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President's Message Webmaster Opportunity

Our webmaster, R.K. Owen, is retiring and leaving the area later this year. The sooner we can get a new webmaster, the more time R. K. will have to train him or her. Thank you, R. K.! You have done an excellent job. Communication via a good website is critical to our organization. It is our main contact with the general public. I know there is the talent and skills among our membership for this very rewarding position. Who would like to take this on? Please volunteer your wonderful skills. We need you!

Our Festival is coming up soon. See the announcement just below, and call Sonia to volunteer in any way that you can. Thank-you.

Frank Mullaney-SCVGMS President

GEM & MINERAL FESTIVAL MARCH 17-18, 2018 PAVILION BLDG SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIRGROUND

Ever want to watch an arrowhead being made? Have a gemstone you'd like identified? Want to add to your fossil collection? Looking for that special jewelry item? Want to see rocks that glow in the dark? Want to see a nationally famous petrified wood collection?

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society is pleased to invite you to our 63rd annual Gem and Mineral Festival, to be held 10AM-5PM, Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18, 2018 at the Pavilion Building at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd in San Jose.

Admission is \$6/adult (get a \$1-off coupon on our website <http://www.scvgms.org/show/2018/index.php>). Kids 12 and under are free.

Scouts in uniform are free. Active duty and retired military and their dependents are free with military ID.

Bring the family and enjoy the fun!

For more information, contact Show Chair Sonia Dyer
sonia.dyer@sbcglobal.net.



2017 SCVGMS Calendar



March 9 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
March 15 - Festival setup
March 16 - Dealer Setup
March 17-18 - Festival
March 13 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
March 27 - General Meeting Video-"The Benitoite Gem Mine"
March 29 - Board Meeting at Dean and Karen Welder's home.
April 6 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 10 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
April 13 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
April 21 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
April 24 - General Meeting
April 26 - Board Meeting at Rick Kennedy's home
May 4 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
May 8 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
May 11 - Smithies workshop 11AM to 2 PM at Pat Speece's home.
May 19 - Cabbers 6 to 9 PM at Victor Gassmann's home.
May 22 - General Meeting
May 24 - Board Meeting at Jo Borucki's home.

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Changes in the Breccia

CFMS shows are no longer included in the Breccia, To get a full listing of shows, go to the CFMS shows website by clicking the following link: [CFMS Society/Club Shows](http://www.cfmsinc.org/)
 You can access the CFMS bulletin and read all its articles by clicking on this link:
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

Calling all Rockhounds!

Ruth Bailey Continuing Education Drawing

The **Ruth Bailey Continuing Education drawing for Camp Paradise** is coming in April! This is a wonderful opportunity for those who enjoy working with rocks. Some of the classes include silver smithing, cab making, soft stone carving, wire art, precious metal clay and other casting techniques and beading. Food and lodging are included.

The cost of this wonderful experience is normally \$400.00 per person but **if you win the drawing**, you and a guest will attend free.

The following 3 **criteria** must be met in order to enter the drawing:

- Attended 3 or more general meetings in the last year
- Volunteered 8 or more hours for the annual festival
- Have not won and attended Camp Paradise or Camp ZZYZX for the past 3 years.

Now is the perfect time to volunteer for the festival since it will fulfill one of the above criteria, and the club will surely appreciate your time.

Please see the application form on the following page.

If you have any questions about the camp or the drawing please contact Missy Fox at jfox152@comcast.net or call 408-356-7711.

2018 Field Trips

Stephen May is planning a trip to **Topaz Mountain** in Utah from on **June, 11th – 15**. As well as a paid dig at the Topaz Dome Mine, they will also visit Garnet Hill in Ely, Nevada and Dugway, Utah for geodes and possibly one of the Trilobite digging areas. Details will be posted in subsequent Breccias. Contact Stephen if you are interested in participating.

Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May: Cell: 408 306-6782 Home: 669 248-3993

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 the week-long stay at Camp Paradise the end of August and the beginning of September. The drawing will be held at the end of the May general meeting. The SCVGMS board welcomes you all to fill out the application if you have met the eligibility criteria below:

- Attended three or more SCVGMS general meeting a year.
- Volunteered eight or more hours at the annual show or in preparation for the show.
- Have not been a winner and attended the this camp or Camp Z'ZYZX in the last three years.

Name _____

What is 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 would 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 this coming season? _____

What is your favorite part in being in our hobby? _____

Things you need to know:

- The drawing will be held at a society general meeting, the date of which will be communicated at the upcoming society meetings and the Breccia. You do not have to be present to win.
- Up to five names will be drawn. If for any reason the winner is unable to attend the camp, the second person will be contacted, and so forth.
- The winner is responsible for his/her transportation to/from the camp and any additional material fees for special classes. The ticket includes accommodations and meals.
- To assure your accommodations and attendance in one of the camps, you must contact Marion Roberts, CMFS head of Earth Science camps to make arrangements by July 1. Contact information for Marion Roberts can be obtained from Missy Fox, Continuing Education Chair.
- The winner will share his/her 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 submitting the application for the drawing for Camp Paradise is the May meeting.

Mail or turn forms into Missy Fox, 16344 Shady View Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Open to member and nonmembers alike.

Questions??? Contact Missy Fox (408) 356-7711 or jfox152@comcast.net

CFMS Club Shows



To get a listing of shows, go to the CFMS shows website by clicking the following link:

[CFMS Society/Club Shows](#)

Show and Tell Members' Displays

All members are asked to display at least one time per year, but you may display as many times as you like. There are no displays in June 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.

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

Jo Borucki brought a polished piece of Orpiment.

Kyle Van Woerkom brought some moss agate from Anderson Lake and a very nice specimen of Marcasite in agate from Nipomo.

Rockhound of the Month

Victor Gassman won Rockhound of the Month for January for his work with Cabbers.

Jim Sugiyama won for February with his participation in the nominating, auditing, and DRC.

DRC (Donation Receiving Committee)

We have moved about 99% of the DRC materials to Billie's home, the new site of our rock sales.

After the rainy season, we will sort and price the material. At this point, we *tentatively* plan for a sale toward the end of April. I'll let you know as soon as we are sure of the date.

These outdoors sales are always on a Saturday or Sunday from 9:00am until noon.

The DRC has brought in over \$46,000 to the club since its inception in 2007.

By the way: we cover our rocks to protect them from the rain. Sounds silly, but it isn't. If the rocks are in containers that drain well, we don't cover them. However, if the rocks are in containers that do not drain, we do cover them to keep them from sitting in water and developing slime. We drilled holes in the gray bins, and propped them up about a half inch to allow drainage. However, if the bins slip off their prop, the rocks are left to sit in the water and develop the slime. It is similar to the difference between a pond and a river. One has slime, the other doesn't.

If you have a way to prevent the slime formation, please let me know. We could glue the bins up on props, or glue the props to the tables. Anything else?

Questions? Email pat.speece@comcast.net

Thanks,
Pat

**Bragging Rights
Chairman-Alan Achor**

Participation in the February 27th meeting included three entries. **Jim Fox's** spectacular Crocoite specimen received the most votes.

March's theme is items that are **clear**.

Grant and Ariel Talarico

Grant was the January Bragging Rights winner with his thunder eggs. He found the thunder eggs at the Lucky Strike Mine in Oregon, and then cut, and polished them himself. They are the very worthy winners among the eleven items entered in January Bragging Rights contest.

Grant and his daughter, Ariel are very recent member of our club having joined in about November of last year.

I asked Grant why he joined, and he replied that it was to make Ariel happy. Ariel joined because she enjoys the interesting rocks.

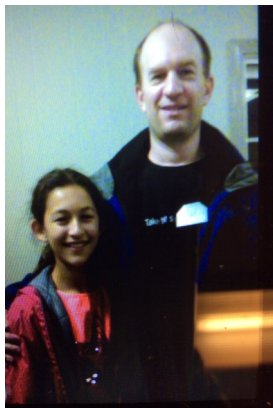
Ariel is a very promising young rockhound. On the trip to Hallelujah Junction last fall, it is my understanding that she excelled in finding amethyst crystals. We welcome their enthusiastic participation in our society.



Jim Fox and His Crocoite Specimen



Crocoite Specimen



Bring your Bragging Rights items to our next general meeting on March 27. It's fun, and who knows, you may be our next winner.

Check Out What Our Study Groups Are Doing

Smithies

We are in the midst of investigating the use of the flex shaft in various ways other than drilling. It is an excellent tool for sanding, polishing, and texturing right at your workbench. It's the go-to tool for jewelry makers.

These are guided workshops, a perfect place for beginners to become comfortable with tools and techniques in a small, friendly atmosphere. No tests; no stress; no contracts.

Tools and materials are supplied, but you are free to bring your own. If you would like to be on the Smithie email list, or want more information, let me know via email.

We meet the first two Fridays of the month from 11:00am until 2:00pm. There is a small lab fee.

Thanks,
Pat
pat.speece@comcast.net

Cabbers

Cabbers With the two club Genies and my slab saw, I can show you how to safely use the equipment to make a cabochon. These are formed rounded and polished stones to incorporate into jewelry. There is a \$7 shop fee. Beginners are welcome.

WHEN: We meet on the **second Tuesday** and the **third Saturday** of the month. Tuesday hours are from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday hours are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

WHERE: 2150 Almaden Road, San Jose. This is near Curtner and Almaden Road.

CONTACT: You must call to let me know if you are coming.

Victor Gassmann 1(408)376-1721

If you would like to be on my email notification list, email me.
gassmannv3@gmail.com

Sunshine

No News is good news, but let me know if someone needs a bit of sunshine.
Margo Mosher: margomosher@yahoo.com

Congratulations, Michael Paone

Michael Paone, one of our members, has a **six page article** in the most recent **Lapidary Journal**; the March/April issue. It is in the Jewelry Project section.

THEFTS FROM SHOWS

By Mark Nelson, Insurance Committee Chair

The September 10th, 2017 break-in at the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society's museum resulted in the loss of significant tourmaline specimens along with other minerals and gems. We hope that these will be recovered and the thieves caught and imprisoned. This sort of criminal activity serves to bring us to mind of how we can better protect our shows and displays.

From my own experience with various hobby-related shows, there are people who look upon shows and displays as an opportunity to enrich themselves at the expense of others! At each of the various rock and gem shows, the host societies must recognize the need for security personnel to help deter thefts both during the show hours as well as after-hours.

While the most common incidents may involve the 5-finger-discount (that is, the theft of one-or-more items from a dealers table during a show), there seems to be an increasing number of thefts and burglaries that occur before and after show hours. These thefts occur at the show premises as well as from hotel and motel rooms, vehicles and trailers. In addition to the theft at Fallbrook, we know of instances in the recent past where thieves gained access to the dealers area of shows after hours by breaking windows. Even if the buildings are locked at night, host societies should consider having a night-guard actually occupy the building during such times.

Clearly, vendors need to purchase their own insurance coverage - as the host societies are not financially responsible for such losses. In addition to insurance protection, what preventive measures can be taken?

Consider the following:

Securely lock vehicles/trailers/motel

rooms.

Do not leave items in vehicles.

Whenever possible, place items in the trunk of a car instead of in the passenger compartment where they are visible to passers-by.

Park in well-lit areas when loading and unloading vehicles.

Don't leave the vehicle unlocked and unattended, even for a short period of time.

Engrave some sort of identification in or on large items so that they can be returned if recovered by the police.

I hope this helps!

As the year progresses, societies will be holding shows, displays, meetings and workshops. We have excellent insurance to protect our club and the building owners for activities that we host. Our website - www.cfrnsinc.org contains a wealth of information regarding the Federation's insurance program including the forms to be completed when your society has a need for a Certificate of Insurance for shows, meetings, workshops and the like. As long as the function does not involve more than 500 participants, there is no charge for having McDaniel Insurance Services issue the proper documents. Please be sure that your club applies for liability insurance coverage at least a month prior to the show!

If you need to report a claim, do so as soon as possible to Patt McDaniel at (800) 400-7288.

If I can assist you or answer any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Mark Nelson-Phone: (909) 592-1322

E-Mail: mnelsonair@aol.com

Mailing Address: 1475 Paseo Maravilla, San Dimas CA 91773-3908

North Bay Field Trips

Please mark your calendars and attend the next NBFT Meeting.

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Hosted: by the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society (SGMS) In Redwood City

Location and directions: The meeting will be held at the Woodside Road Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road (at Alameda) in Redwood City

Easy access from both 280 and 101. Take the Woodside exit. Parking on site.

Cost: Cost of the seminar is \$1.00 for registration.

Please bring an auction item donation from your club.

Schedule:

8:00 – 9:00 Registration/Social with donuts and coffee

9:00 – 10:30 Business Meeting

10:30 - 12:15 Presentation

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch (provided). Please bring a dessert to share

1:00 – 3:30 Conclude Seminar

Dues are due for 2018. They are only \$5.00; cash required.

This meeting and seminar is not only for your society's Field Trip Leader but for all members that are interested in and may want to join in some of the Field Trips. This seminar is for field trip leaders and all rockhounds that enjoy collecting. All members and guests are welcome. Your attendance is needed.

This is a centrally located meeting site that is convenient for all NBFT societies. Please bring a dessert to share and material for the silent auction: rocks and specimens from past field trips, rock related “white elephants” (old books, findings, tools, etc.), lapidary/jewelry items, etc. This meeting is not just for field trip chairmen and leaders, so be sure to invite **all of your club members who are interested in field trips, collecting and getting great buys on rocks and specimens.**

We will start the day with the Meeting business session, and the presentation will be in the late morning. In addition to reports of any field trips, we will also have announcements of future field trips. It is not too early to start thinking about these trips. Each NBFT club is expected to host a shared field trip or related activity each year. Start your planning now so that your club will have a field trip or event to share.

Doors open at 8:00 the meeting will start at 9:00. Come early with your donations for the Silent Auction and socialize with friends and Rockhounds with coffee and doughnuts.

Benitoite

By Jo Borucki

Benitoite is California's official gemstone. It is very rare, found only in San Benito County in California, Arkansas, and Japan. Gem quality benitoite is found only at the San Benito County site. Bill and I, thanks to our friend Gene, are fortunate enough to have known about this beautiful mineral since the late 1960s.

The person said to have discovered Benitoite, depends on who tells the story. One version told is that it was discovered by a rancher named George Couch. The economy was in a slump in 1906 so George was grubstaked by R. W. Dallas, an oil man and decided to do some prospecting at the head waters of the San Benito River. He found the bright blue crystals gleaming in a cliff of white rock called Natrolite. The other version related in a University of California, Berkeley publication gives the credit to a Mr. Hawkins and T. Edward Sanders.

In either case, Shreve and Company purchased one of the cut stones and later some rough material from a lapidary, offering it for sale as Sapphire. Upon closer examination Shreve realized that it was not Sapphire so they sent it to the University of California, and it was determined to be a new mineral.

In addition, two other new minerals were identified. One was coal black, and was first called Carsolite, and later renamed Neptunite. The other, very rare, occurs as occasional tiny orange crystals and is called Joaquinite. Benitoite has a hardness of 6 to 6.5 so it is durable to be used as a gem stone, but it is so rare that it is mainly considered as a collector specimen, though some jewelry has been made from it as well.

Bill and Gene drove to then deserted mine in the 1960s bringing back some single crystals and a large rock containing crystals. We used the big rock as a door stop at the duplex where we were renting. Bill and I bought a house in early 1970 and moved, inadvertently, leaving the rock behind. I hope whoever has the rock now is taking care of it. I wish we had left something else instead of that rock.

Bill and I did not think of Benitoite again until the mid 1980s. Our daughters were all grown and off to college or other pursuits when Gene suggested that we take a trip to the once again deserted mine. We packed up our 1971 Volkswagen van, and off we went. We packed the usual camping items and a couple of unusual ones as well. Gene warned us that the road was full of very deep ruts and holes and that because of the asbestos occurring naturally in the area and the mercury contamination from mining, that the water was not drinkable, so we carried some long sturdy boards and several gallons of water.

The mine is located near the headwaters of the San Benito River with the nearest town being New Idria. It is off the main roads and at that time reachable only by poorly kept dirt roads. When we reached ruts too deep enough for our van, we put our boards over the ruts and drove the van across the boards. The site can only be described as eerily quiet; no birds singing and no rustle from small animals. The birds and animals couldn't drink the water any more than

we could. When we were there, there were no other souls around, but the ruts around the mine area showed that at times, off road bikers used the area. For us though, it was all silent beauty; dry hills and blue skies.

The mine tailings all around us beckoned our explorations. The mine had been worked by several people, who had either leased it or owned it outright, and since an old country road passed right by the mine, many a collector simply lugged away the Natrolite boulders studded with broken Benitoite and Neptunite crystals. Even so, treasure awaited us, at least treasure in our eyes! We spent the week end, picking up mostly very weathered crystals of Benitoite and Neptunite. The trip was not without cost though, because coming out on the rutted road, our van's wheel dropped into a very deep rut, and we broke the tie rod that attaches, I think, the steering and axle mechanisms. There were not many garages around so upon testing it, we found the van steered well enough to get us home.

Since our visit in the 1980s, the mine has been reopened two more times. In the mid 1990s the Kennecott Corporation drilled for core samples in the surrounding countryside and decided that mining the area would not be profitable. In the year 2000, Brian Lees, the man who was able to make Rhodochrosite mining profitable, mined for Benitoite for 5 years. He brought more Benitoite out and made it available to collectors. He sold the mine to Dave Schreiner in 2005. Mr. Schreiner opened the mine to collectors for a fee from 2005 to about 2008. I think then, the county stepped in and deemed the area unsafe because of the asbestos, and the mine was once again closed. In 2009, Mr. Schreiner obtained permission to bring out loads of material and to offer screening of the material for a fee. The screening site is near Coalinga. For \$70 a person, kids under 12 years only \$20, and pets allowed for free, the public can enjoy a day of treasure hunting. Each person is given a quart sized plastic bag and the use of screens. Whatever they find that fits into the bag is theirs to keep. The price is negotiable for anything found that does not fit in the quart sized bag. If you are interested in Benitoite, the web site at www.calstategemmine.com provides the details for such an excursion.



CFMS Conference

We are very happy to announce the CFMS is having its conference alongside the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Inc. Show, Sept 15th & 16th, 2018, in Chico, California. We were hoping to make an announcement before the March federation newsletter arrived in your mailboxes, so there must be something about the luck of the Irish with March just around the corner. As luck and good fortune would have it, the Feather River society is thrilled to have us join them at their show.

CFMS has a new addition to the family of Rockhounds. She is an animated baby Triceratops puppet, designed by a paleontologist, and made for Natural History Museums and Jurassic theme parks. She blinks her dreamy eyes, opens and closes her mouth to say "hi," and is sure to be a charmer for kids and adults alike. She has been donated for appearances during the Annual CFMS Shows & Conferences. We will be having a "naming" contest for the sweet creature, so get your Pebble Pups ready and stay tuned for more information about this soon.

Jennifer Haley - CFMS President

General meeting minutes February 27th, 2018

The February meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:50 pm at the Cabana Club. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the Breccia.

Announcements: Directories are ready to pick up from Rick Kennedy.

Correspondence: Rick Kennedy reported that the club has received the Dodge and Cox statement.

New Members: No new members this month.

Board Meeting: Will be at Frank Mullaney's home at 7:30.

Bragging Rights: Last month's winner was Grant Talarico. This month's theme is the color orange. Next month's theme is clear!

Rockhound of the Month: Victor Gassman won Rockhound of the Month for January, and Jim Sugiyama won for February.

Field Trips: Stephen May announced that there will be a field trip to Topaz Mountain, June 11-15th. As well as a paid dig at the Topaz Dome Mine, they will also visit Garnet Hill in Ely, NV and Dugway, UT for geodes and possibly one of the Trilobite digging areas. As always, please refer to the Breccia for all of the details.

Member Displays: By Rick Kennedy. Jo Borucki brought a polished piece of Orpiment. Kyle VanWoerkom brought some moss agate from Anderson Lake and a very nice specimen of Marcasite in agate from Nipomo.

Festival: Sonia Dyer reported that everything is proceeding well as we approach the festival date. All volunteer help is both needed and appreciated. Set up will begin Thursday, March 15th at 9:00AM. Friday set up will begin at 8:00AM.

Festival Meeting: Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30PM at Sonia's house.

Study Groups:

Cabbers: Meetings are usually the second Tuesday from 6:00 – 9:00PM and the third Saturday from 10:00AM – 2:00PM at Victor Gassmann's home. \$7.00 shop fee, please RSVP if you are planning on attending. Always check the Breccia for details.

Smithies: The Smithies meet the first two Fridays of the month from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. Dates of meetings are in the Breccia. Email to confirm with Pat, or to be added to her email list.

Camp Paradise: Missy Fox reported that there will be a drawing for Camp Paradise in April, so start thinking about who you would like to nominate.

Hospitality: 42 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Founder's Day Picnic: Looking for someone to chair this event.

ALAA: Nothing new.

Federation Report: Stephen May reported that the CFMS will be displaying some of their cab cases at our Festival.

Sunshine: No news is good news!

Program: Rick Kennedy led a panel discussion about the Quartzite and Tucson shows. Many thanks to Michael Paone, Dean Welder, Karen Welder, Frank Mullaney and all the others who shared their experiences.

March Program: Will be a video on the Benitoite Gem Mine.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy SCVGMS Secretary

Board Meeting March 1st, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 PM at the home of Frank Mullaney.

Roll Call: All board members were present except for Jo Borucki and Karen Welder.

Reading of the minutes from the December 7th Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read with one correction. (R. Kennedy, S. Dyer).

Reading of the minutes from the January 23rd Board Meeting: M/S/P to approve the minutes as read with one correction. (R. Kennedy, L. Schuesler).

Board members sign up to host meetings: More meetings were signed up for, only one open date left.

New Members: No new members

Correspondence: AFMS newsletter, State Farm Statements, Festival dealer chair correspondence, Yellow Pages listing.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Missy Fox. M/S/P to pay the bills (D. Welder, C. Hansen). M/S/P to pay additional festival costs as they come in. (S. May, L. Schuesler).

Committee Reports:

Auditing Committee Report: The auditing committee (Missy Fox, Jim Fox, Michele Smith, Jim Sugiyama) met with Chuck Boblenz. They found the books to be in proper order.

Field Trips: Stephen May reported that the Topaz Mountain field trip has been nailed down and he is accepting applications for the trip.

CFMS Show: The 2018 CFMS show will be a one day event in Chico in September.

Festival 2018: The trailers have been delivered, and all of the advertising has been taken care of. Dean Welder started to ramp up the Facebook posts about our Festival.

Old Business:

CFMS Dues: Approved.

Founder's Day picnic: Need a volunteer to chair.

Programs: Here is a list of the upcoming programs:

March – Video: The Benitoite Gem Mine.

April – Rick Kennedy – Quartz mining in Arkansas.

May – Stephen May and Rick Kennedy – Topaz Mountain

June – Silent Auction.

Refreshments: There was discussion about refreshments.

New Business

Festival: M/S/P to pay the deposit for the 2019 Festival (S. May, J. Fox).

Web Master: R.K. Owen will be retiring later this year and will no longer be able to serve as our web master. There was much discussion about how to continue to make updates and possibly redesign our website. Dean Welder and Frank Mullaney will investigate service companies that provide this kind of service.

Bragging Rights: M/S/P To change the club gift certificate (that a Bragging rights winner has the option to take, versus another gift card) from \$10.00 credit to \$20.00 credit. (D. Welder, S. Dyer)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kennedy, SCVGMS Secretary

SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

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Parliamentarian:
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Pat Speece, Missy and Jim Fox
Festival Chairman 2018: Sonia Dyer
Field Trip Committee Coordinator:
Stephen May
Founder's Day Picnic Chairman:
Founder's Day Raffle:
Founder's Day Bingo:
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:
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. The next **General Meeting is on March 27.** The **Board Meeting** is on **March 29** at the home of Dean and Karen Welder.

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 per year are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

Our Newsletter, the Breccia, is published ten times annually. **The deadline for all articles is the Sunday after the general meeting.** The Breccia editor is Jo Borucki who may be contacted by email at joborucki@yahoo.com or by phone at (408)245-2881. Leave a message if no one picks up the phone. The Breccia is proofread by Pat Speece. Exchange bulletins may be sent to Jo Borucki, 1196 Sesame Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

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