



# BRECCIA

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Gem and Mineral Society

All American Club

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Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I hope everyone had a good time at the Founder's Day Picnic. I would like to thank Michael Paone for organizing the day and cooking. Thanks to David Marshall, Stephen May, and Alan May helping with setup and cooking. Thanks to David Marshall and June Harris for helping with the raffle. Thank you to John Bahr for helping get the ice and last minute items. Thanks to all of you who brought prizes for the raffle and Bingo. If you were not able to be there, I urge you to plan go next year. It is always a good time with excellent food and camaraderie.

If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Rita Jarrett if you plan to continue being a member of the club. If you do not plan to continue your membership, please let us know. Delinquent notices will go out soon. Those who do not renew their membership will also be dropped from the mailing list.

I hope all of you are taking advantage of this nice weather to go on some collecting trips. There are several trips planned by other clubs, which they are willing to share. There is a list here in the Breccia. If you see something that interests you, send an e-mail to Dean at [fieldtrips@scvgms.org](mailto:fieldtrips@scvgms.org) and he will send you the information you seek.

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

Randy Harris, President

# **Potluck Social before the July 28th meeting.**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

## **What should you bring to share?**

Salad, Main Dish, or  
Dessert (please include  
a serving utensil).

**The society will be  
providing: paper  
goods, flatware,  
and drinks.**

**Come and meet  
someone new.**

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## Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

### Smithies 2015 Schedule

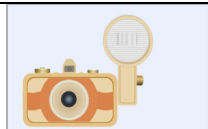
by Pat Speece



What do Smithies do? We fabricate jewelry using sterling, copper, and brass. We set cabs into bezels, add embellishments and necessities and get to play with lots of tools. This is an informal workshop where we have the necessary tools and equipment. You are also welcome to bring your own. Beginners are always welcome.

Basically, we meet every Friday from 3-6pm; the second Monday of each month from 7-10pm. Dates are below. Any changes to the schedule will be emailed to those on the Smithie email list.

July 10, 13, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 10, 14, 21, 28  
September 4, 11, 14, 18, 24  
October 2, 9, 12, 16, 23, 30  
November 6, 9, 13, 20  
December 4, 11, 14, 18



### Photography Group

by Matt Wood

If you are interested in this group, contact Matt Wood to help find a time that would be a good meeting day and time. Matt can be contacted at [matthew\\_wood@comcast.net](mailto:matthew_wood@comcast.net).

### Cutaways

by Randy Harris

The Cutaway's study group generally meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9AM to noon with a few exceptions. Please call to confirm and for directions, (831) 438-5150. Everyone is welcome. Come and cut and shape a rock. \$5.00 shop fee. Learn how to cut a cabochon or to cut and polish a rock. Upcoming meeting dates are July 11th, August 1st, September 12th.



### 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 in their life, contact Margo Mosher with the news. Margo's phone number is (408) 578-2841, or email her at [margomosher@yahoo.com](mailto:margomosher@yahoo.com).

### Bragging Rights Theme

The theme for July is the color "Yellow".

What are you bringing to enter?

### Members' Display

by Rick Kennedy

June Harris displayed a number of bead necklaces that she made at Zzyzx. Rick Kennedy brought a number of specimens and some facet rough from the recent project at Hallelujah Junction that he worked on. Summer is in full swing and I know a lot of us are digging, let's show off what we have been finding!

### Welcome to a new members

**Dave & Janine Bernard** – Dave & Janine are interested in Cutting and polishing, collecting, silversmithing, geology, minerals, and field trips.

**Gene Westerberg** - Gene is interested in cutting and polishing, collecting, fossils, faceting, geology, minerals, and field trips.

**Shuang Zhang** Shuang is interested in collecting, geology, minerals, and field trips.

## 2015 SCVGMS Calendar



- July 10th** Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.
- July 11th** Cutaway's meeting from 9 am — noon at Randy Harris' home.
- July 13th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- July 17th** Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.
- July 24th** Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.
- July 28th** General meeting at 7:45 PM. Social before the meeting at 6:30.
- July 30th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM at Rita Garrett's home.
- July 31st** Smithies workshop from 3-6PM at Pat Speece's home.
- August 1st** Cutaway's meeting from 9 am — noon at Randy Harris' home.
- August 7th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- August 10th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- August 14th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- August 21st** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- August 25th** General meeting at 7:45 PM.
- August 27th** Board meeting at 7:30 PM Location to be determined.
- August 28th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- September 4th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- September 11th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- September 14th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.
- September 18th** Smithies workshop from 7-10PM at Pat Speece's home.

## Field Trip Schedule

For more information about field trips, please contact Dean Welder at [fieldtrips@scvgms.org](mailto:fieldtrips@scvgms.org)

**September 26-27** to Wilson Canyon, NV for agate, large petrified wood (some green), fossils, calcite, gypsum, jasper, and more.

**October 16-19** to Holbrook AZ –Fee dig for petrified wood

**October 24-25** to Lovelock, NV for material from the Valley View Mine, Magnetite pit, Eagle Pitcher. Can find druzy quartz, Magnetite crystals, magnetite w/ or w/o pyrite, emerald crystals in pegmatite, and opalite.

If you have an ideas or contacts for local field trips, contact Dean. Also, if you would like to lead a field trip, please contact Dean. His email address is above.

### Non CFMS club trip

October 1-4, Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics, Santa Monica Mountains. See website:

<http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com>

## Would you like to attend Camp Zzyzx for free? March 27-April 2, 2016

Check out page 11 of this newsletter for the application for the next drawing at the August meeting.

Make sure you have completed all the eligibility criteria before applying.

# Let's visit a show

## CFMS Club Show Calendar



**August 7 - 9: NIPOMO, CA**, Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria, Nipomo High School, 525 North Thompson Avenue, Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Wes Lingerfelt, (805) 929-3788, Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

**August 14 - 16: TEHACHAPI, CA**, Tehachapi Valley Gem & Mineral Society, St. Malachy's Church, 407 West E. Street, Hours: 9 - 5 daily, Contact: Chuck Overall, (661) 821-4650, Email: [luckydogs5433@aol.com](mailto:luckydogs5433@aol.com), Website: [www.tvgms.org](http://www.tvgms.org)

**August 22 - 23: SAN FRANCISCO, CA**, San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society, San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5, Contact: Ellen Nott, Email: [ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com), Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org) [Show Page](#)

**August 29 - 30: CONCORD, CA**, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.), Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Harry Nichandros, (925) 289-0454 Website: [www.ccmgs.org](http://www.ccmgs.org) [Show Page](#)

**September 19 - 20: CHICO, CA**, Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Hours: Sat 9:30 - 5 daily, John Scott, (530) 343-3491, Email: [jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net), Website: [www.featherriverrocks.org](http://www.featherriverrocks.org) [Show Page](#)

**September 19 - 20: REDWOOD CITY, CA**, Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Carol Corden, Email: [cordencarol@yahoo.com](mailto:cordencarol@yahoo.com), Website: [www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org) [Show Page](#)

**September 26 - 27: DOWNEY, CA**, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Avenue, Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4, Contact: Dale Hardwood (310) 217-0551, Email: [nancyjbird@verizon.net](mailto:nancyjbird@verizon.net),

**September 26 - 27: LODI, CA**, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 East Lockford Street, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411, Email: [jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com), Website: [www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

**September 26 - 27: MONTEREY, CA**, Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311, Email: [janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)

**September 26 - 27: SANTA ROSA, CA**, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5, Contact: Jolene, (707) 528-7610, Email: [Jolene@srmgs.org](mailto:Jolene@srmgs.org), Website: [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org), [Show Page](#)

**September 30 - October 4: YUCCA VALLEY, CA**, Hi-Desert Rockhounds, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, 6225 Sunburst Street, Hours: 9 - 6 daily, Contact: Judy Thompson, (760) 902-5340,

Email: [rogerthompson@mac.com](mailto:rogerthompson@mac.com), Website: [www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html](http://www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html)

**October 3-4: BORON, CA**, Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron Park, 12000 Boron Avenue, Hours: 9 - 4 daily, Contact: Steve Breckenridge, (760) 559-0872 , Email: [rock5b@starband.net](mailto:rock5b@starband.net)

**October 3 - 4: VISTA, CA**, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4, Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 535-5524, Email: [vistarocksgms@gmail.com](mailto:vistarocksgms@gmail.com), Website: [www.vistarocks.org](http://www.vistarocks.org)

**October 10 - 11: ANDERSON, CA**, Shasta Gem & Mineral Society, Shasta District Fairgrounds, 1890 Briggs Street, Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4, Contact: Kelley O'Leary, (530) 772-7133, Email: [shastagemandmineral@gmail.com](mailto:shastagemandmineral@gmail.com), Website: [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)

**October 10 - 11: GRASS VALLEY, CA**, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society, Nevada County Fairgrounds (Main Building), 11228 McCourtney Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Wald-Tuttle, (530) 277-6195, Email: [anitaw1t3@gmail.com](mailto:anitaw1t3@gmail.com), Website: [www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

**October 11 - 12: TRONA, CA**, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society, SLG&MS Show Building, 13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat 7 - 5; Sun 7 - 4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, (760) 372-5356, Email: [slgms@iwvisp.com](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com), [Show Page](#) Website: [www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub](http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub) ,

**October 17: WEST HILLS, CA**, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way, Hours: 10 - 5, Contact: Anita Niles, (818) 349-2943, Email: [info@rockchippers.org](mailto:info@rockchippers.org), Website: [www.rockchippers.org](http://www.rockchippers.org) [Show Page](#)

**October 17 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA**, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472, Email: [info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org), Website: [www.eldoradorocks.org](http://www.eldoradorocks.org) [Show Page](#) ,

**October 24 - 25: LOS ALTOS, CA**, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Los Altos Youth Center, One No. San Antonio Road, Hours: 10 - 5 daily, Contact: Steve Jobe, (408) 834-5384, Email: [steve\\_job@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve_job@sbcglobal.net), Website: [www.pggs.org](http://www.pggs.org), [Show Page](#)

# It is Time to Renew Your Membership

Please remit your 2015-2016 dues now. Please use the form below when you pay your dues. We hope that this form will help catch changes in your address or email.

Dues were due by May 31, 2015. They are past due now.

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## Membership renewal form

Please provide the following information along with your dues payment.

Please print clearly"

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My address and email address is correct in the 2015 directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Street Address or P.O. Box # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s):(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: Choose which everymembership is least expensive for your personal or family situation.

\_\_\_#Adult @ \$20.00 \_\_\_#Junior @ \$5.00 (8-17) \_\_\_ 1 Household @ \$30.00

Dues renewal fee	\$_____
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Total remitted	\$_____
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**Checks must be made out to: SCVGMS**

**Please turn in or mail this form and your payment to:**

**SCVGMS Treasurer, C/O Rita Jarrett, 120 Sunnyslope Ave., San Jose, CA 95127**

The Rice NW Museum News  
from Julian Gray, Executive Director  
via AFMS newsletter,  
June-July 2015 edition

The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals has been named as an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute. This mark of distinction signifies the achievement of a goal long held by the Rice Museum's originator, according to co-founder Sharleen Harvey. "Being a Smithsonian Affiliate confirms that our museum has the high caliber required to assist our schools and community in earth science education. It assures that visitors and supporters of the museum can have confidence in the quality and content of the exhibits, plus enjoyment in viewing fine minerals, fossils, meteorites, and lapidary specimens."

Established in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums and other educational and cultural organizations in order to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources.

The long-term goal of Smithsonian Affiliations is to facilitate a mutual relationship among Affiliate organizations and the Smithsonian Institution to increase discovery and inspire lifelong learning in communities across the United States.

The new relationship between the Rice Museum and the Smithsonian will bring great things to museum visitors in

the Pacific Northwest. Not only will the Rice Museum be able to borrow objects and exhibits from the Smithsonian's collections, but the Museum will also gain opportunities to collaborate on research projects and to sponsor exciting programs from renowned visiting scholars.

"We expect the Affiliation to serve our community well," explains Julian Gray, Rice Museum executive director. "It will help us increase awareness of our excellent museum and attract more visitors to the area, allowing more people to experience our own world-class exhibits, events, and educational programs."

**July meeting  
program will be**

***Opal Fever***  
***"It's Not Just a***  
***Rock...***  
***It's a Crazy***  
***Stone!"***

The new vests are in.

If you have been waiting for and out of stock size, order yours today.

Please note there has been a small price increase.

You can order yours today from Frank Mullaney. Use the form below.

### Order Your Club Vest or Shirt

Vests and shirts are available to order. Samples will be at the May meeting.

Contact person is Frank Mullaney, (408) 691-2656.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Vest: _____ Small	\$13.50	Club Shirts _____ Small	\$22.00
_____ Medium	\$13.50	_____ Medium	\$22.00
_____ Large	\$13.50	_____ Large	\$22.00
_____ X-Large	\$13.50	_____ X-Large	\$22.00
_____ XX-Large	\$14.50	_____ XX-Large	\$22.00
_____ XXX-Large	\$15.50	_____ XXX-Large	\$22.00

**New vests have been ordered– prices are subject to change.**

Club vest and shirt payments should be made to: Frank Mullaney/Rocky Five

\_\_\_\_\_ Miner patch (for the back of vest or shirt) \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Club emblem patch (for front of vest or shirt) \$1.00

Payment for patches can be made to SCVGMS



# WORKING WITH FAULTY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CAN MAKE YOU BECOME A REAL LIVE WIRE!

by Mark Nelson, Safety Committee  
via CFMS newsletter, May 2015 edition

One of the great things about the lapidary hobby is that most of the powered equipment that we use is simple, reliable and serviceable. Saws, polishers, grinders and such are often passed down through various users to clubs and from clubs to individuals. With just basic maintenance a piece of equipment that is 40 years old can perform as well as it did when it was new!

One of the hazards we face when we work with older electrical equipment is in the electrical service. Extension cords and connections are not meant to last forever and must be inspected and serviced or replaced as needed. Here are some of the common conditions found on lapidary equipment that must be corrected:

**Grounding.** Grounding is the process used to safely eliminate unwanted voltage by directing that voltage to a safe connection to the earth. Electrical equipment must be properly grounded. At one time buildings were constructed without integral grounding (that round hole in a plug outlet connected to a little green grounding wire). When electrical devices, such as polishers, were manufactured with internal grounding their power cords had two flat prongs and a round ground prong. When the new three-prong cords would not connect to the old two-prong outlets, users simply cut off the round ground prong. Now the equipment could be used, but there was no longer protection from electrocution! If your equipment has a cord with the grounding prong removed it must be fixed. Buy a grounded plug and replace the hazardous one. It is easy to do with a screwdriver, snips and a pocket knife.

**Frayed Connections.** With time and use the point at which a power cord connects with a piece of electrical equipment can become frayed. This

will eventually lead to either the equipment shorting out, a fire, injury or all of the above. When you find this condition you may be able to re-insert the cord into the device's connection box and tighten the clamping screws. Otherwise, an electrical appliance shop can replace the cord at a small charge.

## **Exposed electrical openings, wires or terminals.**

Electrical hazards exist when wires or other electrical parts are exposed. Wires and parts can be exposed if a cover is removed from an electrical connection, outlet or breaker box. Electrical terminals in motors, appliances, and electronic equipment may be exposed. Older equipment may have exposed electrical parts. If you contact exposed live electrical parts, you will be shocked. You need to recognize that an exposed electrical component is a hazard. Replacement covers for holes and motors are available at your local hardware store and typically need only a screwdriver to make them safe.

**Extension Cords:** Defective or inadequate insulation is a hazard. Insulation prevents the electrical conductors from contacting each other or you. A split or cut extension cord that exposes the internal wires is a sign that there may be more severe damage that you cannot see. Replace damaged cords. Never attempt to repair a damaged cord with tape. Never hang extension cords from nails or sharp objects. Do not run extension cords through doors or windows.

**Ground Fault Circuit Interruptors:** Many industrial plants and construction sites are using 2-foot extension cords equipped with a 3-way plug fitting and a built in GFCI. These devices interrupt the electrical circuit to a load when a fault circuit of 6mA or more is detected. It has to be manually reset after a trip incident, an important feature that prevents equipment from restarting without correcting the problem. Cost: between \$19 and \$59.

Of course, always disconnect the power to the cord or equipment before performing service or repairs. Be safe out there!

# For Camp Zzyzx—March 27-April 2, 2016

## SCVGMS Continuing Education Application

Filling out this application and returning it to the SCVGMS Board enters you into the Continuing Education drawing. The winner receives tickets for two people to attend a week-long stay at one of the CFMS Earth Sciences' camps:

- Zzyzx (March/April time frame) One 1-week camp
- Camp Paradise (End of August, first week in September) two 1-week camps

The SCVGMS Board welcomes you to fill out this application if you have met the eligibility criteria:

- Attended three or more SCVGMS club meetings a year
- Volunteered eight or more hours at the annual SCVGMS show or in preparation for the show
- Have not been a winner and attended either camp within the last three years.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What's the best way to contact you? Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us what interests you about this opportunity. We like to hear what inspires people in this hobby. If you are a winner, we'd like to share your words with the club members via the Breccia newsletter. Don't worry, we'll edit for spelling and punctuation.

Why would you like to attend Camp Paradise or Zzyzx this coming season? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite part of being in our hobby, and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### *Things you need to know:*

- The drawing will be at a club meeting, the date of which will be communicated at upcoming club meetings and the Breccia. You do not have to be present to win.
- Five names will be drawn. If for any reason the winner is unable to attend the camp, the second person will be contacted and offered the tickets and so forth.
- The winner is responsible for their transportation to/from the camp and any additional materials fees for special classes. The tickets include accommodations and meals.
- To assure your accommodations and attendance in one of the camps, you must contact Marion Roberts, CFMS head of the Earth Sciences camps, to make arrangements by October 1 for Zzyzx or July 1 for Camp Paradise (phone number or email address)
- The winner will share their camp experience with the club by taking some photos, doing a show and tell at a meeting, and writing a short article for the Breccia.

**Deadline for submission is July 28th meeting.**

**Mail or turn form into Michael Paone, 229 Massol Ave.#4, Los Gatos, CA 95030**

**Open to members and non members alike.**

**Questions???? contact Michael Paone- M.P.Paone@comcast.net**

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society  
 General meeting minutes  
 June 23rd, 2015

The June meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:45 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

**Announcements:** Pick up directories from the secretary. Dues were due last month, please see the treasurer if you have not paid them. Continuing Education nominees for Camp Zzyzx will be drawn next month. Send in your nominations.

**New Members:** Billie Gordon and William Borucki received their membership packets and were welcomed into the club.

**Board Meeting:** Will be at Rita Jarrett's home on June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.

**Bragging Rights:** The winner for May was Pat Schuesler with an impressive Amethyst from Uruguay.

**Rockhound of the Month:** Michael Paone was awarded the Rockhound of the Month award.

**Field Trips:** Four trips were announced: September 26 – 27 to Wilson Canyon, NV for: agate, large petrified wood (some green), fossils, calcite, gypsum, jasper, and more. October 16 – 19: Holbrook, Arizona. Fee dig for Petrified Wood. Fossils for fun. October 24-25: Valley View Mine, Magnetite pit, Oreana Mine, Eagle Pitcher, near Lovelock, Nevada for Drusy Quartz, Magnetite crystals, Magnetite, Magnetite.Pyrite, Emerald crystals in pegmatite and Opalite. Hosted by the Roseville Rock Rollers. Non CFMS Trip: October 1 – 4: Rockhound Trip Fanatics, Santa Monica Mountains. See their website:

<http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com/>. As always, details for all trips will be in the Breccia.

**Member Displays:** By Rick Kennedy. June Harris displayed a number of bead necklaces that she made at Zzyzx. Rick Kennedy brought a number of specimens and some facet rough from the recent project at Hallelujah Junction that he worked on. Summer is in full swing and I know a lot of us are digging, let's show off what we have been finding!

**Study Groups:**

**Cutaways:**

July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 12:00 at Randy and June



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Harris' house. Check the Breccia for the confirmed date and time. Call before attending to confirm. There is a shop fee of \$5.00

**Smithies:**

The Smithies meet every Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 (Pat announced that there will be no meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>) and one other night a month. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

**Photography:** Contact Matt Wood.

**DRC:** Pat Speece reported they had a very successful sale, raising over \$1000.00 for the club and that there is a sale scheduled for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 12:00PM

**Hospitality:** 35 members and 12 guests were in attendance.

**Founder's Day Picnic:** A great time was had by all who attended. There was great food and very nice raffle prizes and rock bingo. We hope all of you can join us next year. Special thanks to Michael Paone for coordinating such a nice day!

**ALAA:** Frank reported that the president has resigned and that new leadership is needed.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Federation Report:** Camp Paradise is nearly full and Jacquelyn gave a report on the CFMS Show.

**Sunshine:** No news is good news.

**Program:** Johanna Fenton gave a very informative program on gemstone beads

**Meeting was adjourned** at 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS Board Meeting  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM at the home of Rita Jarrett.

**Roll Call:** All board members were present except Jacquelyn Calderon, Lisa LaRocca, Joan Schramm, Chuck Boblenz, Dean Welder and Stephen Rodrigues.

**Reading of the minutes from the March Board Meeting:** M/S/P to approve the May minutes (F. Mullaney, P. Tomac).

**New Members:** M/S/P (F. Mullaney, M. Paone) to accept the applications of David Bernard, Gene Westerburg and Shuang Zhang.

**Correspondence:** We received the Dodge and Cox statement, a thank you from the SJS Geology Club, discount tickets for the August Gem Faire in Pleasanton and information about a show in Hong Kong.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Rita Jarrett. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) to pay the bills.

**Discussion about Dodge and Cox Fund and CD's:** A committee consisting of June Harris, Randy Harris and Philip Tomac met with Mark Mullaney on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee recommended that we continue with Dodge and Cox. M/S/P (F. Mullaney, M. Paone) to roll the CD with the least money into our checking account and to later discuss possible investment options for that money.

**Field Trips:** There were no changes from what was announced at the general meeting. As always, check the Breccia for the most up to date information.

**Committee Reports:**

**Festival 2015:** Submit committee reports to June. Final bills need to be submitted.

**Festival 2016:**

**Discuss Walt Wright/Petrified Wood:** Walt is confirmed for our 2016 Festival.

**Sale of Floppy Man:** Has been offered to the San Francisco club, we are waiting for their re-

sponse. Rick sent an email to Ellen Nott and is awaiting a response.

**Other Geology Groups:** The Board will research local colleges to see if there are any other Geology groups that could benefit from volunteering at our Festival

**Large glass displays:** The Board is open to discussing selling or donating the two large glass displays we have used at the Festival.

**Old Business:**

**1. Programs:** July – CFMS DVD; August – Chuck Boblenz, Filigree style chain; September – CFMS DVD; October – CFMS DVD; November – Silent Auction; December – No Program; January – Chuck Boblenz, Festival Displays; February – Rick Kennedy, Toxic Minerals.

**2. Continuing Education:** Nominations for ZZYX will be due next month.

**3. Storage Facility Rental:** M/S/P (F. Mullaney, R. Kennedy) to authorize Michael Paone to rent a storage unit for the club for one year. Size will be approximately 10 X 15' and cost will be approximately \$206.00 per month.

**4. Facebook Account:** No change

**5. Chainmaille Seminar:** In process.

**New Business:**

**1. AFMS Scholarship Honoree:** There was discussion about who to nominate for the AFMS scholarship honoree.

**2. Rockhound of the Year Award:** There was discussion about who to nominate for the Rockhound of the Year Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted

**SCVGMS Treasurers Report  
June 25,2015**

**Beginning Balance** \$18,661.48

**Receipts**

(5) New Member Initiation Fee	\$ 25.00
Member Dues	\$ 1,235.00
Club Patches	\$ 49.00
Founders Day Raffle	\$ 78.00
Founder Day Picnic Meat Sales	\$ 43.00
DRC Sales 5/31/15	\$ 1,002.25
Total Deposits :	<u>\$ 2,432.25</u>
Balance With new Deposits :	\$21,093.73

**Disbursements**

Secretary of State/Statement of Information filing fee	\$ 20.00
Speaker for the June meeting program	\$ 50.00
June Breccia Postage	\$ 19.88
Founder's Day Picnic	\$ 394.52
Ruth Bailey Award for CFMS show competition	\$ 84.28
Club phone bill	\$ 47.48
Founder's day picnic supplies	\$ 34.86
Breccia copying	\$ 49.05
Club phone bill	\$ 47.48
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>\$ 677.88</u>

**Ending Balance** \$20,415.85

**SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS**

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**SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS**

Donation Receiving Committee Chair:  
Pat Speece  
Festival Chairman 2015: Frank Mullaney  
Festival Chairman 2016: June Harris  
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:  
Dean Welder  
Founder's Day Picnic Food:  
Michael Paone and Steven May  
Founder's Day Raffle: Michele Smith  
Founder's Day Bingo: Bonnie LeMatt &  
Howard Young  
Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler  
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy  
Junior Chairman: OPEN  
Librarian: Joan Schramm  
Meeting Setup: Steven and Alan May  
Meeting Teardown: Rick Kennedy  
Member Displays: Rick Kennedy  
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Commit-  
tee): OPEN  
Program: OPEN  
Refreshments: Michele Smith  
Silent Auction: Michele Smith  
Social: June Harris  
Sunshine: Margo Mosher  
Trailer Custodian: OPEN  
Trophies: Frank Mullaney  
Webmaster: RK Owen

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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 July 28, 2015 at the Cabana Club, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032 at 7:45 PM.**  
**Our next board meeting will be on July 30, 2015 at Rita Jarrett's home 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 after the regular meeting. The Breccia Editor is June Harris who may be contacted by email at [juneconeyharris@yahoo.com](mailto:juneconeyharris@yahoo.com) or by phone at (831) 438-5150. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris. Exchange bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

**Study Group Leaders**  
**For information on a study group,**  
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