveying info about the FRA program. I ask everyone's good will and help in spreading the word to get these activities into the hands of as many kids as possible within our local clubs and societies to help kids learn the science and craft of our hobby while, as always, having fun!

SAFETY by Chuck McKie (via City of Phoenix Safety) (BEE) DO's and DON'Ts

DO check your property regularly for bee colonies. Honey bees nest in a wide variety of places, especially Africanized honey bees. Check animal burrows, water meter boxes, overturned flower pots, trees, and shrubs.

DO keep pets and children indoors when using weed eaters, hedge clippers, tractor power mowers, chain saws, etc. Attacks frequently occur when a person is mowing the lawn or pruning shrubs and inadvertently strikes a bees' nest.

DO avoid excessive motion when near a colony. Bees are much more likely to respond to an object in motion than a stationary one.

DON'T pen, tie, or tether animals near bee hives or nests.

DON'T destroy bee colonies or hives, especially with pesticides. Honey bees are a vital link to U.S. agriculture. Each year, pollination by honey bees adds at least \$10 billion to the value of more than

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90 crops. They also produce about \$150 million worth of honey each year.

DON'T remove bees yourself. If you want bees removed, look in the yellow pages under "bee removal" or "beekeepers".

What to do if you are attacked:

- 1) Run as quickly as you can away from the bees. Do not flail or swing your arms at them, as this may further annoy them.
- 2) Because bees target the head and eyes, cover your head as much as you can without slowing your escape.
- 3) Get to the shelter or closest house or car as quickly as possible. Don't worry if a few bees become trapped in your home. If several bees follow you into your car, drive about a quarter of a mile and let the bees out of the car.

When to call the Fire Department:

Call the fire department only when emergency medical services are needed. If someone has been stung by many bees at once or has an allergic reaction to a bee sting, call 9-1-1. Call the fire department if someone has become trapped in a building or car with lots of bees. Fire trucks are equipped with a foam that can be sprayed on the bees to drown them. DO NOT call the fire department to remove bee colonies or hives. If you want bees removed, look in the yellow pages under "bee removal" or "beekeepers".

How to treat stings from Africanized bees:

Treating stings from Africanized bees is much the same as treating a common bee sting. If a person is stung:

- 1) Keep the affected area below the heart.
- 2) If the sting was by a bee and the stinger is still in the skin, remove it by gently scraping against it with your fingernail, a credit card, or a knife. Be careful not to squeeze the stinger. The venom sac still will be attached, and you will inject additional venom into the area. Be sure to remove the venom sac.
- 3) Apply cold compresses to relieve pain and swelling, but do not apply ice directly.
- 4) If it becomes difficult to breathe, call 9-1-1. Itching should quit within a few hours. If it persists beyond two days, or if signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction occur after an insect bite, you should be seen by a doctor.

The signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction include:

- 1) Burning pain and itching at the bite site.
- 2) Itching on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.
- 3) Itching on the neck and the groin.
- 4) General body swelling.
- 5) A nettle-like rash over the entire body.
- 6) Difficulty breathing.
- 7) Faintness, weakness.
- 8) Nausea.
- 9) Shock.
- 10) Unconsciousness.

"ICE" --In Case of Emergency

from numerous sources via the Internet; via AFMS Newsletter, March 2008

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory, but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE." For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2, and ICE3, etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our mobile phones today!

Member Classified Ads

In December 2007, the SCVGMS board voted to allow non-commercial classified advertisements in the Breccia. The rules are as follows: One advertisement per household per quarter year, 40 words maximum, must be lapidary or rock related. Advertisements will be run as room permits (at the editor's discretion).

None submitted:

Hidden Dangers

Acetone: An industrial type solvent containing harmful vapor.

Hydrogen sulfide: By-product of sulfur and water. Deadly poison!

Manganese: In dust or vapors, it can damage the nervous system.

Quartz, agate, sandstone, granite, chert, flint: All are of the silica rock family. The dust from this family contributes to silicosis of the lungs.

Styrofoam: When heated or burned, it releases toxic gases.

Abalone: Grind and polish only when wet. Be aware that any odor detected is highly toxic.

Malachite: Work wet, as the dust created when working dry is toxic.

Lead: Known to enter the body from dust, fumes, and water. It can damage the brain and neuromuscular system.

While it is not healthy to fear everything, one should be aware of hidden dangers in apparently innocent looking material that we all use extensively in our hobby. If you are using a material that is new to you, read the labels and heed any warning. We want all lapidarists to remain a healthy lot and continue to live long, active lives!

via The Franklin County Rockhounder, March 2008; via Strata Gem, October 2007; via Calgary Lapidary Journal; via Ow Gems of the Rogue, October 2005; via Rock Chips, June 2006

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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 25th, 2008**

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 R. K. Owen's home March 27th, 7:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from: Four field trip notices, Calif. Mining Museum membership cards, show flyer, and two exchange bulletins.

NEW MEMBERS: Herb Garland and Donna Garland were presented with their membership packages and welcomed to the club.

DONATION RECEIVING COMMITTEE: Pat Speece reported that the DRC has handled a total of \$5,300.00 in sales of donated materials in the last one and a half years.

SUNSHINE REPORT: See details in the Breccia.

DOOR PRIZES: See details in the Breccia.

HOSPITALITY: There were 56 members and 7 guests in attendance tonight.

STUDY GROUPS: See details in the Breccia for all groups. Contact the group leader for info and time.

PLAC: See details in the Breccia.

FEDERATION: See details in the Breccia. Ruth needs help getting boxes of magazines to the CFMS show.

SHOW: Marc Mullaney gave a status report and passed around show work sign up sheets.

MEMBER DISPLAY: See Breccia.

FIELD TRIPS: See details in the Breccia. E-mail Dean Welder for any info. The TV show Cash and Treasures will be featuring the Benitoite Mine in a future program. Dean attended the NBFT meeting.

PROGRAM: 1989 earthquake video. We need a program chairman for the rest of the year. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John Eichhorn, Secretary

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 27th, 2008**

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the home of R.K. Owen on March 27th. All board members were present except Frank Monez. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the February 28th board meeting as corrected. Guests attending were Gail Matthews and Herb Vogel.

Correspondence: Letters from: Return letter from Pangaeon Treasures, check from Fire Opals, RV storage bill, Dodge and Cox fund brochure and letter.

New Members: M/S/P to accept Martin Kramer and David Marshall as new members.

Treasurer's Report: WAMu to convert checking accounts to business accounts. M/S/P to buy cash boxes. M/S/P to pay bills.

Committee Reports:

Show: sign ups for show jobs are needed. M/S/P to pay for truck and gas for trailer moving.

Field Trips: Dean Welder attended the NBFT meeting. The CFMS is reworking a field trip waiver form.

Federation: Ruth Bailey says the CFMS is increasing dues.

Unfinished Business: M/S/P to buy projector and appropriate cables at \$700.00 maximum cost.

The SCVGMs Board of Directors M/S/P to recommend the following By-Laws changes:

M/S/P to recommend: Article II, Section 2: We recommend deleting the following sentence: "Members who fail to exhibit shall be liable to suspension from membership by the Society at its discretion."

M/S/P to recommend: Article III, Section 4: We recommend deleting "who personally know the applicants" from the sentence "All persons who apply for membership shall be sponsored by two members in good standing who personally know the applicants."

M/S/P to recommend: Article IV, Section 4: We recommend changing "Failure to appear in his or her behalf shall be construed as an admission of guilt, and the penalty will be automatic expulsion from the Society." to "The penalty for failure to appear will be automatic expulsion from the Society."

M/S/P to recommend: Article VI Section 7, We recommend changing "The Federation Director or the Alternate Federation Director shall be required to report on Federation activities the month following Federation meetings." to "The Federation Director or the Alternate Federation Director is to represent the society at all Federation meetings, and report on Federation activities the month following the Federation meetings."

M/S/P to recommend : Article VII, Section 1, second paragraph: We recommend that the following be added to the end of the second paragraph: "This list shall be published in the following issue of the Breccia."

New Business: Frank Mullaney will purchase the Chaote award plaque.

M/S/P for June Harris to spend up to \$300.00 for 2009 show bag material.

M/S/P to loan the Youth Science Institute three display cases on a temporary bases.

M/S/P to have the SCVGMS website add a link to the Youth Science Institute.

Gail Matthews to try and obtain L. Shemel's program for September.

M/S/P to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Eichhorn, Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
March 26, 2008

Beginning Balance: \$7,454.67

Receipts:

2008 Show Dealer Fees	\$ 1372.50
DRC Rock Sale Proceeds	\$ 974.50
Initiation fees	\$ 20.00
Dues	\$ 40.00
Special Raffle	\$ 20.00
2008 Show Kids Area	\$ 1237.50
Interest	\$.78
CD deposit	<u>\$10155.91</u>

Total Receipts \$13921.19

Disbursements

Trailer Storage Fee	\$1575.00
CFMS Programs	\$ 15.00
Scholarship booth expense (Rocky Five)	\$ 132.52
Breccia, Post Cards, Show Advertising (Expressions)	\$ 259.65
CFMS Video for show	\$ 7.50
Postage for post cards	\$ 191.60
Dry Mounting, Show fliers (Expressions)	\$ 82.54
2008 show Kids Area (Expressions)	\$ 90.93
2008 show Kids Area, Gold Award, Dealers, Scholarship, mtg social	\$ 581.30
2008 show Kids Area, Scholarship booth	\$ 38.11
February and March refreshments	\$ 23.09
Breccia Postage	\$ 66.70
CFMS March Postage	\$ 7.50
McDaniels Insurance for 2008 show insurance	\$ 330.00
February and March refreshments	<u>\$ 28.90</u>

Total Disbursements \$3430.34

Ending Balance \$17,845.52