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An All-American Club

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

San Jose, California

Randy says...

Hello, Fellow Rockhounds,

The November 24th meeting will be elections and Silent Auction. Please bring items to donate for the auction. It is always a fun time with some spirited bidding for some of the items. Proceeds go to the club general fund to offset the costs associated with running the club.

The Board has reserved the Cabana Club for our annual Installation Dinner on December 1st. We are having it catered by Willow Street. The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 12. The food will be very good and you can't beat the price. Please send in your reservation to Marc Mullaney so we can order the proper amount of food.

The deadline for reservations is the November meeting. We will be having a Toys for Tots collection as we have in past years. Please bring an unwrapped gift per person to donate. Let me or Marc Mullaney know if you would like to help decorate the Cabana Club.

The nomination committee has given their report on the candidates for the upcoming election. The election will be held at our November general meeting. Currently there are openings for President and Secretary.

The new President will be asking for people to serve on the committees for the next year. If you would like to chair a committee, please send me an E-mail or call to let me know what you would like to do. I will forward this information to the incoming President. There are several positions open. The biggest one will be Show Chairman for 2011.

We will be hosting the spring meeting of North Bay Field Trips. The date will be March 13th here at the Cabana Club. This would be a great opportunity for you to learn about upcoming trips. Each club is supposed to host at least one field trip each year. If there is somewhere you would like to go, contact Dean Welder or me and we will see what we can do to set it up.

Randy Harris, President



Welcome, New Member:

Amy DeMasi, 408-250-5849, ademasi@sbcglobal.net

Interests: collecting, Smithies, geology, minerals, field trips.



Member Displays: November

None! We have elections and the Silent Auction instead.



2010 Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee recommends the following:

President: OPEN
Vice President - Rick Kennedy
Secretary: OPEN
Treasurer - Frank Mullaney
Editor - June Harris
Federation Director - Ruth Bailey
Alt. Fed Director - Michael Paone

Board members
- R.K. Owen
- Carol Pimentel
- Art Pimentel
- Karen Welder
- Nancy Reineking

Parliamentarian - Dean Welder
Historian - April Bosworth

Nominating committee members:
Dean Welder, Randy Harris, Michael Paone



Bits and Pieces

Smithies

Mike Perry and Pat Speece

Our November class will learn several new processes.

We've had four lab nights so far where members come and work on projects, ask questions, or just check us out. We enjoy these. If that sounds good to you, come join us.

Our next lab nights are November 23, and 31, 7 to 10 pm. Pat.speece@sbcglobal.net or 266-4327.



Stringers

Pat Speece

The chief strings are on an extended vacation. However, if you need help with anything, let me know and we can probably work something out.



Mineraleers

Chuck Boblenz

The Mineraleers met at the Paone residence on a very rainy night last month. Four members attended, including the host and hostess and all enjoyed seeing a flat of Franklin, New Jersey minerals that Frank Monez had collected a number of years ago. Mike's black lights were very active throughout the event.

Gail Matthews was unable to attend due to her health, but I substituted in her place in describing how Fluorescence takes place.

Mike and Nancy Paone shared a large collection of jewelry from Bali that they have acquired. Many exquisite pieces they showed received many ooh's and ahh's.

Next months meeting is Nov. 10, 2009 at the Gissler home. The topic is Marble led by Bill Gissler.

So dust off those pieces of Marble that you may have around and plan now to attend this meeting.

Please RSVP to Bill or Sharon at (408) 241-0477. Hope to see you there.



Smile!

You might be a rockhound if you think the primary function of road cuts is serving as tourist attractions. :)

Cutaways and Carvers

John Eichhorn

Meet at John Eichhorn's house

November 14th, 1pm to 4pm

Let John know you are coming.

408-749-0523 johneichhorn@earthlink.net



Pitfalls of rock tumbling

Rocktumblinghobby.com

1. NEVER pour the waste product from your barrels down the sink - it sets rock-hard even under water and will rapidly cause a blockage in your pipework. Find somewhere else to pour it - on the garden or I prefer to use a large outdoor water barrel - pouring the water out and then taking the slurry to the tip from time to time.

2. NEVER use a barrel which has had grit in it for the final polish phase - always ensure that you have one barrel especially designated for this purpose only.

3. NEVER allow any grit to contaminate any machinery - your washing machine, your tumbler, your dishwasher etc - GRIT DESTROYS ALL MACHINES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

4. NEVER leave your barrels for more than 2 days without checking them - always keep an eye on them so that in the event of a problem - such as a lid popping off - you can be around to sort it out quickly.

5. ALWAYS follow the manufacturer's instructions for oiling the bearings on your tumbler, do not ignore this or you will quickly find yourself with a siezed up bearing - remember these machines need to run 24/7 without a rest!!

6. ALWAYS use separate spoons/sieves/barrels for each type of grit - you must always avoid cross contamination of grits.

7. ALWAYS protect your machines from damp air conditions and wet surfaces for obvious safety reasons.

8. ALWAYS pay close attention to the washing stages - there is no point in attempting to polish stones if cross barrel contamination is occurring - they will simply never shine. ★

Let's see a show!

CFMS

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

All are in California unless otherwise noted.

Nov 7-8 2009, Concord, CA

Contra Costa Min & Gem Soc
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road (Corner of
Ygnacio & Clayton Rd)
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Harry Nichandros
Email: show2009@ccmgs.org
Website: <http://ccmgs.org>

Nov 6-7-8 2009, Eureka, CA

Humbolt Gem & Min Soc
Redwood Acres Fairground
3750 Harrie Street
Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Tony Tyson (707) 502-9574
Email: bluiis911@msn.com

Nov 7-8 2009, Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Min Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Susan Chaisin-Walblom
(661) 943-1861
SLChaisin@yahoo.com
palmdalegemandmineral.com

Nov 7-8 2009, Ridgecrest, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Min Soc
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 S. Richmond Rd.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
schiller@ridgecrest.ca.us

Nov 14-15 2009, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Min Soc
San Bernadino Co.
Fairgrounds
17800 - 7th Street
Hours: 9-5 daily
Vigil Melton (760) 900-0507
Website: www.vvgmc.org

Nov 14-15 2009, Yuba City, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Min Soc
Franklin Hall, Yuba/Sutter
Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave.
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Bruce Roberts (530) 675-2864

Nov 21-22 2009, Livermore CA

Livermore Valley Lithophiles
At the "Barn" Pacific Ave at
So. Livermore Ave.
Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Email: info@lithophiles.com
Website: www.lithophiles.com
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

Nov 21-22 2009, Oxnard, CA

Oxnard Gem & Min Soc
Oxnard Performing Arts Ctr
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
Email: info@oxnardgem.com
www.oxnardgem.com

Dec 5-6 2009, Barstow, CA

Mojave Gem & Min Society
Community Center
841 Barstow Road: 10-5 daily
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
janetwentz@earthlink.net
Website: www.mdgms.org

Jan 16-17 2010, Exeter, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Memorial Bldg.
420 N Kaweah (Hwy 65),
Exeter
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4
Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842
Don Vieira (559) 733-7739
Webpage: tulegem.org

Feb12-21, 2010, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Min & Gem Soc
Riverside County Fair &
National Date Festival
Gem Min Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

March 5-6-7 2010, Newark, CA

Min and Gem Soc of Castro
Valley; Newark Pavilion
6430 Thorton Avenue,
Newark, CA 94560
Fri & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Lary Ham (510) 887-9007
Email: showchair@mgscv.org
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 6-7 2010, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum &
Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Ave.
Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30
Jo Anna Ritchey (626)
359-1624
vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 6-7 2010, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Min Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co.
Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805)
987-0043
vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
Website: vgms.org

March 13-14 2010,

Spreckels, CA

Salinas Valley Rock Gem Club
Veteran's Memorial Hall
5th & Liano Streets
Hours: 10-5 daily
Ernie DeFever (831) 422-3422
minimad64@comcast.net
salinasrockandgem.com

March 13-14 2010, Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds
900 N Broadway
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209)
524-3494
terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
www.turlockgemshow.com

Enjoy!



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2009

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the Cabana Club in Los Gatos. Minutes from the August 25th meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia. The board meeting will be held on September 24, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the home of Pat Speece with Bill Spence hosting.

Announcements: Members and guests were welcomed. Time and Talent sheets were distributed to members and Randy asked members to please return them by the end of the meeting. We will be having several booths at area events to promote the society. The first event is Prusch Farms Harvest Expo on October 3rd from 10-4. The second event is the Youth Science Institute "Wildlife Fair" at Alum Rock Park on October 4th from 10-3. Members were asked to donate their time to help promote the organization. The North Bay Field Trip meeting is October 17th. We will be having a Play Day at the Harris' home on October 31 to make prizes for the annual show Scholarship booth, and to work on filling rock bags for the Kids Area. Installation dinner is December 1st; a sign up sheet will be in the next Breccia. Ann Marie Mullaney is collecting recyclable bottles and cans to raise money for her Washington DC trip. Randy thanked Bill Spence for volunteering to become the PLAC chairman.

New Members: Jay and Mary Rasmussen were welcomed to the society and given their new member packets.

Correspondence: Fliers and posters for the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society's 2nd annual show, Letter and pamphlets for the Ocean View Mine.

Nominating Committee: Michael Paone (chairman), and Dean Welder volunteered and were appointed to the nominating committee. Since there were no other volunteers, Randy Harris appointed himself as the third member of the committee.

Study Groups: *Jeweler's* will meet on October 1st at Marc Mullaney's home at 7:30 PM. Call for details. *Cutaways and Carvers* will meet on October 10th at Demo Day. *Stringers* will meet on September 25th. October class date will be in the Breccia. *Smithies* next open lab will be September 28th & 29th and October 20th & 26th. Next regular class will be October 12th & 13th. Call Pat Speece to be placed on sign up list for upcoming classes. *Faceters* will meet on October 3rd at Max Casey's home. Call for details and time. *Mineraleers* will meet on October 13th at Michael Paone home at 7:30 PM. Subject will be fluorescence. *Fossileers* will meet on October 10th at Demo Day. Subject will be Chinese fossils. Call Gail Matthews for time.

Sunshine: Frank Mullaney reported that Donna Garland has been recently released from a six week stay in the hospital after complications from several surgeries. Donna is recovering well. Marc Mullaney had surgery today and is home recovering. Frank asked if anyone had heard anything from Claire Ferguson and Gordon Snyder.

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Hospitality: We had 44 members and 5 guests at the meeting tonight.

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey reported that the next CFMS meeting will be November 6th -8th in Visalia. Ruth requested nominations for the following awards: CFMS Scholarship honoree, Golden Bear, and AFMS Scholarship honoree. She explained the requirements for each award and asked the membership for suggestions.

PLAC Report: No report, Bill Spence will be transitioning into the position.

Field Trips: Dean Welder explained purposes of the North Bay Field Trip (NBFT) group and the Field Trip CO-OP groups. The NBFT will be meeting on October 17th in Vallejo. Everyone is invited. There will be a potluck and silent auction during the meeting. Dean and Randy have directions to the meeting. Dean announced the upcoming field trips to the Empire Mine; Inyo Kern/Ridgecrest; Fernley, Nevada; and Sutter Gold Mine Trip. If anyone is interested in any of these trip, contact Dean via email or phone.

2010 Show: Frank Mullaney indicated that Richard Wade will be returning to the show as a speaker. Everything else is progressing well. If anyone would like to volunteer to take on a leadership position with the show please contact Marc Mullaney directly. June Harris announced a show business card contest for members, guests, dealers, and local businesses to participate.

Member sharing: See Breccia.

Program for the evening was a video called “Minerals – Building Blocks of Rocks”.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary

**Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009**

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at the home of Pat Speece. All board members were present except Gail Matthews. Marc Mullaney, Vito Cangemi, Rick Kennedy, and Karen Welder. MSP (D. Welder, R. Bailey) to accept the minutes with one amendment, in the written DRC report, they requested that only their members pick up donations.

New Member applications: MSP (R. Bailey, B. Spence) to accept Ed Orekar, Jian Zheng, and April Bosworth as new members.

Correspondence: Letter and form from McDaniels Insurance Company, letter from Briarwood Elementary school, thank you letter from Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Management Corp. for participating in the 2009 Annual Fair and an invitation to participate in the 2010 fair.

Treasurer’s Report: MSP (R. Bailey, M. Paone) that the bills presented be allowed. MSP (P.Speece, F. Mullaney) to drop delinquent members for nonpayment of dues. MSP (R. Bailey, D. Welder) to add \$10,000.00 to our CD and renew for 6-9 months. Reviewed Chase’s new policies and fees.

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Committee Reports:

2010 Show: June Harris has made a reservation at the Cabana Club for a Brownie Try-it Event on February 20, 2010. MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to allow June Harris to spend \$125.00 for fabric to make rock bags. MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to bring Richard Wade up for the show. MSP (R. Bailey, F. Mullaney) to purchase an additional 2 boxes of polished rocks for the show, for a total of 4 boxes.

Volunteer Rewards Committee: No Report

Field Trips: Dean Welder will not be able to attend the NBFT meeting on October, June Harris will go in his stead.

Old Business:

Professional Investment Advisor: No Report

Club Trailer Wheel Covers: Will be done next week.

Communications: Frank Mullaney will take over sending out meeting reminders.

Additional Insured Certificates: No Report

Prusch Farms: Frank and June will visit on Friday to scope out booth location and accommodations. Everyone is welcome to help with the Booth at the exposition and fair on October 3rd.

YSI Festival: Michael Paone, Nancy Reineking, and JT Fuller will represent SCVGMS. The festival is at Alum Rock Park on October 4th. Everyone is welcome.

Installation Dinner: Prices will be the same as last year.

New Business:

Play Day on October 31: MSP (F. Mullaney, D. Welder) to cover what participants don't cover for their lunches and drinks.

Scholarships: MSP(F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to offer 2 scholarships to San Jose State University and 1 scholarship to University of California at Santa Cruz, scholarships will be limited to only students who are studying "earth" sciences. MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) scholarships will be in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

ALAA: MSP (F. Mullaney, D. Welder) to pay 2010 dues to ALAA in the amount of \$50.00 and have Bill Spence be our contact person.

SCVGMS Newsletter schedule: Pat announced that the next 3 Breccias will be abbreviated.

Diamond Dan Publication: MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to renew our our Diamond Dan Newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



Fossils of tiny dinosaur on first public display

Reuters By Dan Whitcomb and Bob Mezan – Thu Oct 22, 10:40 am ET

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) – Fossils from the smallest dinosaur found in North America, a fleet-footed species only 28 inches long and weighing less than a rabbit, have gone on public display for the first time at a Los Angeles museum. The bones were discovered in western Colorado in the late 1970s but only recently identified and named *Fruitadens haagarorum* by an international team of scientists.

The fossils represent the skulls, vertebrae, arms and legs of four individual dinosaurs and are housed at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, which put them on display.

"We're really testing the limits of body size among dinosaurs," Luis Chiappe, director of the museum's Dinosaur Institute, told Reuters in an interview.

"Here's an animal that is estimated to have weighed about two pounds (0.91 kg) when it was full grown," he said. "So this is a really tiny dinosaur. It is the smallest known dinosaur from North America and one of the smallest dinosaurs ever."

Scientists say *Fruitadens haagarorum* lived about 150 million years ago, during the Late Jurassic period, probably darting between the legs of much larger dinosaurs such as *Brachiosaurus*, *Allosaurus* and *Torvosaurus*.

Unusual details in the skull, including a canine-like tooth at the front of the lower jaw and leaf-shaped teeth in the cheek region, along with the small body size, suggests it ate both plants and animals.

That would make *Fruitadens haagarorum* one of the latest surviving members of a group of dinosaurs called heterodontosaurids.



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM at the Cabana Club in Los Gatos. The approval of the minutes of the September 22 meeting were postponed until the November meeting. The board meeting will be at Pat Speece's home with Bill Spence hosting.

Announcements: Members and guests were welcomed. Time and Talent sheets were made available for anyone who had not completed one. Reminder of the October 31 Play Day at Randy and June Harris' home was made. Installation Dinner sign up forms were distributed to the meeting attendees. The November meeting will be elections and a silent auction. Members are asked to bring items to contribute to the silent auction. All proceeds will support the organization. Anne Marie Mullaney is collecting recyclable cans and bottles. A directory checklist was passed out. Members were asked to check their information and initial if correct and make corrections if there were errors.

New members: Sharon Updyke, Isabella Updyke-Welsh, Duane Elder, Ed Orekar, and Jian Zheng were welcomed to the club and given their new member packets.

Correspondence: Flier and letter from the Tuscon Electric Park RV Gem Show, Show fliers from the Livermore Lithophiles, acknowledgement from Eva Surrell and Family, Email from Mary Jane Karas about Richardson Ranch, Dodge and Cox statement, letter from the Peninsula Library system, show fliers for the Contra Costa Show, and Insurance Certificate from McDaniels insurance.

Nominating Committee: Michael Paone announced the committee's recommendations. They are as follows: President-Open; Vice President- Rick Kennedy; Secretary- Open; Treasurer- Frank Mullaney; Editor- June Harris; Federation Director,-Ruth Bailey; Alternate Federation Director-Michael Paone; 5 Director positions- Carol Pimentel, Art Pimentel, Karen Welder, RK Owen, Nancy Reineking; Parliamentarian,-Dean Welder; Historian- April Bosworth. Elections will be at the November meeting.

Study Groups: *Jewelers* meeting will be at Marc Mullaney's home on November 5th. Marc is looking for new ideas for projects and welcomes suggestions. *Cutaways and Carvers* meet at John Eichhorn's home on the second Saturday; please call to RSVP. *Stringers* group had no report, *Smithies* will be meeting on November 9th and 10th. Sign ups are tonight for this all level class. *Faceters* will be meeting at Max Casey's home on November 7th; please call to RSVP. *Mineraleers* will be meeting at Bill Gissler's home on November 10th and they will be studying marble. *Fossileers* group had no report.

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Sunshine: Pat Speece broke her foot. Gail Matthews has injured her back.

DRC: George Yamashita said all the rocks are covered and the next rock sale will be in the spring.

Hospitality: We had 45 members and 2 guests present.

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey reported that she would be attending the meeting in Visalia on November 7th and she hoped that Michael Paone would be attending as well. Ruth also indicated that she planned to attend the insurance and the ALAA meetings as well while she was there.

PLAC: No Report

Field Trips: Dean Welder will be writing an article about the club's relationship to the North Bay Field Trip (NBFT) group and CO-OP. Dean announced three trips: a Thanksgiving weekend to Wiley Wells, a December 12th & 13th trip to the Cady Mountains, and a Rockhound wedding and field trip on November 7th to Afton Canyon. Dean asked members for ideas for future field trips. Dean asked June Harris to give a report on the NBFT Meeting on October 17th. June reported that there were not many trips coming up but usually there are more trips in the spring than in the winter. Upon SCVGMS Board approval we will be hosting the next NBFT meeting on March 13th at the Cabana Club. This would be a good opportunity for our members who are interested in field trips to attend the meeting. She also indicated that each participating club is supposed to sponsor one field trip per year. We need to find a trip to sponsor for the 2010 year.

Junior Members: Dean Welder would like to start a new tradition. He brought a box of various rocks and minerals. Our two Junior members in attendance were allowed to choose a specimen for their personal collection.

2010 Show report: Marc Mullaney encouraged members to attend the Play Day to help us get ready for the show. More business cards have been ordered; so far we have used 15,000. Marc explained the new business card contest. He displayed the show posters. Marc thanked Bill Gissler for volunteering to chair the Hospitality booth. Marc still has the following positions available on the show committee: Ticket booth and sales, Demonstrators, and Security. He asked everyone to mark their calendars for setup on April 14th. We will be pre-selling adult tickets through the Kids Area sign ups to help lessen the rush at the ticket booth. Steve Yvaska and Richard Wade will be back as speakers. Marc would like to set up a booth next to Steve Yvaska to help identify the stones in jewelry that Steve evaluates. We are contracted with about half our dealers and expect to be completely full within a couple of months.

Member sharing: See Breccia

Program for the evening: Bill Gissler is presenting a program on the rocks, minerals, and geology of Iceland.

Extra shirts and cups from the 2009 show were made available for members and guests to take.

Door Prizes: Names were drawn and prizes were distributed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

June Harris

Secretary



Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2009

President Randy Harris called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at the home of Pat Speece. All board members were present except Vito Cangemi. MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey) to approve the September 24th meeting minutes.

New member applications: MSP (R. Bailey, D. Welder) to accept Amy DeMasi as a new member.

Correspondence: Two letters from the IRS and one letter from the State Franchise Board.

Treasurer: Frank Mullaney renewed our certificate of deposit for a period of 9 months and opened another for a period of 6 months. MSP (D. Welder, R. Bailey) to pay the bills presented.

Committee Reports:

2010 show: Marc Mullaney presented a request to engage the following people/ businesses for advertising the 2010 show(approximate costs): Steve Yvaska (\$400.00), Theater advertising (\$1600.00), and KFOX radio station (\$1700.00). MSP (R. Bailey, B. Spence) to approve the show advertising budget. Marc indicated that he still needs someone to oversee the ticket booth and sales. Sponsorship agreement with the San Jose Marriott is complete. The SCVGMS Website needs a few corrections. Michael Paone would like to investigate new and different types of advertising.

2010 Kids Area: June Harris asked to be allowed to create an alliance between the SCVGMS Kids Area and The Youth Science Institute (YSI). YSI will provide the Kids Area with 4 teachers for 3 days for the Rock Bag tables in exchange we will allow them to pass out their fliers and to place a sign over the tables indicating their sponsorship of the booth. SCVGMS will still be responsible for making and filling the rock bags. MSP (D. Welder, M. Mullaney) to allow this alliance with YSI. Also June Harris requested permission to book the Cabana Club for the Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge event for May 15, 2010. The day is available. MSP (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) to allow June to rent the Cabana Club for the Boy Scout event. Also there will three upcoming events (Girl Scout Winterfest, Boy Scout University of Scouting MidWay PowWow, and Briarwood Elementary School Science Fair).

Volunteer Rewards Committee: No Report.

Nominating committee: The committee met on September 28th and October 20th. Difficulties with finding people for each position was discussed.

Old Business:

Professional Investment advisor: Marc reviewed the information that was emailed to all board members. MSP (R. Bailey, F. Mullaney) to leave the endowment fund with Dodge and Cox without any changes.

Play Day on October 31: We will be working on prizes for the scholarship booth, rock bags for the Kids Area, spiders for advertising, and business card contest for CFMS clubs.

Installation Dinner: The Marines have been invited. Marc will be handling the drinks, table cloths, decorations, Christmas Tree. Michael will be checking to make sure that Willow Street will be providing the table service. *Continued on next page.*

Prusch Farms and YSI Wildlife Fair events: Prusch Farms had about 5,000 people attend and we had a booth. Marc Mullaney demonstrated sphere making, Annie Mullaney ran the spinning wheel for children, and Frank Mullaney and June Harris worked the wheel and spoke to attendees regarding the club's upcoming show and meetings. Michael Paone, Nancy Reineking, and JT Fuller ran a booth at the YSI Wildlife fair. There were 4000 attendees. They demonstrated cabochon making and displayed mineral specimens while talking to attendees about our organization and upcoming show.

Club Trailer Wheel Covers: Frank Mullaney has completed the wheel covers and installed them. The trailer with the larger wheels needs an additional board added to the covers for more protection from the elements. Frank will purchase another board and attach it.

New Business: Take Flight for Kids Email: Randy Harris read an email from Take Flight for Kids group. They are offering our group a table at their two upcoming events in May 2010 (Moffett Field) and August/ September 2010 (Reed-Hillview Airport). Michael Paone took the email and will be contacting them regarding their expectations, table space, whether we can sell anything while there.

NBFT Meeting: June Harris requested board permission to host the spring NBFT meeting at the Cabana Club on March 13th, 2010. MSP (M. Mullaney, R. Bailey) for the SCVGMS to host the March 13th NBFT meeting at the Cabana Club.

Rockhound of the Year Award: the award was discussed. Ruth Bailey, Frank Mullaney, and Michael Paone volunteered for a committee to nominate a deserving member(s) to CFMS for the award.

CFMS Delegate mileage: Ruth Bailey requested that the board authorize mileage expense to the Alternate Federation director so that he can attend the November CFMS meeting in Visalia on November 7th. MSP (F. Mullaney, D. Welder) to pay the Alternate Federation Directors mileage to the CFMS mtg.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, SCVGMS Secretary



How to bend a tube

Ganoksin.com

Many tools sold in model/hobby stores can be used for jewelry making. During a recent visit to a hobby shop, I found tube bending coils, which model makers use to build models that require bent tubing. Jewelry makers will find these coils handy when bending tubing for projects.

Bending coils are available in different sizes, making it possible to bend tubing without any major distortions. When selecting a coil, pick one that fits the tube snugly.

Insert the tube into the coil and leave a small amount of the tube sticking out. This will allow you to grab the tube to remove it from the coil after bending.

Gently bend the coil to the desired curve. As the coil is bent, the tube inside will bend as well. If the tube fits snugly inside the coil, it will not deform during bending. Use a pair of pliers to remove the tube from the coil. It may be necessary to lightly sand the surface of the tube to remove any marks left behind from the bending process.

Tubes can be bent in different directions using these coils.



Need information?

Call:

Board

President: Randy Harris (831) 438-5150

Vice-president: Rick Kennedy (408) 529-9690

Secretary: June Harris (831) 438-5150

Treasurer: Frank Mullaney (408) 266-1791

Editor: Pat Speece (408) 266-4327 or

pat.speece@sbcglobal.net

Federation Director: Ruth Bailey (408) 248-6195

Alternate Federation Director:

Michael Paone (408) 340-3258

Directors (5)

Vito Cangemi (408) 356-6705

Gail Matthews (650) 962-9960

Marc Mullaney (408) 691-1584

Bill Spence (408) 398-7502

Karen Welder (408) 353-2675

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder (408) 353-2675

Historian

Links:

Our website: www.scvgms.org

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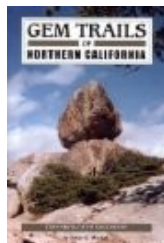
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