



BRECCIA

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

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WE ARE BACK, WOOHOO!!
March 18-19, 2023 Show

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 5:00PM

Mark your calendar!



We invite you to display at our 2023 show. Please see the next page for details.

SCVGMS Show Display Case Entry Form

Annual Show Date: March 18 and 19, 2023

Case setup on March 17th after noon, and case tear-down on March 19th at 5PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I will furnish my own display case: Yes No Case Depth _____ Case Width _____

I will need to borrow a display case: Yes No

Exhibit description: _____

Competitive Case Information (Cases to be Judged by AMFS Uniform Rules)

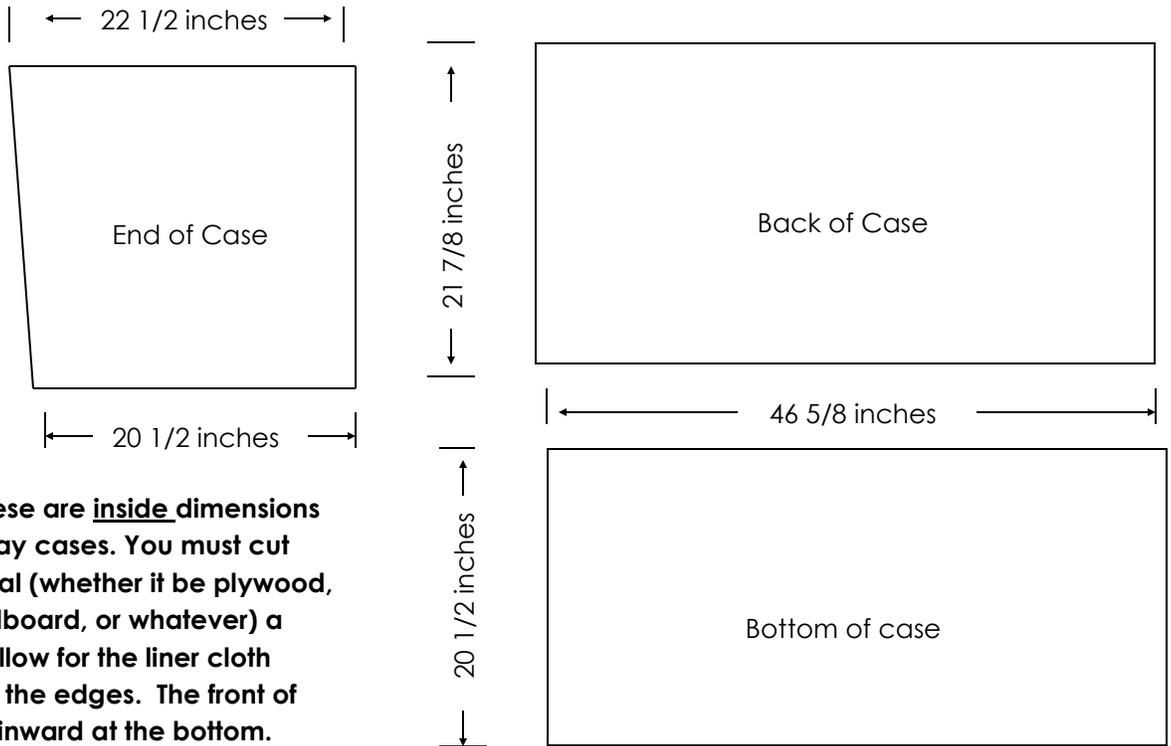
Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

Entry Level: Master, Advanced, Novice, Junior, Society

Please return the completed form to Stephen May, 1092 Candlewood Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Email: stephenmay0990@gmail.com Phone: Cell- (408) 306-6782 Home- (669) 248-3993

SCVGMS Display Case Dimensions



Please note—these are inside dimensions of our club display cases. You must cut your liner material (whether it be plywood, cardboard, hardboard, or whatever) a little smaller to allow for the liner cloth which folds over the edges. The front of the case slopes inward at the bottom.

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Coming Events

- February 28;** General Meeting where **Rick Kennedy** will give a presentation on The Many Crystal forms and Oddities Found at Hallelujah Junction
The Bragging Rights theme is Your Favorite Thing (Related to Rocks and Minerals)
- February 21** Smithies
- March 2:** Board Meeting
- March 18-19 SCVGMS Show!**

Planning Meeting for SCVGMS Show

Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00PM

Location: Mountain Mike's
301 East Hamilton Avenue
Campbell 95008

Phone: 408-378-9090

\$5⁰⁰ Charge per person for pizza and drink.
Everyone is welcome!

Jim and Missy Fox, Show Coordinators:
Email: jfox152@comcast.net

The Rockhound

By C. R. Taynton

He fears not germs. He licks the rocks with his moist tongue, the better to display the colors.

He fears not fatigue. He strikes the chisel with a hammer and digs with a pick for eight hours to obtain one small piece of agate.

He fears not danger. He climbs the face of a steep cliff to scratch out a specimen of epidote or garnet.

He fears not death. He invades the lairs of a rattlesnake and Gila Monster to search for a piece of wood.

He fears not ridicule. He carries his small hammer and sack into lands where others hunt for wild boar and moose.

He fears not old age. He looks forward to retirement so that he will have more time to hunt for rocks.

He fears only sanity. For then he can no longer be a rockhound.

Information on Shows for 2023

March 18-19, 2023 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10AM - 5:00PM

Contact: 408-265-1422 www.scvgms.org or facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety

February 18-19, 2023 – Antioch, CA Antioch Lapidary Club Contra Costa County Fairgrounds,
1201 West 10 th St., Antioch, CA 94509

Hours: Sat and Sun 10-5

Contact Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957 Website: <http://www.antiochlapidaryclub.com>

February 25-26, 2023 – Vallejo, CA Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr, Vallejo, CA

Hours: 10-5 Contact: (415) 254-1506

Website: <http://vjgems.co>

March 3, 4 & 5, 2023, Newark CA Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley Newark Pavilion,
6430 Thornton Ave., Newark, CA

Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Contact: showchair@mgscv.org Website: <http://mgscv.org>

March 4-5, 2023 – Ventura, CA Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Ventura County Fairgrounds,
10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: (805) 312-8467 Website: <http://www.vgms.org>

March 10-12, 2023 – Stoddard Wells Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

47th Annual Stoddard Wells Rockhound Tailgate

Contact (760) 245-2330 - leave a message Website: <http://vvgmc.org>

March 11-12 2023 – Turlock, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society Mother Lode Mineral Show
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5

Contact: bwendx2@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.turlockgemshow.co>

March 18-19, 2023 – Lemoore, CA Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club Lemoore Gem & Mineral Show
Trinity Hall, 470 Champion St., Lemoore, CA

Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Website: <https://facebook.com/>

March 25-26, 2023 – Angeles Camp, CA Calaveras Gem and Mineral Show

Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd., Angeles Camp, CA 95222

Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Contact: (262) 348-6804, clairemathison1@gmail.com

Website: <http://calaverasgemandmineralsociety.net>

Field Trips

Stephen May is planning a 2 day dig to **Needles** for Friday/Saturday towards the end of May. Details have yet to be determined

For field trip information:

Contact Stephen May for details. Email: Stephenmay0990@gmail.com,
Phone: 669-248-3993 or 408-306-6782

Bragging Rights

The theme for the February 28, 2023 contest is “Your Favorite Piece. To enter, email a photo and a description of your entry to **Alan Achor at kayakbb7@gmail.com**

Alan Achor-Bragging Rights Chairman

Sunshine



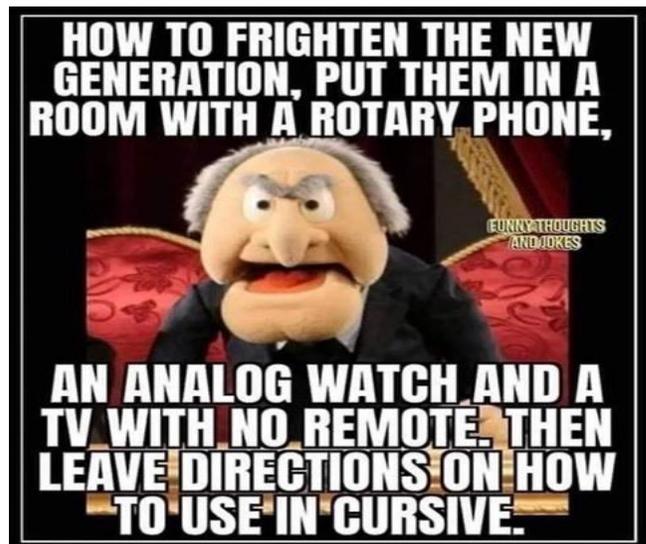
Cal Hanson is recovering from eye surgery.

Daymond Speece passed away on December 20, 2022. Our sympathies to his wife, Pat, a long-term SCVGMS member and to all of his family.

If you know of anyone needing some sunshine in their lives, please email **Margo Mosher at margomosher@yahoo.com**.

Rockhound of the Month

Cynthia Porter is our January Rockhound of the Month nominee for her willingness to step forward as our new secretary. Thank you so very much, Cynthia, for filling this very crucial position!



Membership Dues Are Due!

SCVGMS membership dues are due for the year 2023. Your dues are essential to the operation of SCVGMS. They are \$5.00 for Junior, \$20.00 for an individual, and \$30.00 for the household.

Please send your check to “Treasurer, Santa Clara Gem and Mineral Society, Box 54, San Jose, CA 95103-0054 or to Frank Mullaney, 5705 Begonia Drive, San Jose, CA 95124”

Thank you.

Website Links

Your Window to the World of Important Websites

Click on the blue area of whatever site you want to visit!

Link to Our SCVGMS Website: <http://www.scvgms.org/>

Note: After you click on the above link, if you want to see the Breccia and other news items, scroll down and click on “Download”, shown under the Newsletter option.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS): <http://www.amfed.org>

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS): <http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

To access the news from the **American Lands Access Association:** www.amlands.org

SCVGMS Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/santaclaravalleygemandmineralsociety>

Silence

By Billy Benton

There is a silence that you hear and feel deep in the woods or at sunset in the desert when for a few moments the birds are hushed and the wind is stilled, but the most silent silence in the world is when the president of the club asks for a volunteer. PLEASE - stop sitting on YOUR good intentions and dare to say YES, I'LL HELP. Remember, it is not THEIR club or SOMEONE ELSE'S club, it is EVERYONE'S club and YOU are needed to make it work and grow. Please remember being busy may be a reason, but not an excuse. Everyone is busy (if in doubt check any officer's calendar.) The reason for this article is this, YOUR help is needed, so say YES when called on, or be daring-VOLUNTEER.

From CFMS bulletin for February 2023.

The above article is particularly pertinent as the SCVGMS nominating committee struggles to find an editor for the Breccia. The Breccia is a valuable and necessary tool of club communication.

Think about it. Can you provide this service of creating a Breccia? It need not be fancy. All that the Breccia really needs to include is information about club activities. Anything more is simply frosting on the cake!

General Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm (scheduled for 7:30 pm)

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements and Welcome

Celebrating as this year marks the return of our show!

Three students from San Jose State University will be awarded \$1000.00 each, will give a brief presentation to SCVGMS, and will volunteer at the Gem and Mineral Show.

We are missing a number of active members at this meeting due to Tucson and Quartzite event.

Volunteers requested for the following events:

Founders Day Picnic: Jim Herbold

Installation Dinner:

2 Ice Cream Socials:

Snack: General members, please sign up to bring snacks for the general meetings each month. (The February meeting is covered.)

Member Displays:

Correspondence:

Hospitality: Did you sign in?

Members 18 Guests 2: Omar Geray and Anika Ofverberg

New Members: Xiaofang Mu and Natalie Mu

Rock Hound of the Month: Cynthia Porter as New Secretary

Federation Report: CFMS No new news

Field Trips: Rainbow Ridge (yet to be confirmed) or Davis Creek near Mt. Lassen Obsidian (Rainbow, Pink, Silver, Mahogany, Electric Blue, Needles 2 day dig with Stephen Friday/Saturday towards the end of May.

Bragging rights: "Personal Favorite" moved to February meeting

DRC: Rock Sale on April 29th (Saturday after the general meeting rain or shine.)

Sunshine:

Daymond Speece passed away

Cal Hanson had eye surgery... recovering nicely

Show News and Requests: Jim or Missy Fox

Volunteer sign ups coming soon

Case set up and take down: Noel and Deb Runyan

We are looking for as many case displays as possible for the show. Please contact Stephen May or Michele Smith

Our presentation tonight is: "Display Cases" presented by Stephen May

Next meeting is on February 28th at 7:00pm

Next board meeting on Zoom on March 2nd 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted: SCVGMS Secretary Cynthia Porter

Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Roll call: Position Open (News Editor) In Attendance: Jim Fox, Missy Fox, Rick Kennedy, Paul Kidman, Stephen May, Frank Mullaney, Deb Runyan, Noel Runyan, Cynthia Porter, Michele Smith, Dean Welder, Karen Welder

Absent: None

Reading of the Minutes from December 12th Board Meeting

Correspondence: Cynthia Porter may not be available, Frank to pick up the correspondence.

New Members: Cynthia Porter

Treasurers Report: Frank Mullaney (printed)

Payment of Coop Dues approved, Treasurer's verbal report approved

Committee Reports: Federation – Karen Welder (No News); Field Trips – Stephen May (Rainbow Ridge or Davis Creek, late May, TBD)

Old Business:

Show – Jim and Missy Fox: Waiting for approvals on Fire Safety (Fire Marshall), Professional Security, and Insurance (Fairgrounds); Advertising KBAY plus one other Country station one price (about \$1200) for one week only; Metro (electronic distribution)- same price as last show plus 2 new blurbs, (Costs will be sent out next week via email for approval).

Next Gem and Mineral Show meeting Feb. 2nd Mountain Mikes in Campbell on Hamilton.

The November Breccia was the last newsletter for this 2022-early 2023. Still trying to recruit (Cathy May) Installation Dinner was well attended. This is the first dinner since COVID.

Discussion was held on details for the Gem and Mineral Show.

The trailers need new tires, need to be gone through in prep for the show. Update Frank/Lon Prize of Camp Paradise and/or another Camp (ZZYZX seems to be gone) was discussed.

Three students from San Jose State University will be awarded \$1000.00 each, will give a brief presentation to SCVGMS and will volunteer at the Gem and Mineral Show.

There was a discussion on the process of selecting a nominating committee to be in place by October 2023.

An Installation Dinner was held on Dec. 6, 2022. Rick Kennedy, Missy Fox and Jim Fox did a great job.

Rick Kennedy will give a February presentation on one of his latest endeavors.

New Business:

The board discussed purchasing of a Zoom membership as well as possibly looking into a Hot Spot for the club.

Programs For the year, preliminary: 2 Ice cream Socials and two Silent auctions

Next Board meeting in February (Following General meeting, or March 2.)

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Porter, SCVGMS Secretary

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SCVGMS ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Stephen May (408)306-6782
Vice President: Michele Smith (408)374-1897
Secretary: Cynthia Porter (408)978-5848
Treasurer: Frank Mullaney (408)691-2656
Editor: TBD
Federation Director: Karen Welder (408)353-2675
Alternate Fed. Director:
Paul Kidman (408)356-4995

Board Members at Large

Jim Fox (408)356-7711
Missy Fox (408)356-7711
Deb Runyan (408)866-7564
Noel Runyan (408)866-7564
Rick Kennedy (408)529-9690

Parliamentarian: Dean Welder (408)353-2675

SCVGMS COMMITTEE HEADS

Bragging Rights Chair: Alan Achor
Donation Receiving Committee Chair:
Michele Smith
Show Chairpersons 2023: Jim and Missy Fox
Field Trip Coordinator: Stephen May
Founder's Day Picnic Chairman: Jim Herbold
Founder's Day Raffle: TBD
Founder's Day Bingo: TBD
Hospitality: TBD
Installation Dinner: TBD
Member Displays: Rick Kennedy
Refreshments: TBD
Silent Auction: TBD
Sunshine: Margo Mosher
Trophies: Frank Mullaney
Librarian: Deb Runyan
Webmaster: TBD

Note: Some of these committee heads may change. Michele Smith and Stephen May are working to fill all positions.

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 with meet and greet time beginning at 7:15 followed by the meeting 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 February 28 at 7:45 PM at the Cabana Club and on Zoom and the Board Meeting is on March 2 at 7:30 PM on Zoom.**

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). **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 yet to be determined.** Permission to copy is freely granted to American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) affiliated clubs when proper credit is given.

Study Group Leaders

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