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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 January 24, 2012, at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.

Our next board meeting will be on January 26, 2012, at Ruth Bailey's home, 2857 Addison Place, Santa Clara, CA 95051 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 \$20.00 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 Randy Harris. 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

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Mineraleers	Chuck Boblenz	(408) 734-2473
Smithies	Pat Speece	(408) 266-4327

Randy's Ramblings

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to lead the club for the next year. I would also like to thank everyone that helped with the many things we did this year. We have several exciting things to look forward to such as field trips, the show, study groups, meeting new friends, and, most importantly, a chance to serve the club in many ways. I have already spoken with many of you and I thank you for stepping up to take charge of some of the committees. Many of the committees have new leaders. If you have not volunteered for a committee position, please consider helping the club by accepting a position. I will be calling to ask what you are willing to do. Co-Chairmen are always welcome.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the club or activities you are interested in, please write them down and give them to me or send me an Email: randysparky234@netscape.net. My phone number is listed here in the Breccia if you would rather call.

The Installation Dinner was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the evening. There were many toys donated to the Marines for Toys for Tots. The food was very good. Many thanks to those of you that came early and helped set up the tables and chairs and decorate the room. It was nice to see all of you!

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Randy Harris, President

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Show and Tell Members' Display Schedule for Meetings this Year

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

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

January -Members with the last name that starts with A, B, or C.

February- Members with the last name that starts with D, E, or F

March Silent Auction—No member sharing

April Members with the last name that starts with G or H

May Members with the last name that starts with I, J, or K.

June Members with the last name that starts with L or M.

July Members with the last name that starts with N, O, or P

August Members with the last name that starts with R or S

September Members with the last name that starts with T, U and V.

October Members with the last name that starts with W, Y, and Z.

November Silent Auction—No member sharing

January meeting program will be on the Cinnabar. Colleen McGann will be presenting this interesting program. Cinnabar has figured prominently in the Silicon Valley his-

Sunshine

If you know of a society member who has been or is ill, had a death in the family, or has had a great event happen in their life, please contact Ernestine Smith with the news. Ernestine's phone number is (408) 395-5035, or email her at ebotts@juno.com.

Multiple Estate Rock Sale

on February 25th

**Please contact Dean Welder
to be put on a list**

for sale updates and information.

**Contact Dean at
wdeanwelder@yahoo.com .**

Have you nominated a member for Rockhound of the Month?

Please give your recommendation to Randy Harris. You can contact him at a meeting or by email at randysparky234@netscape.net. Please include a short note about what this member has done in support of the society.

I wonder who will be the next Rockhound of the month. Could it be you?

Rockhound of the month for the month of November was Dean Welder.

**Dean has been our society's
Parliamentarian and Field trip chairman
for the last several years.**

Congratulations Dean!

Check out what our study groups are doing!!!

Mineraleers by Chuck Boblenz



I hope that all of you had a very pleasant holiday season and that Santa brought all of you the things you wished for and that you are already processing them for their intended use.

This is a reminder that the Mineralleer meeting is next Tuesday, the 10th, here at Jeri's and my home. The program topic for the evening is a DVD about JADE; so dust off any pieces of JADE that you have and bring them out for show-and-tell.

Also, bring any items you may have acquired over the past holidays. Hope to see you here.



Faceters

The Faceters meet on the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM—noon at Max Casey's home. Please call Max at (408) 227-0526 for directions and more information about this group.

Smithies by Pat Speece



What do the Smithies do? We make jewelry using a torch, saw, files, polishers, et al. We teach you how and when to use the tools. You are welcome to use our tools, materials, and help. Beginners are always welcome.

Interested in the smithies study group, contact Pat Speece (408) 266-4327 or Email: pat.speece@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Bragging rights

For the month of January the contest theme is green. So bring your green specimens to the meeting. You can enter in one of two categories, either judged or people's choice. The judged category is for items or specimens that you have found and done something to "improve". People's choice is for specimens or items you have purchased. Both categories have prizes that will be awarded at the next meeting.

We would like **Ed Orekar** and **Bill Simpson** to bring the winning specimens from the November meeting to the January meeting to show off again.

Mark Your Calendars

Next SCVGMS annual show will be April 20th-22nd, 2012
Setup will begin on April 18th.

SCVGMS Directories are available to all members. Please pick one up from the society secretary, RK Owen, at the next meeting.

2012 SCVGMS Calendar



Field Trip Schedule

For more information about the field trips below, please contact Dean Welder at fieldtrips@scvgms.org

March 31st North Bay Field Trip meeting in San Francisco 9-2 More information to follow.

CFMS North Trips-North

by Jim Barton, Chair

A CFMS field trips– North field trip to Topaz Mountain & Dugway Geode Beds

For the detailed write up for these field trips contact Jim Barton, CFMS North (contact info below), or go to the CFMS website www.cfmsinc.org for the full version.

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at the meeting site.

Trip Location: Topaz Mt. Dugway Geode Beds, Northwest of Delta Utah.

Vehicle access & parking: #3 at Topaz mt. & Dugway Geode beds.—Good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking at Topaz Mt. Dugway Geode Beds.

Collection or view site: From a # 3 at the base of the mt. to a #7 at the Red Beryl site, 1/2 mile or more to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. A #4 at Dugway geode beds, flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help.

When: April 5 through April 8 (Thu-Sun). This is a repeating site tour; you may show up and leave at any time during these 4 days. See schedule for optimum arrival times.

Member's Guests: This is a public collecting area and anybody may camp and collect at the area concurrent with our activities. Those who choose to make the escorted trip to the Red Beryl site and convoy with us to the Dugway Geode Beds must sign the waiver.

Collection Material: Topaz Crystals, Bixbite (Red Beryl), Pseudobrookite crystals, Hematite crystals, and geodes.
Leader & Contact info: Please contact leader ahead of time: Jim Barton, Home 916-773-0458, call 916-847-7321, email: geologist1@surewest.net

January 7th Faceters meeting at Max Casey's home.

January 9th Smithies meeting

January 10th Mineraleers meeting at 7:30 PM at the Boblenz' home.

January 13th Smithies meeting

January 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM

January 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Ruth Bailey's home.

February 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM

March 1st Board meeting at 7:30 PM at David Lowe's home.

March 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM

March 29th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Ruth Bailey's home.

April 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM

April 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Rick Kennedy's home.

May 22nd General meeting at 7:45 PM

May 24th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at RK Owen's home.

June 26th General meeting at 7:45 PM

June 28th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Dean Welder's home.

July 24th General meeting at 7:45 PM

July 26th Board meeting at 7:30 PM Location to be determined

August 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM

August 30th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Sharon Updyke's home.

September 25th General meeting at 7:45 PM

September 27th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy and June Harris' home.

October 23rd General meeting at 7:45 PM

October 25th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Chuck Boblenz' home.

November 27th General meeting at 7:45 PM

November 29th Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Randy and June Harris' home.

December 4th Installation Dinner at 7:00PM at the Cabana Club

Let's visit a show

CFMS Club Show Calendar



2012 CFMS club shows

January 21 - 22: EXETER, CA, Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia, Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building, Highway 65, 324 N Kaweah Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Steve Hayward, (559) 734-3843, cell (559) 967-1084, Email: smhay734@aol.com, Website: www.tulegem.org

January 27 - 28*: REDLANDS, CA, Mineralogical Society of Southern California/Micro-Mineralogists, Pacific Micromount Conference, San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Drive, Hours: Fri. 4 - 10; Sat. 8 - 10, *Field Trip on Sunday, January 29, Contact: Dr. Robert Housley, (626) 697-4435, Email: rhousley@its.caltech.edu

Website: www.mineralsocal.org/micro/index.html

February 17 - 26: INDIO, CA, San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg #1, Arabia Street, Hours: 10 - 10 daily, Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674, Email: bert67@verizon.net

March 2 - 4: NEWARK, CA, Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Avenue, Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5, Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007, Email: info@mgscv.org, Website: www.mgscv.org

March 5 - 6: ARCADIA, CA, Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc., LA County Arboretum, 301 Baldwin Avenue, Hours: 9 - 4:30 daily, Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624, Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com, Website: www.Moroks.com

March 3 - 4: VENTURA, CA, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Rob Sankovich, (805) 494-7734, Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net, Website: www.vgms.org

March 10 - 11: SALINAS (Spreckels), CA, Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club, Veteran's Hall, Spreckels, CA, 5th & Llano Streets, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Robert L. Braun, (831) 771-2089,

March 10 - 11: TURLOCK, CA, Mother Lode Mineral Society, Turlock Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Terry & Bud McMillin, (209) 524-3494, Email: bud.mcmillin.b7y@statefarm.com, Website: www.turlockgemshow.com

March 17 - 18: VALLEJO, CA, Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Dan Wolke, (707) 644-9764, Email: VGMS01@yahoo.com, Website: www.vallejogemandmineral.com

March 24 - 25: ANGELS CAMP, CA, Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA), 101 Frogtown Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Tak Iwata, (209) 928-5579, Email: Tak2me@msn.com, Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 24 - 25: ROSEVILLE, CA, Roseville Rock Rollers, Roseville-Placer County Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd. (off Washington), Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114, Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com, Website: www.rockrollers.com

April 7 - 8: PARADISE, CA, Paradise Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge, 6309 Clark Road, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324, Email: mmpg@att.net, Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 20 - 22: SAN JOSE, CA, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road, Hours: Fri 9 - 5; Sat & Sun 10 - 5, Phone: (408) 265-1422, Email: info@scvgms.org, Website: www.scvgms.org

April 28 - 29: LANCASTER, CA, Antelope Gem & Mineral Society, Lancaster High School, 44701 - 32nd Street West, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092, cja_62@yahoo.com, Contact: Rod Skillings, (661) 400-5198, rodneyskillings@ymail.com, Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

May 5 - 6: ANAHEIM, CA, Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Avenue, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30, Contact: Steve Duncan, (714) 724-7102, Email: wsd@iteris.com, Website: www.searchersrocks.org

June 30 - July 1: CULVER CITY, CA, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Avenue (Overland & Culver), Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Robert Thirlaway, (310) 462-2269, Email: fiestaofgems@gmail.com, Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

July 13 - 15: RIVERSIDE, CA CFMS GOLD AND GEM SHOW & CONVENTION, Hosted by Valley Prospectors, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Steve Schubert, Show Chair, (951) 943-0535, Email: meschubert@hotmail.com

September 15 - 16: PASO ROBLES, CA, Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park & Museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Dale Conrad, (805) 226-0719, Website: www.srockhounds.org

November 3 - 4: LANCASTER, CA, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 West Avenue H, Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Email: pgmc@antelecom.net, Website: www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

2012 AFMS Federation Shows

Eastern Federation show, September 15-16, 2012 in Harrisburg, PA

AFMS and Midwest Federation show, July 26-29, 2012 in Wayzata, MN

Northwest Federation show, May 18-20, 2012 in Kennewick, WA

California Federation show, July 13-15 in Riverside CA

2013 Federation Shows

Eastern Federation show, April 5-7 in Long Island, New York

2012 SCVGMS Annual Show Update

Support the show, Support the club

Car Signs

Get them placed on your car. Call Julaine Mullaney 408-226-1791 to make an appointment.

Display case entry form for competitive and noncompetitive cases is available on page 11 of this newsletter.

For help with entering a competitive display case, contact Ruth Bailey, Frank Mullaney, or Chuck Boblenz.

For **single item competition**, use the bottom half of the Display case entry form. Form is on page 11 of this month's newsletter. Rules on page 12 of this month's Breccia. Ruth Bailey can help you, if needed.

Poster and business card distribution.

Contact Marc Mullaney if you can help.

All Hands on Deck!! Workers needed for the following dates: April 18 & 19 Show Set-up April 20, 21 & 22 Annual Show

Mark your 2012 calendars to plan to help for a minimum of 8 hours.

Next show meeting

Date: February 13th
Place: Ruth Bailey's home
Time: 7:30 PM.
Everyone is welcome!!



2012 Show
Chairpersons needed for:
Hospitality
Display case trailer manager
Second trailer manager

A Show check list. How you can help with the show! Have you...



- Sent in your Display Case entry form? Deadline 3/27
- Made your appointment to have your show car signs installed on your vehicle(s)? Call Julaine at (408) 266-1791 for appt.
- Put up a show poster or two (or ten) at a local businesses?
- Handed out at least 20 show business cards?
- Entered a competition piece and/or display case? Deadline 3/27
- Signed up to help with show setup April 18 and 19?
- Signed up to help with show tear down on April 22 at 5 PM?
- Signed up to work at the show? April 20th , 21st , and 22nd
 - Hospitality Booth
 - Scholarship Booth
 - Kids Area
 - Security
 - Demonstrations
 - Ticket sales
 - Daily lunch run
 - Overnight security
- Signed up to oversee one of these positions??
 - Hospitality Booth
 - Manage the case storage trailer
 - Manage the other storage trailer
 - Setup and teardown

Put your skills and best attributes to use for your club at the show.

Do you have a real passion for photography? You can help out at the show and practice your photography skills- to sign up, look under the security section

Are you stealthy and sly? Security needs you to help keep our vendor's goods secure and shoplifters caught. Sign up for security

Do you have a small RV or trailer? Would you be willing to be overnight security for Thursday, Friday, or Saturday? Talk to Max Casey if you can help.

Do you have any extra specimens of small minerals or rock? If you would like to donate them to the scholarship booth, they will sell them. Bring them with the specimen name and where they were collected to the set up on April 19th. We will box them for the scholarship booth.

Do you make jewelry, collect minerals, collect fossils, make carvings or bookends? You should enter an item or two in competition! Get the form is in this month's Breccia, page 10.

Do you have rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, carvings, etc? Enter a display case. The club owns the cases and you just have to provide the display. Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, carvings, anything rock or mineral related. If you are feeling competitive, enter a competitive case. The form is in the Breccia, page 10.

Do you have any cut geodes or thundereggs that you are not particularly attached to? The Scholarship booth can use them.

Are you friendly and like to talk to people? The Hospitality booth is for you. Signup at the next meeting.

Can you make change well? The Ticket booth needs people who are quick and accurate with money.

Do you like to make jewelry or practice any other lapidary art, and you like to talk to friends you haven't met yet about your hobby? Demonstrations could be a great place for you.

Do you like children or just talking to people about rocks and minerals? The Kids Area can use your help. Easy jobs with little rock knowledge needed.

Do you have that radio personality type of voice? The hospitality booth can use someone who can make clear announcements and help visitors complete their door prize tickets or just give good directions.

Do you have the gift of gab? Would you be willing to go to area businesses to put up posters and drop off business cards? Talk to Marc Mullaney about helping with advertising.

Are you friendly and fun? If you are passionate about rocks? The scholarship booth could use your skills.

Have cot, will travel? No cot, we can get you one. Overnight security can use you. See Max Casey.

Do you have a knack for Rock and Mineral Identification? The mineral ID booth would be a great fit for you.

Do you love to cut geodes and see the awe and wonder in the eye of the beholder? The scholarship booth needs someone to cut geodes throughout the day.

CFMS Federation Director Report

by Ruth Bailey,
SCVGMS Federation Director

The fall business meeting of the California Federation was held in Visalia on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Following the introduction of the officers, past presidents and new directors, President Jim Brace Thompson asked all veterans in the audience to stand and introduce themselves, giving their name, rank, and serial number. This was in recognition of Veterans' Day which was November 11.

Kevin Wright, Paradise club member, gave their report on the 2011 Federation show in Anderson, and presented the check for the Federation's portion of the income. He reported that they were happy with the show and it was really a great show in spite of the rainstorm which caused some problems on Sunday.

Bural and Pat LaRue, coordinators of the 2012 CFMS show, reported that the show will be held in the Riverside Municipal Auditorium on July 13-15. The host hotel will be the Marriott and all of the meetings and the meal events will be held there. We will receive a special rate of \$99.00 per night. Parking for campers will be available at the Jarupa Regional Park about 5 miles from the show site. Contact information will be provided on the CFMS website and in a CFMS newsletter. I have registration forms for the show and for entries, either competitive or non-competitive. Please let me know if you need one, and these forms will also be available on the website.

The 2013 show will be held at the Ventura Fairgrounds and Rob Sankovich, the new secretary of the CFMS, is the chairman. We will not have a firm date until after the first of 2012 as the Fairgrounds will not make the reservation until after January 1.

An AFMS Judges Training Seminar will be held on Thursday, May 10 — Saturday, May 13, 2012, in Reno. This will be held at the same time as the Reno show and will be open to members who are interested in more information about competition and will be helpful in preparing a case for exhibit, whether a competition case or not. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in Sparks, and we have an application for it. You can also print an application online.

New officers of 2012 were elected and installed. The new officers are
President:
Susan Chaisson-Walblom;
First Vice President, President Elect:
Bud McMillin;
Second Vice President:
Jennifer Haley;
Treasurer:
Tom Burchard;
Secretary:
Rob Sankovich.

Please let me know if you have any questions about how the CFMS works.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Member Display Case Application
Annual Show - April 20, 21 & 22, 2012

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I WILL FURNISH MY OWN CASE: _____ DEPTH: _____ WIDTH: _____

I WILL NEED A CASE: _____

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION: _____

COMPETITIVE CASE: _____ NON-COMPETITIVE CASE: _____

COMPETITIVE CASE INFORMATION
(Case to be judged by AFMS Uniform Rules)

Sub-Division: _____ Class: _____

Entry Level: Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____

Junior _____ Society _____

SINGLE ITEM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM *One entry per form, please.*

NAME OF COMPETITOR: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER: _____ Mineraleers _____ Cutaways

_____ Silversmiths _____ Fossileers _____ Carvers

_____ Facet Cutting _____ Stringers

TYPE OF ITEM: _____

Return this application on or before March 27, 2012 to:

Member Display Co-Chairmen
Frank Mullaney
5705 Begonia Drive
San Jose, CA 95124

Single Item Competition at the SCVGMS Annual Show

by Ruth Bailey

We will be sponsoring single item competition again at our show in April. We hope that more of our members will be able to participate this year. This gives us all a way to show our work and learn how our items compare to others.

The following are general rules for each category: All competitors shall be SCVGMS members. Each competitor shall be limited to one entry for each award offered. Each entry shall have been made within the last two (2) years. All workmanship must be done by the competitor. Each entry must be labeled with the name of the material and, where applicable, the technique(s) used. All items submitted need to have two labels, one with the competitor's name and one without the competitor's name, both with the material information.

All items will be judged by the Uniform Rules of the American Federation, and each item will start with 100 points. We are listing below the points which will apply to each group's entries. The points which are listed are the amount which the judges may deduct for problems with a particular part of your display.

Categories

Mineraleers: These are the points for Thumbnail Minerals as listed in the Rules:
Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 70.

Cutaways: These points are the most used in the Lapidary section:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 25; Variety, 10; Workmanship, 45.

Silversmiths: The points apply to the majority of the Jewelry category:
Labeling, 15; Showmanship, 15; Quality, 10; Variety, 15; Workmanship, 35; Design,

10.

Fossileers: The points are the most commonly used in the Fossil section:
Labeling, 30; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 30; Rarity, 5; Variety, 20; Reference list, 5.

Facet Cutting: These points apply to Faceted Stones:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Variety, 10.

Carvers:
Labeling, 5; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 65; Design, 10.

Stringers:
Labeling, 10; Showmanship, 10; Quality, 10; Workmanship, 55; Design, 15.

The Showmanship category covers the way your piece is set up for display. All of the items will be placed in a case with similar items, and you may bring a stand or similar display piece in order to show your piece to its best advantage.

Please get your application in to the Chairman as soon as possible, and you will need to have an application for each piece you are displaying. The application is on the bottom of the Display Case Application form. The form is on page 13 of this Breccia issue. If you have questions, give me a call at (408) 248-6195 and I will be glad to help. Items to be judged must be given to the Chairman on setup day.

Having Fun - Junior Activities Gemstone Lore and Legend

by Jim Brace-Thompson,
AFMS Juniors Chair

via The Rockhound Record, 5/2007; AFMS Newsletter, 5/2007

Precious gemstones have captivated and beguiled humankind from our beginnings. We use them to denote special occasions (a diamond anniversary) and we each know our own birthstones (mine is amethyst). Various cultures, right up to today's New Age, have invested mystical powers in gems of different sorts, and some famous gems even come with their own legends and curses. Here are activities to consider in introducing your junior members to gemstone lore and legend.

Anniversary stones: Visit a jewelry store to get a list of precious gems for different anniversaries. Such lists are often divided between traditional and modern. For instance, according to Traditional you mark a third anniversary with a leather gift while according to modern, you give cut crystal. Gems and precious metals used to mark various anniversaries include crystal, silver, iron, copper, bronze, tin, pearls, gold, ivory, platinum, brass, opal, jade, ruby, sapphire, emerald, and diamond. Work with your Juniors to construct a list for anniversaries from 1 to 100.

Birthstones and the Zodiac: Each month is marked by a birthstone and, as with anniversary stones, lists vary between traditional and modern. For instance, the traditional March birthstone is bloodstone, but the modern is aquamarine. There are also lists of "mystical" birthstones arranged according to the Zodiac rather than the traditional calendar. While a stone is sometimes the same (July has ruby according to traditional, modern, and mystical lists), it's usually different (for instance, April has diamond according to traditional and modern, but opal according to mystical). Have junior members learn about their own birthstones and see if they can find out what sort of mystical powers they supposedly possess. As with anniversary stones, a jewelry store is a good place to begin in assembling a list of birthstones.

Fabled gemstones: Some especial large and valuable gemstones have been lost, stolen, and/or vested with supernatural powers or curses. One of the most famous is the Hope Diamond, currently residing under heavy protection in the Smithsonian. According to legend, it was stolen from the eye of a Hindu idol, and various owners have suffered ignoble fates ever since: being torn apart by wolves, beheading, suicide, even death by starvation! Have your juniors explore legends behind these and other fabled gems: the Pearl of Lao Tzu, the Koh-i-noor (or Mountain of Light), the Mackay Emerald, the Queen's Opal, the Star of India, and others.

Gems in religion: You'll find special mention of gems and minerals in the religious texts of the Bible, Koran, Torah, the Hindu faith, Buddhism, etc. For instance, ruby, carnelian, onyx, lapis, and gold receive repeated mention. Have juniors explore religious texts for mention of gemstones and their significance.

Mystical minerals: There was literally volumes of information on classical, medieval, aboriginal, and New Age beliefs about the properties of different gems and minerals. I visited a shop selling "healing stones," and they had no less than a dozen books on the subject. Assign a different stone to each of your juniors (for instance, a quartz crystal, a ruby, an amethyst, a bloodstone, etc.) and have each explore what legend and lore says about the mystical use of the assigned stones versus what contemporary science says. For instance, legend says wearing an emerald cures such ailments as a low I.Q. and poor eyesight and while improving eyesight, also allows the wearer to gaze into the future, (Roman Emperor Nero would wear emerald glasses when watching gladiator matches—perhaps all-the-better to predict the outcome?) Furthermore, emeralds are said to melt the eyes of any snake that gazes upon them. Sounds like a good science fair experiment to meet.

Gemstone lore and legend is a wide-ranging, fascinating realm with both a long history and ample opportunities for having fun.

The 5-Minute Drill

by Owen Martin, AFMS Safety Chair
via AFMS newsletter, 11/2011

I've written periodically over the last few years about emergency preparedness so that if some type of weather event may impact you that you have water, food, batteries, first aid kits, etc. I typically made two assumptions, one being that you would have enough time to "pack and evac" in the case of something like a hurricane, or the other, that you were prepared to deal with the aftermath of a storm event like a tornado or storm front.

Unfortunately the recent wildfires in the south-central USA has brought up another instance to consider for emergency preparedness.

Local emergency responders were forced to provide a "5-minute evacuation order" for hundreds of home owners in the vicinity of several wildfires. Those orders prompted a lot of discussion in the local media about how to comply and still save what you think is important. The first wave of feedback was to protect your loved ones and pets, and get in the car and go. That however did not reflect the fact that the authorities were providing a small amount of time to actually pack a few things before leaving.

In other words, don't panic.

If you can organize yourself prior to an event than you practice it similar to a family fire drill.

At my home we determined that there would be a division of labor that would help us save more than just our skins and the clothes on our backs. So as an example:

Dad: medicines and safe deposit key, parent's clothes

Mom: Photo albums

Child #1: laptops and clothes

Child #2: Pets and pet food, clothes

Child #3: clothes and school backpacks

Likely that gives everyone time for two quick trips to dump everything into the van, car, or truck. Little things like family wall photos could certainly be grabbed on the way out, too. I might even grab a couple of fossils or an arrowhead! It would really depend on how quickly we could move.

The point being we prioritized what we would do: who would get what first and second trips, and then be ready to go.

I would recommend you consider a "5-minute" drill in your own household so that if you are forced to evacuate on short notice that you can do so in a calm and efficient manner, gather personal effects that have a high value to you, and still get out safely.

Having Fun: Juniors Activities

by Jim Brace-Thompson, *Juniors Program Chair*
via AFMS newsletter, 11/2011

Seeking Activities Suggestions for our New Badges

As noted in my prior articles, I'm in the midst of developing five new badges for our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program. This month, I invite your suggestions. Based on a survey of clubs most actively utilizing our program, here are the five new badges we'll starting offering in 2012.

The World in Miniature. Learning about miniature, thumbnail, and micromount minerals and fossils, plus a unit on sand collecting.

Special Effects: Learning about rocks and minerals exhibiting such neat characteristics as magnetism, triboluminescence, double refraction, chatoyancy, "TV stone," etc. and holding an "Amazing Mineral Magic Show" to demonstrate such characteristics.

Fluorescent Minerals. Learning why some minerals fluoresce, building a basic fluorescent mineral collection, learning about famous localities like Franklin, NJ, etc.

Reaching Across Generations. Pairing junior members with senior members to share knowledge and fun stories, with a follow-up activity to share what's been learned. (note: This badge was suggested by Erica Nathan, a junior member in Coquina Kids in Florida based on her fond experiences with a senior member of her club.

Maps: Learning about different map types and how to use them, sources of maps, how to make basic maps, using GPS, etc.

I'm developing specific activities to go with each badge and drafting basic designs for each. If you have suggestions of activities you've tried in any of these areas, please share them with me (805-659-3577; <jbraceth@roadrunner.com>). For instance, Anne Lowe-Salmon in Connecticut has pointed me to the International Sand Collectors Society and other neat resources to consider for the World of Miniature badge. And Dennis Gartenbach, the leader of the Junior Geologists of the Flatirons Mineral Club of Colorado has told me about a geocaching activity he's done with his juniors to give them hands-on experience learning about GPS while having fun! I welcome any fun activities you might suggest.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
General meeting minutes
November 22, 2011

The November meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:47 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: Members and guests were welcomed. Guests who would like to become members can do so if they have attended at least two meetings in the last year and turn a complete application with their dues payment. Tonight is the last night to turn in your reservations form and check for the Installation Dinner on December 6th. Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. The November board meeting will immediately follow this meeting. The December board meeting will be at Randy and June's home on December 8th. Both 2011 and 2012 board members are required to attend.

Rockhound of the Month Award: Dean Welder was presented the award for his service to the organization as field trip leader and Parliamentarian.

Silent Auction break for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed. Tables 6 and 7 were closed.

Study Groups: **Jewelers** on hiatus. **Cutaways and Carvers** are looking for a new leader. **Stringers** may restart in January. **Smithies** will resume in January on the Second Monday and the following Friday. **Faceters** will meet on December 3rd. **Mineraleers** will have their next meeting on January 10th and their subject is Jade. **Fossileers** need to contact Gail Matthews to set a meeting date. **Juniors** will meet again in January. Contact Sharon Updyke for more information.

Sunshine: If anyone has information on any club member who is ill or has a wonderful event happen in the life, please contact Ernestine Smith to keep the club members informed.

Donation Receiving Committee Report: George Yamashita reported that the DRC has had two sales in the last month and netted nearly \$2200.00.

Hospitality: We had 26 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Federation Report: Ruth Bailey reported that the CFMS is holding a Judges seminar in Reno in May. The CFMS 2012 show will be put on by the Valley Prospectors at the Riverside Memorial Auditorium. More information is available online at the CFMS website. Ruth will have a more complete report in the Breccia.

Silent Auction break for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed. Tables 4 and 5 were closed.

PLAC Report: Bill Spence reported on a delay in opening Clear Creek. He anticipates that it will now reopen in May 2012. He also commented on a study commissioned by the State of California on the potential health hazards within the Clear Creek area. The commissioned report seems to contradict the EPA study.

Field Trips: Jennifer House reported on an upcoming field trip to the Panoche Hills on December 31st. More information is available from Jennifer.

2012 Show report: Frank Mullaney reported that there will be a clothing show happening at the Fairgrounds during the same time as our show. We hope to make some arrangements with the other group to advertise each other's event. June Harris offered her thanks to everyone who attended and help at the Play Day. Many projects were completed and are now ready for the show.

Nomination and elections of the following offices: President-Randy Harris; Vice President- Rick Kennedy; Secretary-RK Owen; Treasurer- Frank Mullaney; Editor-June Harris; Federation Director-Chuck Boblenz.

Silent Auction break for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed. Tables 1 and 2 were closed.

Bragging Rights Contest: **Bill Simpson** was congratulated for winning the "Judged" award and **Ed Orekar** was congratulated for winning the "People's Choice" award. They were asked to bring their entries back to the January meeting to show them off. January's theme will be Green. All entries need to be primarily green.

Nomination and elections of the following offices: Alternate Federation Director-Ruth Bailey; Board of Directors (5): Sharon Updyke, David Lowe, David Marshall, Victor Gassmann, and Paul Beaubier; Parliamentarian-Dean Welder; Historian-Michael Paone. Randy Harris asked for a vote on the white ballot. White ballot was passed.

Auditing committee: RK Owen (chairman), Max Casey, and Ed Orekar volunteered to audit the books when the treasurer has them closed for the 2011 year.

Silent Auction break for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed. Remaining tables were closed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM. Next general meeting will be January 24th.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, Secretary Pro-tem

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Board meeting minutes
November 22, 2011

The SCVGMS November board meeting was called to order at the Belwood Cabana Club at 9:10 PM. All board members were present except Rick Kennedy, Carol Pimentel, Marc Mullaney, and Chuck Boblenz. Reading of the October board meeting minutes were postponed to the December 8th board meeting.

New Members: M/S/P (D. Welder, F. Mullaney) to accept Katie and Aimee Oxford as members.

Treasurers Report: M/S/P (M. Paone, D. Welder) to pay the bills presented.

All other business was postponed to the December board meeting. M/S/P (D. Welder, F. Mullaney) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by June Harris, Secretary Pro-Tem

SCVGMS Board Meeting
December 8th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the home of June and Randy Harris, hosted by Randy Harris.

Roll Call: All board members were present except Marc Mullaney, Carol Pimentel and Art Pimentel. M/S/P to accept the October 29th minutes as read (F. Mullaney, R. Bailey). M/S/P to accept the November 22nd minutes as read (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz)

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Frank Mullaney. M/S/P to pay the bills as presented (D. Lowe, R. Bailey).

Committee Reports:

Show 2012: Show meeting at Ruth Bailey's house on December 19th at 7:30PM. Frank will order another couple of boxes of business cards for the show. M/S/P to buy batteries for the mementos given to people who display at our show (D. Welder, J. Harris).

University of Scouting: January 21st event – Set up at 11:00AM to hand out flyers for the Kid's Area.

Cambrian School District Science Fair: February 16th – Hand out flyers for the Kid's Area.

Field Trips: Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

Installation Dinner: All were in agreement that the dinner and the Toys for Tots toy drive went very well

Bragging Rights contest: No awards for November and December, January's theme is "Green".

By-Laws and Operating Regulations, Update on corrections: All corrections have been completed, there will be a need for some revisions

Directory Printing: Ready for printing upon authorization from the President

Scholarship Recipient Info/Update: Rick Kennedy: As of the Dec 8th meeting, letters had not gone out, Rick promised to have them out within the week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM and reconvened with the new board at 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted

Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting - December 8th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:27pm at the home of Randy and June Harris, the second half of a joint board meeting with the 2011 board. Only 2012 board members voted in this meeting.

Meeting was concluded at 9:20pm .

Board meeting notes were submitted by Secr. R.K. Owen.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present:

Pres. Randy Harris, VP Rick Kennedy, Secr. R.K. Owen, Treas. Frank Mullaney, Editor June Harris, Fed.Dir. Chuck Boblenz, Alt.Fed.Dir. Ruth Bailey, Directors Sharon Updyke, David Lowe, David Marshall, Hist. Michael Paone, Parl. Dean Welder

The following were absent:

Directors Paul Beaubier, Victor Gassmann

New Business:

- Approved general meeting dates and reservations for the Cabana Club - 4th Tuesday of the month, except for December which is the 1st Tuesday (coincides with Installation Dinner). M/S/P (R. Bailey, R. Kennedy).
- Set Social Events Calendar:
- Installation Dinner - 1st Tuesday in December - 12/04/2012. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, D. Marshall).
- Founders Day picnic - will be organized, planned, and date set by Founders Day chairman. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, C. Boblenz).
- Authorize social chairman to spend up to \$150 for February general meeting. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, D. Welder).
- Authorize up to 5 socials per year prior to general meetings, with a stipulation that the newly appointed social chairman attend the January board meeting with a proposed calendar of social events. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy).
- Volunteers for locations and hosting of the board meetings for the coming year. A clip board was passed around, the results are posted in the club events calendar. 1st Tuesday
- Authorized the trophy chairman to create badge "swingers" for new board, committees, "Rockhound of the Month", etc. M/S/P (R. Bailey, D. Lowe).
- Discussion regarding the new Family Membership and Dues rates and renewal form. Still under discussion.
- Upcoming program schedule was discussed, and discussion will continue.
- Authorized the treasurer to make an order for the 2012 Officers and Board bars and pins. M/S/P (R. Bailey, D. Welder)

The board reached a consensus that the following members will receive the CFMS Newsletter for the following year: Sharon Updike, Bill Spence, Chuck Boblenz.

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Treasurer's Report
November and December, 2011

Beginning Balance: , 24,067.87

Receipts:

DRC	\$2161.40
Silent Auction	187.55
Dues and initiation	12.50
Initiation	7.00
Interest	.37
Installation Dinner	345.00
2012 Dealer deposit	2,575.00
2012 Kids Area deposit	<u>168.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,456.82

Disbursements:

NBFT Dues	\$ 5.00
October meeting drinks	12.86
2012 Scholarship booth	50.00
October newsletter copying	41.66
President's award	35.00
2012 show advertising	22.58
CFMS bars and President pin	41.00
2012 show tickets	81.38
November newsletter copying	41.66
2012 show mementos	165.00
Installation dinner decorations	27.00
2012 Kids Area	90.99
Play day lunch	37.79
Meeting refreshments	14.77
Play day lunch	104.74
Breccia postage	57.60
Federation director expense	40.00
Cabana Club rental	350.00
Installation dinner	827.90
2012 Dealer expense	37.83
2012 Kids Area expense	<u>14.49</u>
Total disbursements	\$2,099.25

Ending balance \$27,425.44