



BRECCIA

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Gem and Mineral Society

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Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

I would like to encourage each of you to take advantage of some of our upcoming activities. The club will be having a social before the next regular meeting at 6:30 PM. There are several other events throughout the year, which you will find listed here in the Breccia.

The festival is coming up very soon. There are many cases available for you to display your fine collections. There is still much to do. Please contact June Harris and let her know what you can do to help. We need everyone to step up. Without you, we can't do it. The festival is our main fundraiser for the year. Without the funds brought in by the festival, we would not be able to do such

things as the Founders Day Picnic, Installation Dinner, awarding annual Scholarships, Cabana Club rental for club events, the Breccia, and many of the other things we do to promote our hobby.

I am looking for several committee positions. Please let me know if there are any activities you are interested in that we are not already doing. I will take it to the board and see what we can do to make it happen. If there is any place that you think would make a good day or weekend trip, let someone on the board know. We have a few ideas, but input from the membership is always good. This is your club. It will be more fun if we do what you like to do!

Randy Harris, President

Next Gem and Mineral Festival Planning Meeting

Date: February 15 and March 1

Place: Mt Mike's Pizza

301 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell

\$5. for dinner

Time: 7:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome!!

This is a Planning Meeting. Please bring your ideas and suggestions. Everything will be starting much earlier this year to accommodate the earlier festival date of March 18 and 19. Set up will be March 17 and we will be in the Pavilion building rather than the Expo Hall. Lots of changes, but hopefully we will still be able to include everything within our wish list. Unable to attend the meeting but have concerns or suggestions, contact June Harris at (831) 438-5150.

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CFMS/AFMS Show

Ventura, CA

June 9-11, 2017

This show comes to California once every seven years! Mark your calendars.

Hosted by Ventura County Gem and Mineral Society at the Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd. Hours: Fri & Sat 10 to 5,
Sun 10 to 4.

Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-8467

Email: info@vgms.org

Website: 2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com

Let's visit a show CFMS Club Show Calendar



February 17 - 26: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111 Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 18 - 19: ANTIOCH, CA

Antioch Gem Club Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201
West 10th Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 25 - 26: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

March 3 - 5: 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) 305-4196
Email: showchair@mgscv.org Website: www.mgscv.org

March 4 - 5: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhound L. A. County Arboretum & Botanical
Garden, 301 North Baldwin Avenue Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 4 - 5: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society
Lemoore Trinity Hall 470 Champion Street
Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Christopher Wertinberger, (559) 309-3433 Email:
kim-morrell@hotmail.com

March 4 - 5: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard, Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Terry
Wilson, (805) 312-8467 Email: info@vgms.org Website:
www.vgms.org

March 11 - 12: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society, San Marino Masonic Center,
3130 Huntington Drive Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Marcia
Goetz, (626) 260-7239
Email: pasadenalapidary@aol.com Website:
www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 11 - 12: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Spreckel's Veteran's Hall, 5th & Llano Streets
10 - 5 daily Contact: Gary Beck, (831) 679-2896
Email: garybeckpca@yahoo.com Website: <http://salinasrockandgem.pagecloud.com>

March 11 - 12: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto, Stanislaus
County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway
10 - 5 daily Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209)
484-4416 Email: terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 18 & 19: San Jose, CA

Santa Clara Valley G & M Society, Santa
Clara County Fairgrounds, 334 Tully Road,
San Jose Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Contact: June Harris, (408) 265-1422
Email: info@scvgms.org,
Website: www.scvgms.org

March 25 - 26: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Dave Muster (209-518-8795) or Anna Christi-
ansen (209-847-1173)
Email: annachristiansen7132@comcast.net
Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 25- 26: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society
Placer County Fairgrounds
800 All American City Blvd (off Washington)
Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114
Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
Website: www.rockrollers.com

CFMS Club Show Calendar Continued



April 1 - 2: CHICO, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street

Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4

Contact: Kevin Wright, (530) 990-0211

Email: agateorca@ix.netcom.com

Website: paradisegem.org

April 8 - 9: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5007 Fairgrounds Rd/Hwy 49 So.

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Meredith Meehan, (559) 868-3535

Email: mgmc@sti.net

Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 22 - 23: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Avenue

Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Tina Clark, (805) 305-0246

Email: slockhounds@gmail.com

Website: www.slockhounds.org

April 22 - 23: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road at Borchard Road

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734

Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com

Website: www.cgamc.org

April 29 - 30: LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd Street West

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

Show and Tell Members' Displays

All members are asked to display at least one time per year. You can display as many times as you like. There are no displays in May 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 display feature of our monthly meetings is enjoyed very much. .

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

Rockhound of the Month

There is no Rock Hound of the Month for January.

Sunshine

There is no news from the Sunshine chairman for this month. No report of crisis times for our members is good news. Please report any such information to Margo Mosher. margomosher@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE: Old FACETTE faceting machine, rarely used, plus a big stack of disks, faceting material, and needed accessories. **\$1200 or best offer.** Excellent starting setup for a beginner. For further information contact Pat Speece pat.speece@comcast.net

2017 SCVGMS Calendar



Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

Smithies



A Smithie uses metal to create jewelry; a metalsmith.

Smithies make jewelry using a variety of metals and many tools and techniques. We work with copper, red brass (looks a lot like gold), and sterling. These are guided workshops, a perfect place for beginners to become comfortable with tools and techniques in a small, friendly atmosphere. Hard soldiering (using a mini-butane torch), jeweler's saw, drill press, disc maker, dapping block, texture pliers and hammers, files, stakes, polishers.... are used all to the aim of a finished piece of jewelry.

This year we are focusing on soldering, fold forming, creating bails and textures, and using the flex shaft.

Tools are supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own.

If this sounds like fun to you, let me know.
Thanks,

Pat Speece pat.speece@comcast.net

February 3rd Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
February 10th Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
February 15 - Festival planning meeting at Mt. Mike's Pizza at 7 PM.
February 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM.
March 2nd Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Frank Mullaney
March 1- Festival planning meeting at Mt. Mike's Pizza at 7 PM.
March 3rd Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
March 10th Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
March 18 -19 Festival!
March 28th General meeting at 7:45 PM.
March 30rd Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Dean and Karen Welder
April 5th Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 12th Smithies workshop from 4 to 7 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 25th - General meeting at 7:45 PM.
April 27 - Board meeting at 7:30 PM at the home of Rick Kennedy.

Cutaways

Meetings for Cutaways are on hold until a new location can be found.



Field Trip Schedule

Currently there are no trips scheduled. For more information about field trips, please contact Dean Welder at fieldtrips@scvgms.org

Bragging Rights

Alan Achor - Chairman

The January Bragging Rights winner is Jim Fox for his rhodochrosite. The March theme is for items beginning with the letter "T".

SCVGMS Gem and Mineral Festival Report

by June Harris

Festival: March 18 and 19, 2017

Setup on March 17 from 7AM to 8 PM

Teardown on March 19 from 5PM until we are done.

The festival is just around the corner. We need your help to make it a success. There are copies of the current sign-up sheets in this month's Breccia. If you have a particular job that you are interested in helping with, please contact **Sonia Dyer** to sign up. Sonia is our volunteer coordinator this year. Her email address is sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net or call her at **408 629 5735**.

We need help with set up and teardown, too. If you can help with either of those times, please let Sonia know. For set up, we really need help first thing in the morning to get everything set for the dealers and exhibitors by noon. After that point, we will be working on finishing touches, overseeing dealer and exhibitor move-in, and completing our club's booths. Teardown should only take a couple of hours, if we all pitch in.

We are organizing the festival so that the majority of the society's property will be near the back door where the trailers will be parked. This should facilitate a more speedy teardown and trailer-loading process. My hope is that with our new teardown checklist and coordinator, we should be able to be done in 2 to 2.5 hours.

Exhibitors are needed to put in a display case. Your collection of rocks, mineral, fossils, or jewelry would be a great case for the festival. It doesn't matter what you put in your display case. Whatever you collect or make is of interest to other people. If you would like to put in a **display case**, contact **Stephen May (669) 248-3993**. The forms are in the January Breccia. Take a chance. Be proud of your work or collection. Show it off.

Competition display cases or single items entries are needed, too. Don't know if your work of collected items are good enough? Well you will never know until you enter them. **Chuck Boblenz (408) 734-2473** is the man to see if you are interested in competition. He can help you find the correct category and help explain the rules. Chuck is a trained judge and is vastly familiar with competition. The forms and rules for entry are in the January Breccia, too. Contact him early to have him help you with the forms.

We need your help spreading the word about the festival. **Bob Phelps (408) 926-2091** is the man to see if you need **festival business cards** to give to your friends. Also, he has posters that need to be put up anywhere you can obtain permission. Many times businesses will not allow you to put up posters on their front windows, but they will allow you to put them in the employee break room. Anywhere they are placed will increase our exposure. Bob brings the posters and business cards to the meetings. Pick them up from him there.

Additionally, we will be sending out an email about the festival. Please send it on to your email list. This is yet another way to get the word out about our event.

If you would like to demonstrate a **lapidary art** or other related skill, contact **Bill Simpson (408) 559-0789** to sign up. We will be having demonstrations each day. Share your art.

This is your festival! Your contribution is necessary to keep our hobbies alive and to bring new people into our society. Be generous with your time, skills, and art. Everyone's help is appreciated.

Festival Sign up Form for Saturday, March 18th, 2017

Job	9:45 AM - Noon	Noon – 2 PM.	2 PM - 5PM
Tickets	Michele Smith	Michele Smith	Michele Smith
Tickets	Jo Borucki	Jo Borucki	Jo Borucki
Hospitality	John Vinton	John Vinton	John Vinton
Hospitality			
Hospitality			
Greeter			
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Bob Kout	Bob Kout	Bob Kout
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)		Pat Speece	
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)		Alan Achor	Alan Achor
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)			
Scholarship Booth	Nelson Mu		
Scholarship Booth	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps
Scholarship Booth			Joan Schramm
Photographer			
Floating (to help where needed)	Jim Sugiyama		
Floating (to help where needed)			
Floating (to help where needed)			
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Festival Sign up Form for Sunday, March 19th, 2017

Job	9:45 AM - Noon	Noon – 2 PM.	2 PM - 5PM
Tickets	Michele Smith	Michele Smith	Michele Smith
Tickets			
Hospitality	John Vinton	John Vinton	John Vinton
Hospitality			
Hospitality			
Greeter			
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)	Bob Kout	Bob Kout	Bob Kout
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)		Pat Speece	
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)		Alan Achor	Alan Achor
Room Monitoring (formerly Security)			
Scholarship Booth	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps	Bob Phelps
Scholarship Booth			Joan Schramm
Scholarship Booth			
Photographer			
Floating (to help where needed)		Jim Sugiyama	Wei Wang
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2018 FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Sonia Dyer

A few days ago I agreed to be the 2018 Festival Chairman. I believe as a Project Manager, that it is very difficult to conduct an orchestra and play the violin at the same time, so I'm asking for a lot of folks to step forward to be part of this orchestra.

Most of these jobs are not very difficult, but they do require that we understand what the job entails. If you believe you might be interested in helping the club by doing one or more of these jobs, I can send you more detail of what a given job entails. (Contact me at Sonia.Dyer@sbcglobal.net, or 408-629-5735). Best of all, this is the best time to step forward, as you will have the chance to learn directly from your 2017 festival counterparts as they perform their roles in preparation for our March festival. Some of the 2017 people may or may not be available later on to help you, so now's the time to learn.

The defined positions for this 2018 Festival orchestra are:

Advertising
Announcement Script Writer
Brochure (paper program) Designer
Building Layout
Buyer (of setup consumables)
Dealer Chairman
Dealer Lunch Courier
Demonstrators of Arts and Crafts
Door Prizes
Exhibits
Competition Chairman
Flags
Fluorescent Display Coordinator
Hospitality
Kid's Area
Media Designer (biz cards, posters, tickets, etc)
Mementos
Nametags
Photographer
Scholarship Booth
Show Meeting Minutes Taker
Set-Up
Signage (for the show floor)
Special Attractions Coordinator (flintknappers, mineral ID, fluorescent tent, touch table)
Teardown
Ticket Sales
Touch and Feel Table
Volunteer Coordinator
Security Coordinator

Minutes for SCVGMS General Meeting 1/24/17

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM by President Randy Harris.

Pledge of allegiance.

Announcements: There will be a Social at 6:30 before the next meeting. The next Board Meeting will be held immediately after this meeting if a quorum is present. (note: quorum not present. Next Board Meeting will be held next month.)

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the Nov 22, 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia. MSP.

New members: Jay Perlstein (not present)

Awards:

Bragging Rights: Allan says the theme for this month is PINK. Two items are up for vote.

Field Trips: Dean Welder not present.

Member Displays: Sharing schedule is available in January Breccia, but people can bring things in anytime they want. This time Jim Fox has brought in two large rocks, requesting club help in identification.

Correspondence: Flyers are available at the front of the room for the Vallejo Show, the Gem Faire, etc.

Sunshine: Margo Mosher not present.

Study Groups:

Cutaways and Carvers: On hiatus while we find a new location.

Smithies: (Pat) They currently meet on Fridays from 4 to 7. Details are in the Breccia.

2017 Festival: (June Harris) The next planning meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 1 at 7PM at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Campbell. From now on, the planning meetings will be held twice a month until the show. Set up is on Friday March 17 and tear-down is after the show on March 19. This time during tear-down, the Chairman in charge of each area will be responsible for ensuring that all items from their floor area have been carted out back to the club trailers. We want to complete tear-down in 2 hours this time, instead of 4. June circulated 4 clipboards with volunteer sign-up sheets. June introduced Sonia Dyer, who has agreed to be Show Chairman for 2018.

DRC: Pat Speece not present. New sales will be held once things dry out.

Hospitality: Tonight there are 22 members and 5 guests in attendance. 4 of the guests are scholarship recipients from San Jose State, all of whom introduced themselves and told us what they planned to specialize in, and what their favorite rock was.

Founder's Day Picnic: (Michael Paone not present) Need someone to help with Bingo and drawing. Michael will be publishing a specific date in June or July in the near future.

Socials: There will be a Social before the February meeting, at 6:30PM.

Federation Report: (Stephen May, not present)

ALAA: (Frank Mullaney) There will be an AFMS show approximately June 9 in Ventura.

Program for the evening: Knapping by Donna Kelly. Rather than demonstrate actual flint knapping, Donna gave a highly entertaining slide show and talk on the history of flint knapping, at least as far as archaeologists have been able to figure it out so far. She also displayed and answered questions about the tools she uses.

Donna would like to be able to experiment in the future with knapping items out of 100-year-old bottle glass, which has different properties than modern glass. She doesn't want to break whole antique bottles, but would love to find a source for broken pieces of them. Donna will again be demonstrating actual flint knapping at our next Festival in March at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:05PM.

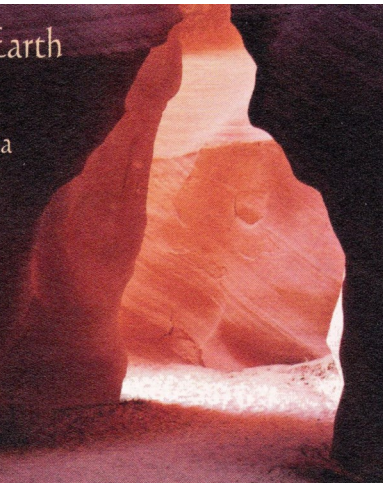
Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Dyer, substitute Secretary

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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY
Preliminary December/January Financial Report**

Beginning Balance: \$52,478.10

Receipts

Festival: Dealer Fees	2,405.00
Festival: Meeting Refreshments	40.00
Installation Dinner	<u>20.00</u>
Sub-total	2,465.00

Expenses

Installation Dinner: Decorations	22.80
Installation Dinner: Caterer	969.07
Festival: Meeting Refreshments	89.75
Festival: Dealer Postage	64.61
BRECCIA: Printing (Jan.)	49.05
Phone Bill: Nov + Dec	<u>86.10</u>
Sub-total	1,281.38

Ending Balance: \$53,661.72

Boblenz
24 Jan 2017

SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Randy Harris (831) 438-5150
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SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece, Missy and Jim Fox
Festival Chairman 2017: June Harris
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Dean Welder
Founder's Day Picnic Food:
Michael Paone and David Marshall
Founder's Day Raffle: Sonia Dyer
Founder's Day Bingo:
Stephen and Alan May
Hospitality: Pat and Louis Schuesler
Installation Dinner: Rick Kennedy
Junior Chairman: **OPEN**
Librarian: **OPEN**
Member Displays: Rick Kennedy
PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee):
OPEN
Program: **OPEN**
Refreshments: Michele Smith
Silent Auction: Michele Smith
Social: **OPEN**
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 meetings will be on February 28th at the Belwood Cabana Clubhouse in Los Gatos at 7:45 PM. Our January Board meeting will immediately follow the general

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 Jo Borucki who may be contacted by email at joborucki@yahoo.com or by phone at (408)245-2881, and leave a message if no one picks up the phone. The Breccia is proofread by Randy Harris and Pat Speece. Exchange bulletins may be sent to June Harris at the following address: 107 Dell Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

**Study Group Leaders
For information on a study group,
please call the leader listed below**

Smithies

Pat Speece (408) 266-4327